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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EDINBORO RESEARCHER INTERESTED IN CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS
DIFFERENCE IN PARENT-CHILD INTERACTIONS**

Dr. Ron Craig, assistant professor of psychology at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania is conducting research to examine the frequency of certain parent-child interactions that may differ based on the cultural or religious background of the parent or age of the child. Dr. Craig and members of his research group are surveying area parents who have children between the ages of 2 and 10 to understand how often a variety of parent-child interactions occur during normal childcare.

The purpose of this research is to establish base-rates for the occurrence of these parent-child behaviors and to examine any cultural or religious differences in the occurrence of these behaviors. Many of the behaviors being addressed by this research may be considered a part of normal childcare by some groups, but others may see the same behavior as inappropriate. Using a 45-question survey, Dr. Craig asks parents about such parent-child interactions as expressions of affection, bathing, sleeping arrangements, viewing of media violence, and discipline. The survey does not ask parents to make judgements as to the appropriateness of the behaviors, but simply attempts to understand how common these behaviors are in today's society. "We want to expand our understanding of how common or uncommon these parent-child interactions are in the context of normal childcare," said Dr. Craig.

One reason such research is important is that some of the behaviors have been raised as issues in custody and abuse cases. However, cultural or religious difference in the occurrence of these behaviors may make their use as a basis for legal action suspect and perhaps even

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inappropriate. Dr. Craig hopes his research, which is also being conducted in Idaho, Massachusetts, North Dakota and Minnesota, will begin to help those in a variety of social service and legal fields better understand the impact of cultural and religious background on the occurrence of various childcare behaviors.

Dr. Craig emphasizes that the surveys are completely anonymous and that participation is strictly voluntary. A total of 500 parents will be surveyed for this project. Any parents with children between the ages of 2-10 who might like to participate in this survey may contact Dr. Craig at the Department of Psychology, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, PA 16444 or log on to the project web site at www.edinboro.edu/~rcraig/parent.html.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO PRESENTATION WILL DISCUSS SAFE CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will host a presentation on "Creating a Safe and Healthy Learning Environment on Campus," on Monday, January 25, at 8 p.m. in the University Center.

Dr. Leon Hendricks, facilitator for the safe and drug-free schools and communities program for the Chicago Public Schools, will focus on how drug and alcohol abuse in higher education contributes to violence and anti-social behavior. Among the topics he will discuss are binge drinking, date rape, peer pressure, and academic stress. The presentation will offer strategies for combating these problems before they become pervasive.

Michael Bucell of Edinboro's counseling and personal development center said Hendricks' presentation is important because of the growing concern of crime and violence interfering with higher education. "He is here to help us continue to provide a safe and healthy campus environment," said Bucell.

Hendricks is a nationally recognized speaker and consultant to educational institutions on the prevention of crime and violence. He has successfully developed and implemented programs to counter anti-social behaviors in the Chicago schools. His lecture is free and open to the public.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**CERUTTI APPOINTED EDINBORO'S
COORDINATOR OF STUDENT JUDICIAL AFFAIRS**

Charlene Cerutti of Erie has been named coordinator of student judicial affairs at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Prior to her appointment, Cerutti was student services coordinator at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg. There she was in charge of judicial affairs, student activities and freshman orientation.

In her new position she will administrate the campus judicial system, coordinating all hearings for judicial violations.

Cerutti said she took the position at Edinboro because she most enjoyed the judicial affairs part of her work at Pitt-Greensburg.

She holds a bachelor's degree in communication from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, and a master's degee in student affairs from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

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January 12, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EDINBORO UNIVERSITY MUSIC PROFESSOR
DAN BURDICK TO GIVE SOLO RECITAL**

Dr. Daniel Burdick, assistant professor of low brass at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, will perform a program of solo tuba music at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, at the Blasco Memorial Library in Erie. Burdick's solo recital will feature works by Camille Saint-Saens, Eric Ewazen, Donald White and Dmitryevich Shostakovich. Dr. Kristine West Denton will join Burdick as a collaborative.

Burdick received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in tuba performance from the University of Michigan in 1993. He has performed in Canada, Germany, Sweden, and Italy and throughout the United States.

Burdick has performed with the Canadian Brass, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Erie Philharmonic and numerous professional brass quintets and was the principal tuba of the Boise Philharmonic from 1988-91.

"Festival of Organ and Brass," Burdick's latest compact disc, was released in 1996 and features the Missouri Brass Quintet with organist John Obetz.

Burdick was a member of the jury for the brass competitions held at the 1997 International Women's Brass Conference in St. Louis. He also attended the 1997 International Euphonium and Tuba Conference held in Riva del Garda, Italy. Upon completion of the conference, he performed in a week-long master class given there by legendary tubist, Roger Bobo.

In March, Burdick will travel to Kentucky for a solo recital tour and to Paris to chair a panel on brass pedagogy at the historic Brass Society Conference.



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January 13, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SPECIAL FOR "LIFESTYLES" February 1999 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1** ■ **CELEBRATION:** Citizens of the region who exemplify his spirit and ideals will be recognized at the Third Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Luncheon at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, noon, Van Houten Dining Hall.

- 22** ■ **DIVERSITY CELEBRATED:** Edinboro University's 16th Annual International Academic Festival, "A Celebration of Diverse Cultures," continues through February 26 at both the Edinboro main campus and Edinboro University in Erie - The Porreco Center. Call 732-2745.



January 19, 1999

News Advisory

DR. KIMBERLY HAWKINS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS

Soprano and lecturer Dr. Kimberly Hawkins will be available for live interviews on Sunday, January 31, for the 6 p.m. news hour, and on Tuesday, February 2, for both the noon and evening news hours. She will perform at the Hirt Auditorium of the Blasco Memorial Library on Monday, February 1, at 7:30 p.m., and at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania on Wednesday, February 3, at 8 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium.

Her appearance at Edinboro is part of the University's observance of Black History Month. She will present "From the Plantation to the Concert Hall: The History of the African-American Spiritual."

To arrange an interview with Dr. Hawkins, contact the public relations office at 732-2745, or Dr. Dan Burdick in the cultural affairs office at 732-2518.

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January 19, 1999

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SPRING PLANETARIUM SCHEDULE

Dr. David Hurd, planetarium director at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, has announced the schedule of shows for spring semester. All shows begin at 7 p.m.

January 21 - Laser Enya

January 28 - Frosty the Snowman

February 11 - Bye-Bye Pluto

February 18 - The Meteorite Man!

February 25 - Follow the Drinking Gourd

March 4 - Laser Fun

March 18 - Constellations and More

April 8 - Little Star that Could

April 22 - Laser Fun

May 6 - 5/5/2000

Hurd said seating is limited and reservations are required and can be made by calling 732-2493. The planetarium is located in 104 Cooper Hall.

January 19, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**SOPRANO KIMBERLY HAWKINS TO MAKE ENCORE APPEARANCE
AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY**

Soprano Kimberly Hawkins will return to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania for an encore performance of "The History of the African-American Spiritual: From the Plantation to the Concert Hall," on Wednesday, February 3, at 8 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium. Her first appearance at Edinboro was this past June. Dr. Kristine West Denton will join Hawkins as a collaborative artist on piano.

Dr. Hawkins has performed with Minnesota Opera and Illinois Opera Theater. She has been a guest artist at the Interlochen Center for the Arts, and has been a soloist with the Jacksonville Symphony. She has performed recitals and oratorios in Philadelphia, Cleveland, California and throughout the Chicago area. Her performance credits also include professional musical theater with leading roles in South Pacific and Little Shop of Horrors. Hawkins received a bachelor's degree from MacMurray College, a Master of Music degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music, and Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara.

In addition to her performance in Edinboro, Hawkins will present a variety of activities in Erie and Edinboro for K-12 students, the Erie community and Edinboro University students. She will also perform on Monday, February 1, at 7:30 in the Raymond Blasco Memorial Library.

Tickets for the performance are \$5 for the general public, \$4 for senior citizens and non-Edinboro University students, and free to Edinboro University students, faculty and staff. For more information, call the Office of Cultural Affairs at (814) 732-2518.





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January 20, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

STUDENT GRAPHIC DESIGN SHOW SET FOR EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will host a student graphic design show, January 25-29 in Bates Gallery in Loveland Hall. All levels of student work will be exhibited including posters, logos, corporate identities, publication design, package design, ad campaigns, and more.

The graphic design faculty will jury the show. The awards will include best of show, awards for the best three levels of coursework (from beginner to advanced), and merit awards.

An opening reception will be held on Wednesday, January 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. Awards will be given at 8 p.m. For more information call professor Diane Crandall at 732-2675.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO AWARDS TO MARK LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will again celebrate the memory and living legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Third Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Luncheon on Monday, February 1, at noon in the Van Houten South Dining Hall.

In addition to the special program that will honor Dr. King's lifetime accomplishments, Edinboro University President Dr. Frank G. Pogue will present President's Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards to three prominent community members: Dr. Gertrude A. Barber, Bishop William R. Clark and Mr. R. Benjamin Wiley.

The three were selected by the President's Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Board, the committee of faculty, administrators and students appointed by Pogue in 1996 and chaired by Edinboro history professor Umeme Sababu.

DR. GERTRUDE A. BARBER, a nationally-renowned champion for persons with disabilities, has dedicated her life to enhancing opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities and to providing the highest quality of care and service for any individual with any disability. Founded nearly a half-century ago, the Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Center has emerged under her leadership as the largest and most inclusive agency of its kind in Pennsylvania – serving some 2,000 children and adults with special needs on a daily basis in Erie City and County, and in Philadelphia, Montgomery and Bucks Counties – as well as one of the premier facilities in the nation devoted to the evaluation, treatment, education, housing and placement of persons with developmental disabilities. Globally, the Barber Center has ties with 33 countries around the world.

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BISHOP WILLIAM CLARK, founder and pastor of the Christ Temple Church in Erie, is being honored for his more than 40 years of involvement in civil rights, the public schools, employment and helping consumers with public utilities. Active in civil rights issues since the 1950s – he marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – Clark has ministered to the religious and social needs of Erie’s minority community since opening the doors of Christ Temple Church in 1955. Consecrated as a bishop at ceremonies in Richmond, Va., in July 1998, Clark earlier organized a local group that has helped more than 1,500 citizens with problems concerning utility bills.

R. BENJAMIN WILEY, executive director of the Greater Erie Community Action Committee (GECAC), has been northwestern Pennsylvania’s most highly-regarded social services administrator for more than a quarter-century. GECAC is a non-profit organization serving more than 50,000 clients annually by providing a variety of community services and activities involving child and youth development, transportation, housing, food and nutrition, education, employment and training, drug and alcohol abuse treatment, and multiple services for the elderly. An Erie area business and civic leader for more than two decades, Wiley is the recipient of numerous local, regional and statewide awards. He currently serves as chairperson of the Edinboro University Council of Trustees, as well as first vice chair of the State System of Higher Education’s Board of Governors.

Pogue created the Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards during the first year of his presidency at Edinboro University to acknowledge individuals in the region who exemplify the spirit and ideals of Dr. King. The annual awards luncheon, now in its third year, is held to bring people together to celebrate cooperation, optimism and selfless service to all citizens of the community, he said.

“Our goal is to make each year’s event another fitting tribute to this extraordinary man as we remember and honor his uncommon commitment to the right of all people to a life without discrimination, bigotry and violence,” Pogue said.

Past recipients of the President’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards at Edinboro University have included: Erie attorney Larry Meredith, deputy director of Erie’s John F. Kennedy Center; Bayfront NATO/Martin Luther King Center executive director Fred L. Williams; Reuben Butler, social services/resident initiative coordinator for the City of Erie Housing Authority; community activist, historian and educator Celestine Bell Davis; and Dr. Vincent Jenco, co-founder and board president of St. Paul’s Neighborhood Free Clinic.



January 25, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ROTC COMMISSIONS TWO OFFICERS

Two 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, December 19, in the University's Diebold Center for the Performing Arts. The two students were then graduated from the University that afternoon in commencement ceremonies.

Ronald J. Gaudelli of Pittsburgh graduated with a degree in criminal justice and entered the medical service career field at the 339th General Hospital Company, U.S. Army Reserve.

John B. Owen of Enola, Pa., graduated with a degree in history and will serve in the infantry career field assigned to the 1st Battalion, 112th Infantry Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard.

Both Gaudelli and Owen were active in campus activities. Gaudelli was a member of the criminal justice club and Theta Chi national social fraternity. Owen served as president, executive assistant, and concert chair of the Student Government Association and served three terms on the University Senate. He completed a congressional internship for Congressman Phil English and was a member of the English and humanities club, history club, and Tau Kappa Epsilon national social fraternity.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BRUCE GALLERY TO HOST "JOYFUL NOISE" EXHIBIT

Bruce Gallery at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will host an opening reception for the art exhibition "Make a Joyful Noise" on Wednesday, January 27, at 7 p.m. Prior to the reception at 6 p.m., artist Bruce Edwards will present a lecture "Audience Engagement and Interaction," in 119 Doucette Hall.

A group known as Fourth World organized the exhibition, which will run through Saturday, February 20. The group's director and show curator, Michael Herbst, said the exhibition is of interactive, sound-based work.

"The expectation in our dialogue with the artists was that the work be primarily, but not exclusively, sound-based, in any medium possible, and that it be audience interactive," said Herbst.

"Though playful in intent, this exhibition has some underlying themes of more serious purport. The hope is to create a kind of metaphor, and aural landscape analogous to what one hears in nature, except in human, artistic terms; the whole being greater than the sum of its parts."

In addition to the talk by Edwards, artist Bryn Zellers will discuss his artwork on Tuesday, February 2.

The exhibition and the lectures are free and open to the public. Located on the ground floor of Doucette Hall, Bruce Gallery is open 2-5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and Wednesday evenings, 7-9 p.m.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EDINBORO UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES
AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH EVENTS**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will begin its observation of African-American History Month with an opening ceremony at 4 p.m. on Monday, February 1, in the University Center featuring performances by United Voices of Edinboro and readings by the Alliance for Racial Identity and Cultural Acceptance (AFRICA). The PBS video series *Africans in America* will be shown at noon in the University Center, Tuesday through Friday, February 2 to February 5.

Soprano soloist and lecturer Dr. Kimberly Hawkins will perform "From the Plantation to the Concert Hall: The History of the African-American Spiritual," on Wednesday, February 3, at 8 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium. Her appearance is also part of the University's Concert and Lecture Series.

The Pittsburgh-Erie branch of the INROADS program will be on campus on Friday, February 5, to take applications from minority candidates interested in career development. INROADS provides professional internship opportunities with its corporate sponsoring companies.

Dr. Reza Nassiri from the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, Edinboro biology professor Martin Mitchell and intercultural diplomat Rahmin Norwood will have a presentation on the Lupus disease on Tuesday, February 9, at noon in the University Center.

AFRICA will host a Unity Dance on Friday, February 12, at 10 p.m. in the University Center. The United Voices of Edinboro will present its annual African-American History Month Concert on Sunday, February 14, at 4 p.m. in the University Center. The event will feature the choir, mime and interpretive dance.

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The University's Concert and Lecture series will present Urban Bush Women, a black, female dance ensemble, on Monday, February 15, at 8 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium.

AFRICA will sponsor a reading day of African-American literature and short stories for students in the Miller School and the MEIP program on Thursday, February 18, at 3:30 p.m. in the University Center. The event is also open the public. (Tickets are limited, reservations are required.)

The executive director of the Negro Educational Emergency Drive, Dr. Herman L. Reid, Jr., will deliver the keynote address at the annual Soul Food Dinner on Friday, February 19, at 6 p.m. in Van Houten Dining Hall.

AFRICA will host a three-day basketball tournament beginning Friday, February 26, to help raise awareness of lupus. Games will be played in the University Center gym with the championship game scheduled for Monday, March 1.

The University's observance of African-American History Month will conclude with the awarding of the Ebony Excellence Awards and the selection of the man or woman of the year. The event will be held on Sunday, February 28, at 6 p.m. in the University Center.

For more information on African-American History Month activities, contact the office of intercultural relations at 732-2912.



Dr. Naomi Johnson, vice president for student affairs and student success at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, presents the Proclamation Day Award she accepted on behalf of the university to Edinboro President Dr. Frank G. Pogue. Edinboro University received the Erie County Office of Drug and Alcohol 1998 Education Appreciation Award for its educational programs to increase public awareness regarding drug and alcohol problems in the community, and for encouraging students to seek responsible, healthy lifestyles conducive to academic and personal achievement.



Two graduating seniors from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's ROTC program were commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army during a commissioning ceremony held at the university prior to its winter 1998 commencement. 2nd Lt. Ronald J. Gaudelli (center) of Pittsburgh graduated with a degree in criminal justice and will serve in the Medical Service Corps, U.S. Army Reserve. 2nd Lt. John B. Owen (2nd from right) of Enola, Pa., graduated with a degree in history and will continue to serve as an Infantry officer with the Pennsylvania National Guard. Pictured also, from left: Maj. William Montgomery III, professor of military science, Edinboro ROTC, who administered the oath of office; Col. (Ret.) Ronald Spiller, Ph.D., professor of history at Edinboro University, who delivered the commissioning address; Gaudelli; Owen; and Lt. Col. Thomas Cordingly, commander, Pride of Pennsylvania Battalion and professor of military science, Gannon University ROTC, who gave opening remarks at the ceremony.

February 3, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - CORRECTION

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY DEGREES AWARDED TO AREA GRADS

Approximately 642 undergraduate and graduate students received degrees at Edinboro University's recent winter commencement exercises. The students represented fifteen states which included Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

Among area students to receive diplomas were:

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Note: Names have been arranged alphabetically according to city.

AA	Associate of arts
AET	Associate of engineering technology
AS	Associate of science
BA	Bachelor of arts
BFA	Bachelor of fine arts
BS	Bachelor of science
BSEd	Bachelor of science in education
BSN	Bachelor of science in nursing
MA	Master of arts
MS	Master of science
MEd	Master of science in education
MFA	Master of fine arts
MSN	Master of science in nursing



January 28, 1999

TIP SHEET

Editor's note: The faculty members at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania are a great resource of information and expertise when a national or international story calls for a local angle. Please feel free to contact the public relations office on these or other timely news topics.

President Clinton Impeachment Trial – Edinboro political science professor and constitutional law expert Dr. Robert Rhodes believes the impeachment trial of President Clinton is like a “Greek Tragedy” – the outcome has been known for months, yet the actors involved feel compelled to play out their roles to the inevitable conclusion. Rhodes has been teaching about the Constitution and related topics for 25 years and is especially noted for his work in health care policy. He is available to offer his learned insights into the impeachment trial and its implications.

Wall Street Euphoria -- The stock market has been soaring to one record high after another while investors pour money into Internet stocks like there's no tomorrow. Sooner or later the party will come to an end and everyone will head for the exits. But will the party end in a whimper or a bang? Get an insight into how the markets may retreat by talking with business and economics professors Dr. Robert Adams and registered investment advisor Gerald “Chip” Carnes.

Pluto – When is a planet not a planet? When it is at the far reaches of the solar system, slowly circling the sun like a homeless asteroid or moon. In fact, Pluto has an unusual elliptical orbit that suggests it may not have been an original planet at all. Edinboro planetarium director David Hurd has been studying the heavens and explaining their mysteries for many years. Find out his take on the great planetary debate in the planetarium show “Bye-Bye Pluto” on February 11, or contact Hurd directly at 732-2493



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EDINBORO SIGNS PROGRAM AGREEMENT
WITH UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH**

Graduates of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's master's program in counseling and human development are now able to apply those credits toward a doctoral degree in developmental and educational psychology at the University of Pittsburgh. The two universities have signed an agreement that will allow up to 45 credits from Edinboro's 48-credit program to transfer to Pittsburgh's program, which requires 90 credits for completion of a Ph.D. degree.

"This is a significant advantage for our students," said Dr. Salene Cowher, who chairs Edinboro's counseling and human development department, "because the University of Pittsburgh usually accepts only 30 transfer credits. The majority of the other courses they will have to take at Pittsburgh are the research courses related to the Ph.D. dissertation."

Cowher said the degree is important for anyone who wants to work or teach in counseling at the collegiate level or for those who want to be in private practice or consultation.

Cowher and Louis Chandler, chairperson of the department of psychology in education at Pittsburgh, were instrumental in forging the agreement. Cowher said Chandler sees the agreement as a real advantage for the University of Pittsburgh because it will generate more credible students for the program. She also pointed out that earning the Edinboro degree would not guarantee automatic acceptance into the Pittsburgh program. "It's going to be very competitive to get into this program," she explained. "Only the best students are going to get in."

One recent graduate of the Edinboro program who is excited by the opportunity to attend the University of Pittsburgh is Georj Lewis, an admissions counselor at Edinboro. "It's very

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attractive to me," said Lewis. "It's something I would seriously consider because in higher education administration you need a terminal degree."

Lewis said that as an admissions counselor for Edinboro, he sees the program's value for those prospective students who know they eventually want to work on a college campus.

One of the first persons to apply to the program is Rabeena Alli, assistant director of residence life at Mercyhurst College. Alli recently received her master's degree in rehabilitation counseling at Edinboro and is planning a career as a college professor. Like Lewis, she recognizes the need for a doctorate in higher education. She said the University of Pittsburgh's acceptance of 45 credit hours from Edinboro was a major incentive for her to apply to the program. She is hoping to begin her studies in the fall of 1999.

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January 28, 1999

NEWS ADVISORY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will begin its month-long series of events observing African-American History Month by celebrating the memory and living legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Third Annual President's Martin Luther King Jr. Awards Luncheon on Monday, February 1, at noon in the Van Houten South Dining Hall.

Three prominent community members will receive 1999 awards from Edinboro University President Dr. Frank G. Pogue: Dr. Gertrude A. Barber, president and CEO of Erie's Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Center; Bishop William R. Clark, founder and pastor of Christ Temple Church in Erie; and R. Benjamin Wiley, executive director of the Greater Erie Community Action Committee, chair of the Edinboro University Council of Trustees and first vice chair of the State System of Higher Education's Board of Governors.

Pogue will present the three awards, which were created to recognize members of the community who exemplify the spirit and ideals of Dr. King.

Besides the awards, the luncheon program will feature musical performances by the United Voices of Edinboro Choir, as well as a solo by its director, Kahan Sablo, Edinboro's associate vice president for student life; dramatic readings from Dr. King's April 3, 1968 "I See the Promised Land" speech; and a reading of the winning essay in the Edinboro University essay contest.

For more information on events and activities celebrating African-American History Month at Edinboro University, visit our website at www.edinboro.edu.

Media coverage of the Third Annual President's Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Luncheon and Edinboro's celebration of African-American History Month is invited.

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January 29, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO BIOLOGY GROUP RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The Beta Beta Beta Biological Society has named the chapter at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania as an outstanding chapter for 1997-98. Biology professor Dr. Marty Mitchell said the award was given to Edinboro's Alpha Chi chapter for its many activities in support of scholarship and research in biology, as well as service to the community.

Fewer than ten percent of all chapters nationwide were named outstanding chapters by Beta Beta Beta.

Among the chapter's activities have been participating in the Adopt-A-Highway program for five miles of I-79, serving as judges for the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Sciences competitions, twice-a-year plant sales, peer tutoring, creation of a web page, and providing tours of the departmental museum and live animal exhibits.

The chapter has also written several research papers which were published in the *Journal of Field Ornithology*, taken field trips to Hawk Mountain in eastern Pennsylvania and the Cleveland Zoo's tropical rain forest, and attended scientific conferences.

The group's level of activity can be attributed in part to its rapidly growing membership. Last year the chapter inducted 44 new members, which put its total membership around 60.

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February 9, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY STUDENT ATTAINS ACADEMIC HONORS

Jeffrey P. Miele, 298 Barclay Avenue, Forest Hills, has been named to the Dean's List at Edinboro University for the 1998 fall semester. He was among 1,327 students who represented fifteen states, including Arizona, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

In order to attain this highly regarded academic honor, students must maintain a quality point average of 3.4 for the semester, complete a minimum of 12 semester hours of credit, and receive no grade lower than C in any course.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

URBAN BUSH WOMEN TO APPEAR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Urban Bush Women, an African-American dance and performance troupe from New York, will bring its high-energy mixture of contemporary dance and traditional African dance to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's Memorial Auditorium on Monday, February 15, at 8 p.m., as part of the University's African-American History Month celebration.

Created by artistic director Jawole Willa Jo Zollar in 1984, Urban Bush Women draws upon Afro-Caribbean moves, the spiritual traditions of Rastafarian rituals and the urban energy of rap and hip-hop. It creates dance/theatre/music works rooted in the folklore and spiritual traditions of African-Americans while exploring the struggle, growth, transformation and survival of the human spirit.

The group is perhaps best known for its hip-shaking dance called "Batty Moves." Pronounced "BAH-tee," Batty is Jamaican for buttocks, and in the African dance tradition, the buttocks are the center of movement, in contrast to modern dance and ballet.

Urban Bush Women has toured throughout the world to hundreds of communities, and is recognized nationally and internationally for the quality of its community and performance work. In addition to its appearances across the United States the group has performed in England, France, Germany, Austria, Portugal, Israel and Brazil.

In 1992, Urban Bush Women received a New York Dance and Performance Award, and in 1994 was given the Capezio Award.

Along with their development of creative work for the stage, the company is also interested in exploring the creative and political aspects of popular culture. The Community Engagement Project was inaugurated in 1992 to assist in the cultivation of a grassroots process through which a city's cultural traditions would grow in harmony with established programs for community-based neighborhood development and empowerment.

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January 20, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Eva Tere Torrado, 1425 Chestnut Street, Franklin, is the recipient of Board of Governors Tuition Waiver.

This waiver is offered annually to students who have exhibited academic promise and who plan to be enrolled full time (12 credits or greater) during the term of the award.

Eva is the daughter of Luis A. Torrado and Emily Cortes-Torrado. She is a graduate of Franklin High School and a general studies major at Edinboro.

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January 22, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Natasha Renford, 15 Central Avenue, Washington, is the recipient of the Board of Governors Tuition Waiver.

This award is offered annually to students who have exhibited academic promise and who plan to be enrolled full time (12 credits or greater) during the term of the award. The Board of Governors Tuition has a maximum value of the cost of tuition.

Natasha is the daughter of Shirley Renford. She is a graduate of Washington High School and a psychology major at Edinboro.

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January 22, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Charis N. Walker, 515 N. Mathilda Street, Pittsburgh, is the recipient of the Board of Governors Tuition Waiver.

This award is offered annually to students who have exhibited academic promise and who plan to be enrolled full time (12 credits or greater) during the term of the award. The Board of Governors Tuition has a maximum value of the cost of tuition.

Charis is the daughter of Garland Walker and Cheryl Walker. She is a graduate of Schenley High School and a mathematics major at Edinboro.

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January 6, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Reneé C. Porter, Pittsburgh, was recently named the recipient of a Board of Governors Tuition Waiver.

The Board of Governors Tuition Waiver is offered annually to students who have exhibited academic promise and who plan to be enrolled full time (12 credits or greater) during the term of the award. It has a maximum value of the cost of tuition.

Reneé is the daughter of Ms. Stephanie B. Porter. She is a graduate of George Westinghouse High School and a nursing major at Edinboro.

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January 6, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Sabrina Saunders, Pittsburgh, was recently named the recipient of a Board of Governors Tuition Waiver.

The Board of Governors Tuition Waiver is offered annually to students who have exhibited academic promise and who plan to be enrolled full time (12 credits or greater) during the term of the award. It has a maximum value of the cost of tuition.

Sabrina is the daughter of Vickie T. Hardy. She is a graduate of Oakland Catholic High School and a business administration/human resources major at Edinboro.

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