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May 1, 1998

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:

DOMINIKA FALGER TO PERFORM AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Polish violinist Dominika Falger will perform at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12 in Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's Memorial Auditorium. This young talented violinist was born in Kraków, Poland in 1972. She has performed numerous concerts in her native Poland and other countries including Sweden, Germany, Austria, France, United States, Korea and Italy.

Described as captivating her audience with her magnificent technique, immaculate and exquisite sound, this young artist has performed with symphony orchestras including the Vienna, Lublin, Szczecin, Łódź, Poznań, Zielona Góra and Rzeszów Philharmonics. She completed studies in music at the I.J. Paderewski Academy of Music in Poznań and graduated with distinction at both the Hochschule für Music und Darstellende Kunst in Vienna in 1995 and Hochschule für Music und Darstellende Kunst in Graz in 1997.

She has won numerous international and all-Polish violin competitions including the All-Polish Jahnke Competition in Poznań and the International Chamber Music Competition in Łódź. Other prize-winning competitions have been received in Italy, Austria, Spain, Warsaw and Lublin.

Edinboro University music professor, Dr. Kristine West Denton, will accompany Falger on the piano. This performance is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Office of Cultural Affairs at (814) 732-2518.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO STUDENTS ADDRESS CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

Colleen Andrews of Cambridge Springs and Brian Earley of Franklin presented the graduate and undergraduate student addresses, respectively, at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's Celebration of Excellence on April 25.

Andrews earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Edinboro in 1997 with a major in speech language and hearing disorders. This semester she studied for a master's degree in speech-language pathology and served an internship at the University of Pittsburgh's Voice Center. Andrews is the mother of three sons. In her address, "Marching Forward," she stressed the importance of becoming involved with the campus and the community and learning to excel.

Earley is majoring in English with a concentration in literature. He is a participant in the University's Honors Program and will graduate *summa cum laude* in May. He plans to pursue a graduate degree in English literature and teach at the college level. Earley's lecture discussed education as happiness. "Most students believe learning will improve life," he said.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

JEREMIAH PATTERSON, MARK WEIR EARN EDINBORO UNIVERSITY AWARDS

Jeremiah Patterson of Hanover, Pa., and Mark Weir of Pittsburgh received special awards at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's Celebration of Excellence on April 25. Patterson received the Provost's Award for International Education, and Weir received the President's Award for Social Responsibility.

Patterson is a sophomore majoring in pre-law and a specialist/E-4 in the United States Army Reserve. He is an avid guitarist, singer and songwriter who has performed in churches and coffeehouses, and hopes to record an album of original songs. He will accompany a youth delegation to China this summer under the auspices of the Millcreek School District.

Weir is a junior majoring in both elementary education and special education. He has served as a lab monitor, camp counselor and tutor in positions both on campus and in the community. He has tutored Edinboro students in general psychology, high school students in English, science and math, and has been a fourth grade reading partner at Miller School on the Edinboro campus. He has provided therapeutic recreational services to senior citizens in Edinboro and volunteered as a teacher's aide to elementary students in Erie and Pittsburgh.

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**DIANNA ALLEN, JOHN EGGERS SERVE AS EDINBORO UNIVERSITY
MARSHALS AT CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE**

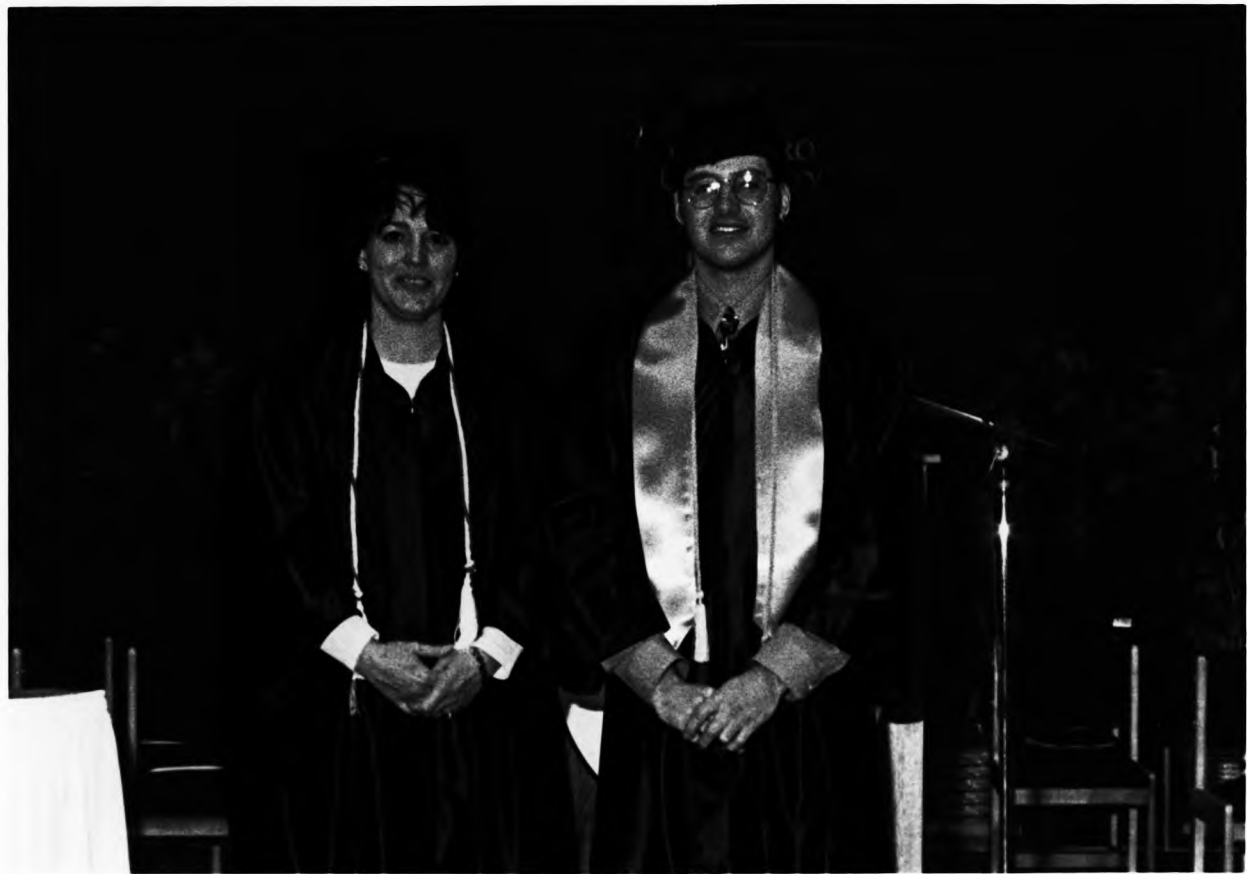
Dianna Allen of Edinboro and John Eggers of Washington, Pa., served as student marshals at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's Celebration of Excellence on April 25.

Allen is majoring in English with a concentration in literature. A participant in the University's Honors Program, she will graduate *summa cum laude* in May. She was awarded several scholarships, including one for study abroad in Edinboro's program at Oxford University in England. She was named outstanding senior by the English department this spring. Allen will study in the Medieval Studies Institute at Western Michigan University, and pursue a doctorate in English literature. She hopes to teach at the college level.

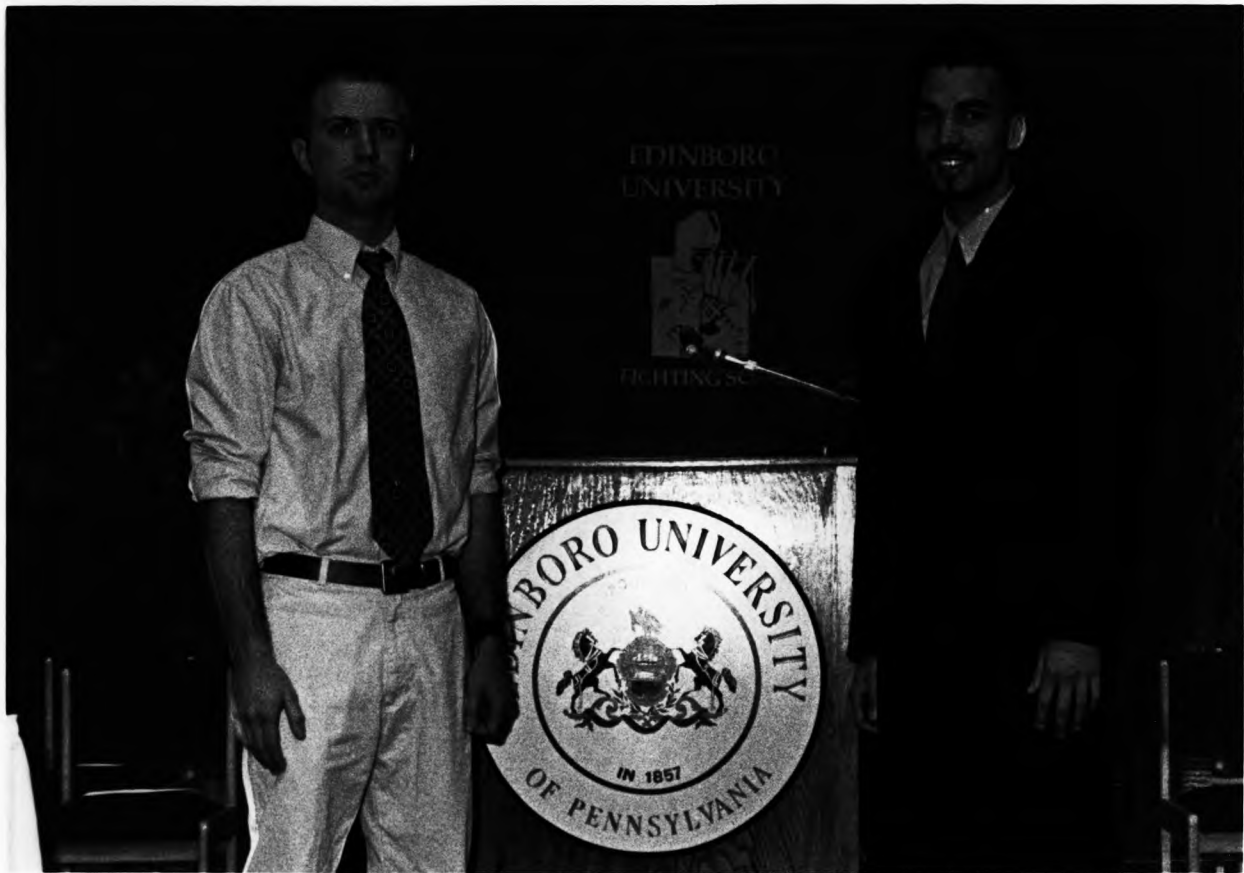
Eggers is majoring in criminal justice with minors in Spanish and sociology. He is also a participant in the University's Honors Program and will graduate *summa cum laude*. The recipient of several scholarships, Eggers served as the organizing co-chairperson for the University's Criminal Justice Day. Following graduation, he will attend the Duquesne University School of Law.

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May 6, 1999

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY, SENECA HIGH SCHOOL SIGN AGREEMENT

Today's signing of an articulation agreement between Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and Seneca High School allows Seneca students to receive Edinboro credits for advanced and honors level courses in English, mathematics and science if they enroll at Edinboro within two years of graduation.

Specifically, students will receive credit for Edinboro's college writing skills course by taking four college prep or honors English courses. If they complete advanced algebra and trigonometry they will receive credit for precalculus. And they will earn credit for Edinboro's intro to biology course by taking Seneca's courses in environmental science, college prep biology, academic chemistry, and honors biology. Students must complete each course with an A or B average to receive credit. It is also possible to earn credits for Edinboro courses in advanced college writing skills and analytical geometry and calculus I.

Signing the agreement for Edinboro are President Frank G. Pogue and Provost Robert C. Weber. Signing for Seneca High School is Wattsburg School District Superintendent Frank Bova.

For more information contact Dr. Jerry Kiel, associate vice president for enrollment management and retention, at (814) 732-5555 ext. 236.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO PROFESSOR PRESENTS SEMINAR IN TENNESSEE

Dr. Thomas Walkiewicz, professor of physics at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, presented a seminar during spring break on "National Background Radiation – Cosmic and Terrestrial" at Sewanee, The University of the South in Tennessee. Walkiewicz provided a detailed discussion of the sources of various radiations and included several experiments demonstrating their existence and properties.

While at Sewanee, Walkiewicz also did research on cosmic ray muons and co-authored an article, "Apparatus Review," for the *Physics Teacher* with Dr. Randy Peterson, physics chairperson at Sewanee.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO INTERNS MAKE IMPACT ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Mike Hertzler and Derek Linz may not be household names, but most Americans will instantly recognize where these students from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania are doing their internships this semester. Hertzler, a junior from Carlisle, Pa., works at MTV News in New York. Linz, a senior from Meadville, Pa., works at "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" in Burbank, California.

They join several other students from Edinboro's speech and communication studies department who are making an impact nationally in prestigious internship positions.

Department chairperson Terry Warburton said the success of the students in landing these internships is a credit to the students, as well as to the University. "Edinboro may be seen as a regional institution," said Warburton, "but our department does not limit the opportunities for our students. They are not only able to get experience, but have demonstrated by their performance that they are truly nationally competitive."

Other interns include graduate students Karrie Bowen (Erie, Pa.), who is working for the National Organization for Women (NOW) in Washington, D.C.; Kirsty Docken (Lake Oswego, Ore.), who is interning in the speech-language pathology department at the Oregon Health Sciences University and the Portland Veteran's Administration Medical Center; and Kelly McKinney Schmidt (Chicago, Ill.), who is working in the department of speech-language pathology at the LaRabida Children's Hospital in Chicago. There are also Colleen Andrews (Cambridge Springs, Pa.), who recently began her internship in the department of speech-language pathology at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and Verona Malitz (Bath, Pa.), who is working in the department of speech-language pathology at Good Shepherd Hospital in Allentown, Pa.

It's not unusual for college students to have internships, but what is noteworthy is the high-profile positions Edinboro's interns have been nailing down, especially against competition from nationally known institutions.

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“With Derek at the Leno Show,” explained Warburton, “they took ten interns from all over the country – USC, UCLA, Ithaca College and other nationally recognized places that are far larger and with far more resources than Edinboro. But our students are competing with and in many cases outperforming the students from ‘big name’ schools.

“People can come to Edinboro from a variety of backgrounds, and because of their experience here, they can develop the skills and the competencies that will enable them to go out and compete with anybody from any school.”

One such person is Colleen Andrews, a mother of three who has been earning her bachelor’s and now master’s degrees in speech pathology at Edinboro over the past seven years. Her internship is with the Eye and Ear Institute in Pittsburgh and with Presbyterian University and Montefiore hospitals. As a speech pathologist she sees a wide range of patients ranging from transplant recipients, trauma victims, and those with cognitive and swallowing issues.

Karrie Bowen is one of only 11 young women chosen from around the world to work in the national headquarters for NOW. She spends 40 to 50 hours a week as a volunteer on the front lines in Washington, D.C.’s heady halls of power. She lobbies Pennsylvania’s congressional delegation and researches issues important to women such as childcare and social security. She sees NOW President Patricia Ireland almost daily and has met movers and shakers like Ralph Nader, Gloria Steinem and Betty Freidan. In addition to her NOW work, Bowen still finds time to maintain the speech and communication studies department’s web page.

Bowen believes she was chosen as an intern in large part because of her activism as a student at Edinboro in women’s causes and from her academic preparation that includes an undergraduate minor in women’s studies. “The reward for me,” said Bowen, “has been to use my education and to take what I have learned and hold my own when discussing the issues one-on-one with members of Congress.”

Following graduation from Edinboro this December, Bowen, plans to continue with a political career either as a lobbyist or signing on with a political campaign.

The director of Edinboro’s master’s program in speech-language pathology, Roy Shinn, said the success of this year’s intern class is not unusual. “Numerous times we have heard, ‘If you have any more interns like this, let us know. We will get them right in here.’ It’s very nice to hear that our students are demonstrating their abilities in demanding professional situations.”

Shinn emphasized that the department is also affiliated with many excellent local internship sites in Erie and Crawford counties which provide excellent guidance and opportunities for student interns to apply what they have studied.



May 12, 1999

IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CAPPY COUNARD WOLF JOINS EDINBORO FACULTY

Cappy Counard Wolf has been appointed tenure track professor in the art department at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. She will teach jewelry design and metalsmithing.

Wolf earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison (1992) and is currently attending the University of Southern Illinois at Carbondale where she will receive her master of fine arts degree in August. Prior to graduate school, Wolf spent two years in Japan teaching English and maintaining a metals studio. She was a finalist in the Student Silver Competition sponsored by the Society of American Silversmiths and a recipient of the Women's Jewelry Association Scholarship.

Wolf creates a wide range of work including intricate jewelry and sculpture combining precious and non-precious metals.

Edinboro University has a large, well-equipped metals facility with six metals classes taught each semester. Graduate degree offerings include an MFA degree (60 hours) and an MA degree (30 hours) with assistantships available on a competitive basis. Undergraduate degrees include a BFA degree, BFA plus certification and BS in Art Education. For more information on the art programs available at Edinboro University, contact the Art Department at (814) 732-2406.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**PAULA TEATS NAMED OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT
BY PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE SCHOOLS**

Paula Teats, a graduate biology student at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, has received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award from the Pennsylvania Association of Graduate Schools. She is the daughter of Paul and Fran Teats of Erie.

She is one of three students to receive the award this year from the 42-member Association, which includes such major research universities as Temple University, Penn State University and the University of Pittsburgh.

Teats attended Villa Maria High School and received her undergraduate degree from Gannon University. She will begin her studies for a doctorate in zoology this fall at Miami University. Her goal is to become a college professor.

Teats was nominated for the award by Edinboro biology professor Dr. Cynthia Rebar. The award was based not only on academic performance, but also community service and overcoming hardship. Teats paid for her college education by, at times, working three jobs.

"Paula is one of the most outstanding graduate students I've encountered," said Rebar. Not only does she have academic rigor, but she also is motivated, enthusiastic, and interacts well with her colleagues. She will certainly contribute to her profession."

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO CREATES NEW CHEMISTRY PROGRAM IN FORENSIC SCIENCE

When investigators began their painstaking work of sorting through the wreckage of TWA flight 800 they called upon an elite group of experts known as forensic scientists to help solve the riddle of the 747's sudden and catastrophic destruction. Forensic scientists unravel the secrets of physical evidence left in the wake of a violent crime or accident. With the use of DNA and other technical evidence becoming commonplace in the courtroom, the demand for trained, professional forensic experts is mushrooming.

To help meet that demand, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has created a new degree program, a bachelor of science degree in chemistry – forensic sciences. Edinboro becomes the only school in western Pennsylvania to offer such a program. The only other institutions in the state to offer a similar degree – West Chester University and York College – are in the eastern half of the state.

Edinboro chemistry professor Dr. Theresa Thewes said the program is designed to prepare graduates to work in a forensics laboratory. She noted that a recent survey of forensic science labs showed several job openings waiting to be filled by qualified people.

“It’s an attractive major,” she said. “It’s a program for people with really inquisitive minds. Graduates will be prepared for ready employment, and it will also provide everything they need for entry to a graduate degree in chemistry.”

Part of the program’s focus will be on the chemistry of DNA. Other courses will be in physics, cell biology, calculus and statistics. The program also includes a six-week internship in a forensics laboratory.

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Edinboro's program will be especially useful to forensics professionals because it will also provide an understanding of the criminal justice system. Political science professor David Ferster said a graduate of the program will have a full chemistry degree with added courses in criminalistics, criminal procedures and others. "Our students will come out better prepared," said Ferster. "They will be qualified to work in FBI and police crime labs in Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio and elsewhere."

Ferster said the increasing need for forensic scientists is due largely to the development of DNA testing, auto fingerprinting and trace evidence. Forensic scientists presented the physical evidence in the Oklahoma City bombing investigation. Also, there is increasing use of forensic evidence in preventing conviction of the innocent. DNA evidence can be used to rule out potential perpetrators.

"It's an exciting type of work for students with capabilities in science," said Ferster. "It's investigation work that combines law enforcement and chemistry."

Graduates of the program will find many job opportunities immediately available at a good salary. Ferster said salaries in states like Pennsylvania start in the high \$20s to high \$30s with those with a doctorate degree making up to \$90,000 a year.



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NEWS ADVISORY:

Tomorrow, May 13, 1999, is the 30th anniversary of the fire that destroyed Normal Hall, the landmark building that for years was the symbol of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Many of the faculty and staff from that era are still in the community, and a few are still at the University.

If you would like to arrange an interview with those who witnessed the fire, please contact the public relations office at (814) 732-2745.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EXPERT ON VIOLENCE AND MEDIA CULTURE TO SPEAK AT
EDINBORO'S EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

Diane Levin, Ph.D., an expert on violence and media culture, will be the featured speaker at the 15th Annual Early Childhood Conference at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania on Friday, May 21, at 5 p.m. in Van Houten Dining Hall. She will speak on "Before Push Comes to Shove: Building Conflict Resolution Skills in Violent Times."

Levin is a professor of education at Wheelock College in Boston. Since 1982, she has looked at how violence and the media culture influence children's development and learning and contribute to their socialization into a culture of violence. Her lecture will address a number of questions on what happens to children who are exposed to violence through direct experience, entertainment, media and toys: What is this violence teaching children about how people treat each other? How does it contribute to an increasing culture of violence? How does it affect family and school life? She will offer a wide range of practical, developmentally sound strategies for helping children learn positive social skills and nonviolent behavior.

Levin's appearance at Edinboro is free and open to the public. Reservations are required and may be made by calling (814) 732-2750.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO TO DISCONTINUE GOLF PROGRAM

In a brief prepared statement, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Dr. Frank G. Pogue announced that the University is discontinuing its sponsorship of golf as an intercollegiate athletic program.

“In consideration of the current and foreseeable fiscal climate and the relatively short playing season in which our Edinboro golfers are forced to compete, I approved the recommendation of Athletic Director Bruce Baumgartner and Student Affairs Vice President Dr. Naomi Johnson that we discontinue golf as a varsity athletic program,” Pogue said.

Golf coach and Edinboro professor Lance Hannes is assisting golf team members to pursue their golf interests at other institutions if they so desire, Baumgartner said.

Hannes will resume his full-time faculty responsibilities in the University’s business administration and economics department

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May 14, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SPECIAL FOR "LIFESTYLES" JUNE 1999 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**LAKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR WINS 1999 CONGRESSIONAL
ART SHOW AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Amanda Busch, 17, a senior at Lakeview High School in Stoneboro, Pa., was named grand prize winner in the 1999 Congressional Art Competition held recently at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

The event, which is sponsored by U.S. Rep. Phil English (R-21), was open to all high school students in English's 21st Congressional District.

Edinboro University has hosted the competition, weeklong exhibition and closing awards ceremony in the 16 years that "An Artistic Discovery" has been held in northwestern Pennsylvania.

Busch's winning entry, a mixed collage titled "Mirror," was judged best among the 49 entries submitted by students from 18 schools in English's four-county district. She is the daughter of Charlotte Busch of Mercer.

English will take Busch's grand prize-winning work to Washington, where it will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol building along with the winning works of other students from congressional districts across America.

Second prize went to Brynn Enterline of Erie Central High School, and third prize to James Zdaniewski of Mercyhurst Prep.

Honorable mentions were awarded to Jeremy Beightul, Cathedral Prep; Ed Fialkowski, Erie Central; Nick Gore, Erie Central; Michael Jehn, Cochranon High School; and Natalie Matta, Fort LeBoeuf High School.

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All eight winners received cash awards from Edinboro University.

In addition, three "juror's discretion" awards were presented to Therese Barry, Mercyhurst Prep; Julie Gedgudas, Fairview High School; and Carolyn Harwood; Mercyhurst Prep.

Judges for the competition were Edinboro University art professors Rachael Harper and Charles Johnson.

Presenting the awards with English was Edinboro University President Dr. Frank G. Pogue.



Amanda Busch, a Lakeview High School senior, was the grand prize winner in “An Artistic Discovery 1999,” the annual Congressional Art Competition and Exhibition sponsored by members of the U.S. Congress and hosted in the 21st Congressional District by Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. With her are Congressman Phil English (left) and Edinboro University President Dr. Frank G. Pogue. Busch’s mixed collage titled “Mirror” was judged best among the 49 entries submitted by students from 18 high schools in the region.



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**DIPLOMAS NOT A REWARD BUT AN OBLIGATION,
SPEAKER TELLS EDINBORO GRADUATES**

Dr. Yvonne Thornton, director of the Perinatal Diagnostic Testing Center at Morristown (N.J.) Memorial Hospital and Pulitzer-nominated author of her family biography, *The Ditchdigger's Daughters*, told Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's May 1999 graduating class Saturday of the "commonalities of education that have joined us together.

"Whatever you conceive in mind and believe in heart, you can achieve with effort," said Thornton, "and wherever you want to go, you can get there from Edinboro University."

Speaking at Edinboro's spring commencement, Thornton asked the 655 graduates to think of their diplomas not as a reward, but as an obligation, a commitment to lifelong learning.

"You have navigated uncharted waters to get your degrees and are now formed into the compound that is the antidote to racism and sexism," she said.

Thornton was the first American woman to be accepted into the OB/GYN residency program at the Roosevelt Hospital in New York City, and the first black woman in the U.S. to be accepted into the New York Obstetrical Society in high risk obstetrics.

"As of today, I've delivered 5,006 babies," she said.

The Ditchdigger's Daughters, her award-winning, Pulitzer Prize-nominated tribute to her late parents, was adapted into a made-for-TV movie that was first shown on the Family Channel in 1997 and was subsequently nominated as movie of the year for the 1997 Cable Ace Awards.

The book tells of how her father dug ditches and her mother cleaned floors to raise and educate six daughters, all of whom have succeeded as professional women: herself a physician, researcher, professor and author; and her sisters respectively a nurse, an environmental attorney, an oral surgeon, a psychiatrist, and the holder of a double doctorate.

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Edinboro University President Dr. Frank G. Pogue made Thornton's book required reading for freshmen entering the University in the fall of 1997.

During the commencement ceremonies, Pogue and Edinboro's Council of Trustees awarded Thornton the honorary degree, Doctor of Public Service, for her leadership in medicine, her advocacy for women and children and issues affecting their health and well-being, her work in medical research, and her commitment to human and social development.

In his welcoming remarks, Pogue told the fieldhouse audience of more than 4,000 that the student government presidents of the 14 State System of Higher Education universities met recently in Harrisburg with the 14 university presidents to ask the presidents to create special programs and initiatives to discuss the topic of civility, a topic the student leaders view as central to the future success and well-being of our society.

"Their guidance on this very important and timely topic has inspired the creation of 'The Century of Civility' at Edinboro University," Pogue said.

"Starting next fall, all of our University-wide activities will be planned with the theme of civility in mind," said Pogue. "In addition, we will present special 'Century of Civility' programs and events in celebration of the new millennium."

Carrying the ceremonial mace and leading the commencement's academic procession was Dr. Richard Forcucci, a member of the Edinboro University faculty for the past 27 years.

Pogue conferred master's, bachelor's and associate degrees on 655 new graduates during Saturday's ceremonies. The newest alumni join 642 December 1998 graduates for a total of 1,297 Edinboro degrees awarded during the 1998-99 academic year.



YVONNE S. THORNTON. M.D.

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EDINBORO COUNSELING PROGRAMS EARN NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Two graduate programs in the counseling and human development department at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania have received national accreditation through June 2006. The Council for Accreditation and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) approved the Edinboro programs for seven years, the longest period of accreditation CACREP can make. The programs are school counseling and student affairs practice in high education – college counseling and professional practice emphases. Both offer MA degrees.

In announcing the accreditation, CACREP Executive Director Carol L. Bobby said, “Programs receiving accredited status for a seven-year period deserve to be commended for the work that was completed throughout the accreditation process. This is a worthy achievement.”

Dr. Salene Cowher, chairperson of the counseling and human development department, said accreditation sets standards of excellence. “When you meet those standards,” said Cowher, “you are recognized as an exemplary program.”

There are only four other colleges and universities in Pennsylvania with accredited programs in school counseling, and only one other school with accreditation in student affairs.

Cowher said accreditation makes a real difference to Edinboro graduates. “It enhances marketability for jobs, entrance into doctoral study, and opportunities for licensure,” said Cowher. “Employers are more likely to hire those who have graduated from an accredited school.”

As the result of CACREP’s recognition, Cowher expects an increase in enrollment of 15 students in both the student counseling and student affairs programs. Currently, Edinboro has 125 students in the department.

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Accreditation does not come easily or quickly. Edinboro began the process of enhancing its programs as early as 1993 by adding and upgrading courses and attracting top-notch faculty. Accreditation looks at many areas of a program including expertise of faculty, placement rate of its graduates, field experience for its students, and curriculum. Graduates of the program have always been in demand and are currently working in such national institutions as Carnegie Mellon University, Cornell University and the University of Pittsburgh.

Said Edinboro's President Frank G. Pogue: "This is the first time these programs have applied for accreditation, and it is a tremendous achievement to receive full seven-year approval on the initial application. Congratulations to Dr. Cowher and her colleagues for a job well done."



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NEWS ADVISORY

Diane Levin, Ph.D., an expert on violence and media culture, will be available for interviews today between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., and between 1:30 and 5 p.m. She is speaking today at the 15th Annual Early Childhood Conference at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania from 5 to 6:15 p.m. Her topic is "Before Push Comes to Shove: Building Conflict Resolution Skills in Violent Times."

Levin is a professor of education at Wheelock College in Boston. Since 1982, she has looked at how violence and the media culture influence children's development and learning and contribute to their socialization into a culture of violence.

To arrange an interview with Dr. Levin, call the public relations office at 732-2745.

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BY RUGG'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON COLLEGES**

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The directory is published by Frederick E. Rugg, a graduate of Brown University who has 20 years of experience as director of secondary school counseling programs. The selections were based on interviews with more than 900 secondary school counselors who were asked to identify colleges which gave students the best chance to gain from their education.

Edinboro is listed in the book under "One Hundred Colleges...Just Darn Good Schools." Rugg said it is the most valuable list in the book. "I hear more nice things about these schools than any other."



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The family of the late Dr. John Kebles, a professor in the special education and school psychology department at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, stands beside a tulip poplar tree that was purchased by the School Psychology Club, planted near Butterfield Hall and recently dedicated in his memory. From left, father Kebles, Sr., holding grandson John Kebles III; wife Dr. Anna Kebles holding son Benjamin; and mother Henrietta Kebles. Kebles was a member of the Edinboro University faculty from 1994 until his death in November of 1997. The memorial service was held during the spring conference of the University's School Psychology Organization.



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EDINBORO UNIVERSITY, SENECA HIGH SCHOOL SIGN AGREEMENT

Students at Seneca High School are now able to earn college credits while still in high school thanks to an articulation agreement between Seneca and Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. The agreement allows Seneca students to receive Edinboro credits for advanced and honors level courses in English, mathematics and science if they enroll at Edinboro within two years after graduation.

Edinboro President Frank G. Pogue and Wattsburg School Superintendent Frank Bova signed the agreement at a ceremony at Seneca High School. Bova praised the relationship between the two schools and said the agreement provides an opportunity for Seneca students to be successful after high school. Pogue said the program is a way for Seneca students to be introduced early to college-level study, as well as to Edinboro's professors and courses. "You are joining a very vibrant University," Pogue told Seneca students who are planning to attend Edinboro. "You are members of an intimate operation where you support each other."

Pogue noted that 110 students from Seneca have graduated from Edinboro over the past 10 years.

Seneca students will receive credit for Edinboro's college writing skills course by taking four college prep or honors English courses. If they complete advanced algebra and trigonometry they will receive credit for pre-calculus. And they will earn credit for Edinboro's introduction to biology course by taking Seneca's courses in environmental science, college prep biology, academic chemistry, and honors biology. Students must complete each course with an A or B average to receive credit. It is also possible to earn credits for Edinboro courses in advanced college writing skills and analytical geometry and calculus I.





May 25, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

AMERICAN SOUTHWEST FOCUS OF EDINBORO ROAD COURSE

The history department at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania is once again offering a summer "Road Course." This year, history professors Joe Laythe and Ron Spiller will take 14 students down the Santa Fe Trail and into southeastern New Mexico. Officially, it's called "Americans and the Land: Cultural and Economic Survival in the American Southwest."

The three-week odyssey begins June 6 in Edinboro and heads through Kentucky to Fort Scott and Council Grove, Kansas. From there the three-vehicle caravan will travel to Lamar, Colorado, before arriving in Santa Fe on June 10. Most of the trip will focus on central New Mexico, observing the range of cultural influences from the earliest Anazazi tribes and Spanish explorers to Billy the Kid, the military-industrial complex, and a modern gambling resort.

Laythe said each has left its mark on history like layers of wallpaper. "We will peel back that historical and cultural wallpaper and learn the differences among them," said Laythe.

Last year's trip traveled all over the American West. This year, the trip will focus in greater depth on a smaller area – an area with a lot of variety. Their travels will take them to several towns in New Mexico including Albuquerque, Ruidoso, Chililli, Cloudcroft, Fort Stanton, Holloman Air Force Base and White Sands National Monument. Other excursions may include Bandelier National Monument and Los Alamos.

Students will spend about half the trip camping out, getting closer to the land the same way the native tribes and early settlers did. Spiller said he hopes the students will come away with an understanding that "the world is a far larger place than they think, and a far more complex place than they think."

Laythe said the professors will not be teaching formal classes on the trip, but will be there to lead discussions and facilitate the students' discovery of the world around them.



October 26, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EDINBORO'S CONCERT AND LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS FLAMENCO ARTIST
CARMEN ROMERO AND "GAELIC STORM" BAND FROM TITANIC**

Carmen Romero

When one thinks of the fiery and passionate dance form of flamenco, one hardly thinks of Toronto. Yet Toronto is home for flamenco artist Carmen Romero and the Candela Flamenca Dance Ensemble. They will bring their exciting performance to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's Memorial Auditorium on Friday, November 19.

Founded by Romero and music director Miguel de la Bastide in 1992, the group has become renowned for its originality and excellence. The spiritually and visually striking performances render audiences inspired and amazed.

Romero has the innate understanding of improvisation in the flamenco form that few can attest to. Her performances are intense, powerful and unrelenting. She has studied with some of Spain's best artists and has performed extensively in Canada, the U.S., France and Spain. At the age of 17 she won first prize in the "Concurso de Flamenco in Jaen." In 1996, she represented Canada against the finest international flamenco dancers at the sixth annual flamenco competition in France. Critics have called her one of Toronto's most flamboyant flamenco artists, and described her performance as electrifying.

As a choreographer, Romero's work is innovative, provocative and powerful. She is known for her ability to push the envelope of Flamenco dance technique. In Canada, she has received federal, provincial, municipal and foundation grants for her work.

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Gaelic Storm

Gaelic Storm, the band which played the "steerage band" in Titanic, blows into Edinboro's Memorial Auditorium three days later, on Monday, November 22. The lively, five-piece band from California has been delighting audiences with its unique blend of thundering rhythms, mesmerizing melodies and whimsical Irish wit since St. Patrick's Day, 1996.

In concert, Gaelic Storm has a special camaraderie with their audience as they perform their own versions of sprightly Celtic jigs, dance tunes and classic Irish sing-alongs. Their performances attracted the attention of producers at Rysher Music, and ultimately resulted in the band's appearance in "Titanic." In addition, Gaelic Storm's music is used throughout the HBO special, The Making of "Titanic;" and the band also performed at "Titanic's" Los Angeles premiere party.

The band has strong European roots with several members hailing from Ireland and England. One member, Stephen Wehmeyer, is from nearby Olean, New York. Wehmeyer sings and plays the bodham, an Irish goatskin drum. Other members are Patrick Murphy from Ireland, Samantha Hunt from Zambia, and Steve Twigger and Shep Lonsdale from England.

With the inclusion of exotic, world instruments, Gaelic Storm's music has an international ambiance. "Irish music is nothing if it is not adaptive," explained Wehmeyer. "The lyrics and the tunes have been handed down for generations, but the instrumentation changes to fit a particular location in the world. But they're still always played in that Irish way."

Both shows begin at 8 p.m. Tickets for the Concert and Lecture Series are free to anyone with an Edinboro University ID. They are \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students and senior citizens. For more information, contact the office of cultural affairs at (814) 732-2518.



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EDINBORO UNIVERSITY AWARDED NEWCOMBE FOUNDATION GRANT

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Dr. Frank G. Pogue has announced that the prestigious Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation of Princeton, N.J., will award a \$25,000 scholarship grant to Edinboro University in the 1999-2000 academic year for financial aid to students with disabilities.

The grant is Edinboro's nineteenth in 19 years, bringing the total awarded to \$332,000.

Edinboro is one of nine colleges and universities in the northeastern United States to share \$327,000 in Newcombe Foundation scholarships in 1999-2000, an increase of \$27,000 over funding made available last year.

According to the Foundation's announcement, seven of the nine institutions participating in this year's funding are being challenged to begin or add to Newcombe Endowed Scholarship Funds. Of the \$25,000 awarded to Edinboro University, the Newcombe Foundation has directed that \$20,000 be awarded in scholarships, with \$5,000 offered as a challenge portion for the University to raise an equal sum from other donors. Edinboro began its participation in the challenge grant program in the 1997-98 academic year.

Newcombe Foundation Executive Director Janet A. Fearon, in a letter notifying Pogue of the award, said that the Foundation's trustees had made grants to Edinboro over the years in recognition of the excellent supportive services provided by the University to students with disabilities.

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Fearon said also that the new Newcombe Challenge Grant program recognizes the strength of Edinboro's services for students with disabilities and the dedication of its counselors in administering the Newcombe Scholarship program.

Singled out for special recognition by Fearon and the trustees was Edinboro's Dr. Robert McConnell, director of the University's Office for Students with Disabilities, for "his caring, attentive administration and coordination of Newcombe Scholarships."

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NEWS ADVISORY:

PROJECT HERO

A coalition of colleges and universities from northwestern Pennsylvania will announce the start of Project HERO (Humanitarian Emergency Relief Operation) on Thursday, June 3, at 11 a.m. at Edinboro University in Erie - - The Porreco Center. Project HERO is a broad-based, community-wide effort to raise funds for Kosovar refugees through the American Red Cross and the International Institute in Erie.

Presidents and officials from the coalition will announce the start of Project HERO along with the Director of Development and Public Relations for the Greater Erie County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Sheridan Stricker-Caughlan, and International Institute Executive Director Michael Murnock.

The announcement will take place in Mary Porreco Hall.

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May 28, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO PROFESSOR SELECTED FOR FULBRIGHT SEMINAR IN ASIA

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania geosciences professor Baher Ghosheh has been chosen to participate in a seminar this summer in Malaysia and Singapore. The J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board selected Ghosheh for the U.S. Department of Education's 1999 Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad program: "West Meets East in Malaysia and Singapore."

Ghosheh, who has traveled extensively through the Middle East and Asia, also has been nominated for Pennsylvania Geographer of the Year by the Pennsylvania Geographical Society.

Ghosheh will spend five weeks in Malaysia and one week in Singapore for the seminar. The Malaysian-American Commission on Educational Exchange will administer the program for the Department of Education.

During his five weeks in Malaysia, Ghosheh will participate in seminars on the country's geography and history, political structure, cultural plurality, religions, economy, educational system and contemporary issues. The week in Singapore will focus on the country's historical and political structure, the economy and educational system, as well as its goals for the future.

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LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Julie Flook, 2039 Strong Road, Waterford, is the recipient of the Robert and Winnifred Zanotti Literacy Education Scholarship.

This scholarship is awarded to an elementary education major with a particular interest in literacy education. This award is renewable for one time for recipients who have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours of study during the junior year and continued as an elementary education major with a minimum cumulative 3.20 quality point average. Recipients who have accrued more than 96 credits by the end of their initial award term are eligible for scholarship renewal. No student may be awarded the scholarship for more than two years.

Julie is the daughter of Donald Flook and Hazel Flook. She is a graduate of Fort Le Boeuf High School and an elementary education major at Edinboro.

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May 17, 1999

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LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Kristen Gariepy, 10565 Gage Road, Cranesville, is the recipient of the Pauline F. Milles Scholarship.

This award is offered annually to a student majoring in psychology who has at least sixty-four (64) earned credits and whose quality point average is 3.30 or greater. Financial need is not a factor. The Pauline F. Milles Scholarship has been made available through an endowment made to Edinboro University by Dr. Kenneth Milles in honor of his mother. Dr. Milles is a member of the psychology department faculty at Edinboro University.

She is a graduate of Northwestern High School and a psychology major at Edinboro.

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