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**PROJECT HERO NIGHT WILL INTRODUCE REFUGEES  
TO SEAWOLVES BASEBALL**

The Kosovar refugees now living in Erie will get their first taste of the American Pastime on Wednesday, August 25 when the Erie SeaWolves host Project HERO Night at Jerry Uht Park. The SeaWolves are inviting the Kosovar refugees to see their first professional baseball game while volunteers for Project HERO collect donations for them at the gate. The highlight of the evening will come when one of the refugees throws out the first pitch.

As part of a promotion for the game, the Erie SeaWolves will offer a coupon for \$2.00 off the price of admission to anyone who brings school supplies or personal care items to the game that night. Project HERO is the effort by Allegheny College, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and Mercyhurst College to raise money and supplies for Kosovar refugees through the International Institute and the Greater Erie County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Mike Murnock, the executive director of the International Institute, said the Kosovar children are in need of new school supplies such as pens, pencils, notebooks, tablets, folders, binders and bookbags. All the refugees need personal care items such as soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, combs and brushes.

Helping to collect the items and other donations are expected to be students from the three colleges and the General McLane High School cheerleaders.

For more information on Project HERO Night, call the Erie SeaWolves at 456-1300. For more information on how to help the Kosovar refugees through Project HERO, call the International Institute at (814) 452-3935, or the American Red Cross at (814) 833-0942.

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### **FORMER DISNEY ANIMATOR APPOINTED AT EDINBORO**

Former Disney animator Mike Genz has been appointed as an instructor in the art department at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. A native of southern California, Genz studied at California Institute of the Arts and the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, and worked at Filmation Studios and Don Bluth Studios before joining Disney in 1987. His first feature film at Disney was "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," and his most recent was "Tarzan."

Genz worked as a breakdown artist on "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" and "An American Tail" and served as an assistant animator for "The Little Mermaid" and "The Rescuers Down Under." As an animator he did the pilot episode of developmental work for the experimental TV show "Bonkers" and the film "Ferngully: The Last Rain Forest." He did rough animation on "The Lion King" under lead animators Rubin Aquino and Anthony DeRosa. He also assisted with the rough animation on the main character for "Pocahontas" under Glen Keane. He assisted on the Disney feature "Hercules" – where he worked on the characters of Zeus and Hera – and was an animator on "Mulan." As an assistant animator he used his strength in animal animation for "Tarzan" to draw elephants, monkeys and other animals.

At Edinboro, Genz plans to take his classes to zoos where the students will see their subjects in motion. He also wants to bring in guest animators every semester and has already gotten commitments from Disney animator DeRosa and others. "My goal is to push students to reach their maximum potential," said Genz. "I want to prepare them for what it is like to work in a professional environment."

He learned of the position at Edinboro from fellow Disney animator Bill Waldman, who is a 1986 Edinboro graduate. The University's animation program was started in 1972 and now,

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with cinema, has nearly 100 students. Its graduates have worked or now work at such major studios as Disney, Warner Bros., Will Vinton, Film Roman, Digital Muse, Paramount, and Mainframe Entertainment. Their credits, in addition to the already mentioned films, include "Hunchback of Notre Dame," "The Simpsons," "Godzilla," "Star Trek Voyager" and "Starship Troopers."

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**NEW BUILDING, PROGRAMS MARK START OF SCHOOL AT EDINBORO**

Students returning to campus this fall at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will find a major new building and several new degree programs waiting for them.

University officials expect construction of the new Arts and Sciences Center to be completed sometime this month and hope to have the building completely ready for classes in January. It will house the School of Liberal Arts and the School of Science, Management and Technologies and include four auditoriums and three computer classrooms. It will provide state-of-the-art teaching technologies with Internet access, real-time communications capabilities and video conferencing. The student-friendly videoconference room will feature advanced audio-visual equipment with fiber-optic based broadband communication capabilities.

In July, the Board of Governors for the State System of Higher Education approved a new Master of Social Work (MSW) degree program. Six counties of the targeted service area of the MSW program show some of the highest levels of poverty for families, the elderly and minority citizens in the state. This program will prepare individuals for social work practitioner and social work administrator positions in social service agencies throughout the area. Demand for the program is high as indicated by a waiting list of 700 students.

Another new degree program was created to help meet the need for forensic scientists. The Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry – forensic sciences will prepare graduates to work in forensics laboratories. Edinboro is the only school in western Pennsylvania to offer such a program.

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

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laboratory. 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 graduates of the program will have a full chemistry degree with added courses in criminalistics, criminal procedures and others. They will be qualified to work in FBI and police crime labs in Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio and elsewhere. Ferster said graduates of the program will find many job opportunities immediately available at a good salary. 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.

Edinboro and Butler County Community College are offering a cooperative associate in applied science degree program in hospitality management at Edinboro University in Erie – The Porreco Center. Students will study areas such as food and beverages, catering, hotel operations, or food service for restaurants, cafeterias, schools or colleges. The two-year associate degree program will combine the affordability of an Edinboro education with the convenience of an Erie location. Instruction will include both theory and “hands on” applications, and will be provided by both Edinboro and BCCC faculty.

In response to inquiries from family counselors, substance abuse counselors and gerontological counselors, Edinboro has added a Community Counseling track to its graduate program in counseling. This new track will allow students to apply for licensure in Pennsylvania.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**PEYRONEL APPOINTED ASSOCIATED COLLEGIATE PRESS JUDGE**

Dr. Tony Peyronel, an assistant professor in the department of speech and communication studies at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, has been appointed to the Board of Judges of the Associated Collegiate Press.

As a member of ACP's Board of Judges, Peyronel serves as a reviewer for the organization's national critique service, providing evaluations for participating campus newspapers.

ACP is the college division of the National Scholastic Press Association, which is headquartered at the University of Minnesota. It is the oldest national press association for student journalists in the United States.

Peyronel is faculty adviser of the *Spectator*, Edinboro University's campus newspaper, which has been recognized as an All-American college newspaper by the ACP.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### **SALE OF ANIMATION COLLECTION TO AID EDINBORO STUDENTS**

A collection of works from America's best-loved animation classics will soon be helping to provide scholarships for animation students at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Thanks to the generosity of Donna Nicholas, the daughter of the late animator George Nicholas, his collection of more than 700 pieces of animation art will be donated to the University. By her request, it will then be auctioned off with the proceeds going to the George H. Nicholas Memorial Scholarship.

During his life-long career as an animator with Disney, Hanna Barbera, Walter Lantz and others, Nicholas was able to save hundreds of drawings, sketches and animation cells. The collection includes works from Mickey Mouse, Pinocchio, Sleeping Beauty, Fantasia, Peter Pan, the Flintstones, Jetsons and many more. The most prized piece in the collection is a two-part animation cell from the 1937 Disney classic "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

The entire collection is valued at several hundred thousand dollars. Its sale at auction will make the Nicholas scholarship one of the largest at the University. Overseeing the sale of the collection is Nicholas's daughter, Donna, a highly acclaimed retired ceramics professor at Edinboro.

"Dad shared his gifts through his artwork," said Donna Nicholas. Now she wants to see the collection used to further the art education of animation students.

Part of his collection makes up the current exhibition at the Erie Art Museum, "From Mickey to the Grinch: Art of the Animated Film." The more than 150 pieces offer a rare glimpse into the making of the greatest animation classics.

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Museum Director John Vanco said this exhibition may be the first of its kind to feature the animation collection of one person. He believes its uniqueness lies in some of the rare pieces that few outside of the animation industry see. They include "range of action" sheets for such characters as Pluto and Tinker Bell, showing the characters in several different poses. These were intended to be visual guidelines to help other animators as they illustrated the character.

The sheets also offer insight into how characters changed in appearance and even name over time. Goofy, for example, was at one time known simply as "the Goof."

"It's very revealing about the animation process," said Vanco.

The show will run until the end of October at the Erie Art Museum and then begin a five-year tour of the country with its next engagement scheduled for Charleston, West Virginia.

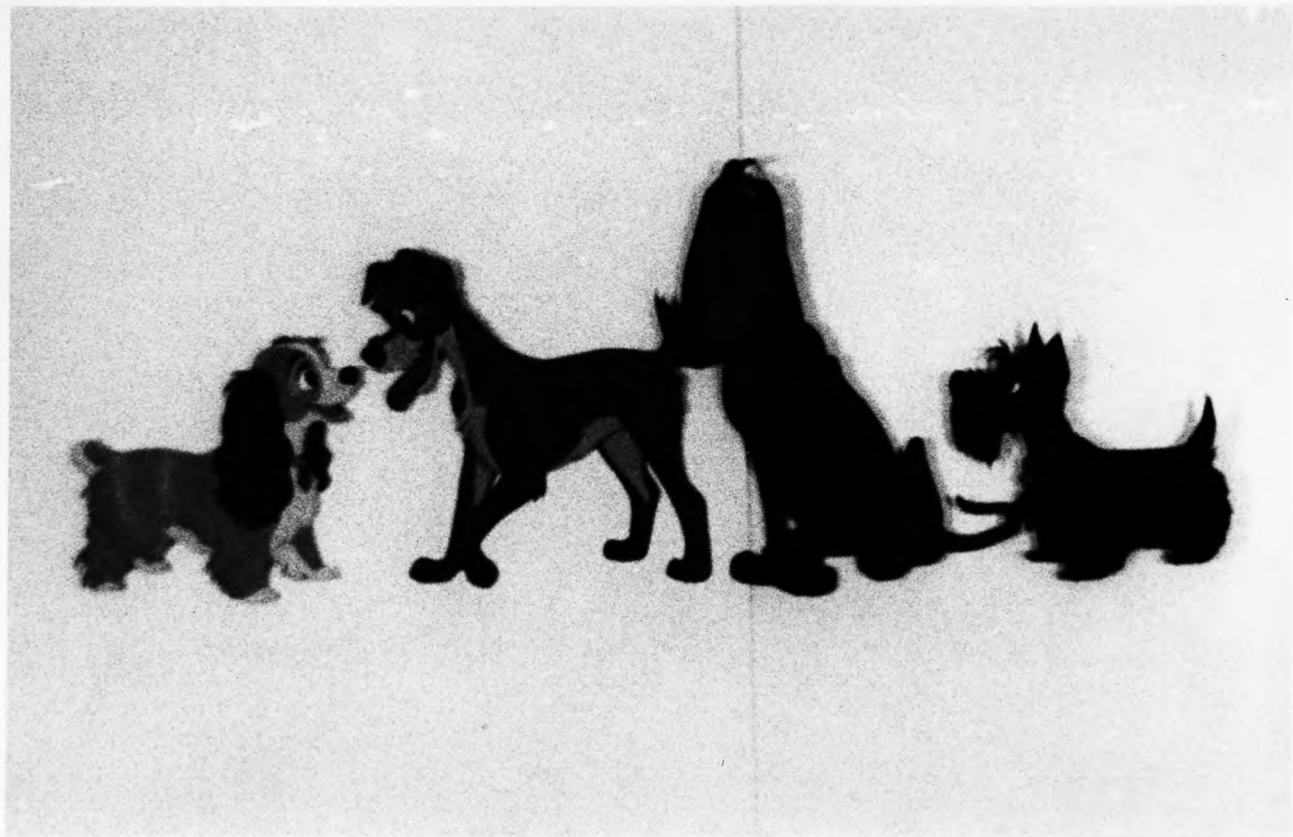
George Nicholas was born in Vermilion, Ohio, in 1910, and grew up in a family of seven along the shores of Lake Erie. The family moved to Los Angeles in 1920, and he began his study of art at Fairfax High School. His 50-year career as a character animator included 22 years with Walt Disney where he received credit for his work on "Cinderella," "Lady and the Tramp," "Alice in Wonderland," and "Sleeping Beauty," as well as many Pluto, Donald Duck and Goofy shorts. At Hanna Barbera he contributed to Yogi Bear, the Flintstones and Huckleberry Hound.

He applied to work at Disney in September of 1932 and was hired the next day. From 1934 to 1939 he worked at Walter Lantz productions animating Andy Panda and Woody Woodpecker. He returned to Disney in 1940 and stayed until 1958 working on such characters as Pluto and the ostriches in "Fantasia."

In the early 1970s Nicholas came to Edinboro University to show his work to film production classes. For the remainder of his life, he regularly shared his knowledge, history, insight and art work with the University's animation students.

In addition to animation, Nicholas also enjoyed woodcarving, sketching and painting, and even designing Christmas cards. Following retirement and the death of his wife Dot, he came to Edinboro to live with his daughter. He passed away on November 23, 1996.

Three-time Academy Award-winning animation director Chuck Jones presented the first George H. Nicholas Memorial Scholarship in a ceremony at Edinboro University in October of 1997.





This pencil model sheet from the 1937 Disney feature "Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs" depicts the dwarfs Happy, Grumpy and Dopey in various poses.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**SPECIAL FOR "LIFESTYLES" 1999 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 4 Kickoff: Edinboro University's Fighting Scots begin their final football season of the 20<sup>th</sup> century against Hillsdale College, 1 p.m., Sox Harrison Stadium, call the Scot's Football Office, 814-732-2776 ext. 245 or 246.
  
- 10 Celebrating progress: Edinboro University President Frank Pogue holds his fourth fall University-wide Convocation with the Edinboro Family, 8:30 a.m., University Center Multipurpose Room.
  
- 15 Fiesta: Hispanic Heritage Month begins at Edinboro University with showings of the movie "Selena," 6 and 9 p.m., and continues through the month with a variety of events, call University Student Activities at 814-732-2768.
  
- 18 The backyard brawl is back: The Edinboro University Fighting Scots and the Mercyhurst College Lakers take the gridiron for the first time in 16 years, 1:30 p.m., Tullio Field.
  
- 22 Great golf: The Edinboro Scotsman Wrestling Club's 13<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament tees off with a 12:30 p.m., shotgun start at Culbertson Hills Golf Club in Edinboro, \$65 covers all, call 'Boro wrestling coach Tim Flynn, 814-732-2776, ext. 256.
  
- 24 One big family: Edinboro University's fourth annual Family and Legacy Weekend continues through Sunday with a variety of events for the whole family, call University Student Activities, 814-732-2768.



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August 17, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**COMMUNITY COUNSELING PROGRAM ANNOUNCED BY EDINBORO**

In the face of a critical need for qualified community counselors, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced a new Master of Arts degree track in community counseling. It will offer three areas of specialization: drug and alcohol counseling, gerontological counseling, and family counseling.

Dr. Salene Cowher, who chairs Edinboro's counseling and human development department, said the demand for highly qualified counselors is growing – particularly within social service agencies. "We are in a high need area," said Cowher. "Erie County has the highest teenage pregnancy and school violence rates in the state. Family violence is related to what is going on in the schools. And there is a relationship between family violence and substance abuse."

The most valuable part of the Edinboro program is that its graduates will be eligible for the Pennsylvania counselor's license. To create the new community counseling track, which is a branch of Edinboro's graduate program in counseling, the University upgraded an existing course in substance abuse, and added courses in gerontology and family counseling.

Cowher had been aware of the need for a master's degree program in community counseling for some time. Her office had received dozens of calls asking for such a program. Social service agencies were even dipping into the ranks of school counselors in an attempt to fill vacancies. To verify the need, Edinboro conducted a needs assessment by contacting more than 200 students and counseling professionals in the region. "The response was overwhelmingly positive," said Cowher. "Everyone said we needed one."

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Earlier this year, the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) approved Edinboro's counseling tracks in student personnel services (college counseling and practice) and school counseling (elementary and secondary) for seven years, the longest period of accreditation awarded by CACREP. Cowher said she expects the community counseling track will also become accredited by CACREP, perhaps within 18 months.

"Being accredited is really an exclusive recognition of your program," said Cowher. "There is only one other school in Pennsylvania with the CACREP accreditation in student personnel services that we have, and only 10 others nationally. In community counseling, I am aware of only one other CACREP-accredited program in Pennsylvania and only a handful nationally."

Anyone wishing to apply for admission to the master's program may do so by contacting the graduate studies office at (814) 732-2856, or toll free at (888) 845-2890.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EDINBORO HONORS STUDENTS STUDY IN EUROPE**

Three honors students from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania were awarded full scholarships to take part in the 1999 State System of Higher Education (SSHE) Summer Honors Program. Joshua Balik of Darlington, Kris Ganoe of Chesswick, and Michael Spec of Economy and 25 other students visited Venice, London and Rome. The annual program combines study and travel for worthy honors students from the 14 SSHE universities.

This year's program was hosted by California University of Pennsylvania where the students were involved in a rigorous nine-day academic program conducted by California faculty prior to a three-week trip to Europe. The students studied about the European Renaissance and Reformation movements.

Edinboro was the only school to have three students invited to participate in the program. Each of the other 13 schools in the State System had no more than two students take part.

The focus of the trip was visits to the museums of Europe in Florence, Italy; Nuremberg, Germany; and Utrecht, the Netherlands, where they studied original artifacts of the Renaissance and Reformation.

Spec, who will be a senior graphic design major this fall, said the trip was an excellent opportunity to see Europe and experience its culture that he would have otherwise been unable to do. He found especially interesting the ancient Roman city of Pompeii and modern Venice. One of his most memorable moments was seeing the forum in Rome lit up at night. Another favorite place was the German city of Rothenburg and its castle.

Balik was awed by the great artwork the group viewed in Italy. "Actually seeing artwork like the statue of David and Michaelangelo's Pieta was impressive," said Balik. Like Spec, Balik was especially intrigued by Venice and Rothenburg and is planning to return to London. At the

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conclusion of the three weeks, most of the group returned to the United States, but Spec, Balik and a student from Shippensburg stayed to visit Ireland. Both agreed that the Irish were the friendliest people they met on the trip.

Ganoe will be a junior this fall and is a graduate of Fox Chapel High School.

This is the 15<sup>th</sup> year that the State System has offered this unique learning experience to select honors students. Dr. Edward Chute of California University said he chose the Renaissance and Reformation to show how those historical periods served as a bridge between the ancient and modern worlds. The Renaissance created a new spirit, stimulated by a revival in learning that focused on art and printing.

Next year's SSHE Summer Honors Program will be hosted by Edinboro University. Dr. Tim Cordell of the music department, with the assistance of Dr. Jan Kinch, the director of the Honors Program, will be coordinating the program's visit to Edinburgh, Scotland. This program was selected by all Honors programs in the State System based on the very successful summer Edinboro at Edinburgh programs that Cordell has directed for the past several years for Edinboro students and guests.





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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**PETER WILLIS NAMED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS  
AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY**

Peter S. Willis of Erie has been named assistant director of admissions at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Willis is a graduate of Denison University where he earned a B.A. degree in history.

In his new position Willis will interview candidates for admission to the University and represent Edinboro at career nights and college fairs.

Prior to his appointment he was branch rental manager for Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Columbus, Ohio. Under his management, the office received the President's Award for best all-around office two years in a row.

Willis lives in Erie with his wife, Lynette, who will teach English this year at Strong Vincent High School. They have one daughter, Anna.

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### **EDINBORO STUDENTS BUILD CERAMIC KILN FOR COURSE**

For several weeks this summer, a handful of art students at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania toiled under the sun, learning how to build a kiln by actually building one. The class was called ceramic kiln construction, which is taught every other year by professor Lee Rexrode. Not only did they build something they will be able to use in the future as ceramic artists, they also learned some valuable construction skills such as masonry and welding. "They created the tools to fire their own works," said Rexrode.

The kiln became a labor of love for the six graduate and undergraduate students. Although the class officially ended at 11:20 a.m. every day, Rexrode and the students regularly worked well into the afternoon and on weekends. Even after the summer session ended on August 19, some of the students returned to finish the project.

Ceramic kilns are high-temperature gas ovens that heat up to 2400 degrees Fahrenheit for 24 hours or more. In order to withstand such extreme temperatures, kilns are made of special thermal ceramics – usually made of an alumina silicate composition.

Because brick mortar can't withstand these blast furnace temperatures, the bricks are held in place by steel frames, which were welded on the site by the students.

Mike Schmidt, a graduate student from Wisconsin who plans on a teaching career, said the course will be very helpful in teaching his own students some day. "It's one of the most valuable courses," said Schmidt. "It's very practical."

Schmidt and the others learned to lay block, mix mortar, cut steel and weld. The course is not required for ceramics majors, but the students thought those who didn't take it would miss out on an opportunity to learn about their craft at its core.

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The ceramics program has attracted students to Edinboro from great distances. Tae Lee is from Korea, Donald Smith lived in Colorado and other areas of the West before moving to Erie to attend Edinboro, and Steve Heywood, who will start as a graduate assistant this fall, is from Utah. The other students are Michael Cienkowski of New Brighton, Dana Rzecznik of New Castle, and Grant Zedlar of Washington, Pa.

This kiln required thousands of pounds of castable material – valued around one dollar a pound – which were donated by the Thermal Ceramics Company of Crafton. Edinboro acquired the material about three years ago when Latrobe Steel decided it didn't need it. With the help of Norm Willow of Thermal Ceramics, Edinboro received 28,000 lbs. of material called Kaocrete 250. Edinboro was able to store the material in the barn of Cambridge Springs potter Bill Campbell. This kiln used about half of the coarse powder, leaving enough for another kiln someday.

B N Z Company of Zelienople, Pa. donated the soft brick which was used for the kiln door.



Mike Schmidt and Don Smith (foreground) hold the frame of the door to the new kiln as Mike Cienkowski and Grant Zedlar look on.

August 30, 1999

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### **EDINBORO PLANETARIUM ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE AND IMPROVEMENTS**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced its fall 1999 planetarium schedule of public shows on Thursday nights. Director Dr. David Hurd said the planetarium recently replaced its 30-year-old controller for the star projector with a new controller that can automate the planetarium shows with the use of a computer. Earlier this year, the planetarium received a \$5,000 grant from the Erie Community Foundation for educational materials. Every year the planetarium hosts more than 10,000 students from area schools. The materials will be handed out to the students as a way of integrating the planetarium experience with the classroom.

The season begins on September 2 with "Laser Enya," a laser light show set to the music of Enya, and a discussion of the current night sky.

On September 9, Hurd will recap his visit to Romania and Hungary where he witnessed this year's solar eclipse. He will discuss eclipses and when the next one will be visible in northwestern Pennsylvania.

"Laser Fun" on September 16 is a program featuring laser light put to music, including many family favorites.

The start of fall on September 23 will be the focus of "Fall Nights." Hurd will explain why that date is the first day of fall. He will also explore the fall sky and highlight fall constellations and stars.

Erie's Scott McKenzie, also known as the Meteorite Man, will discuss his passion for these extra-terrestrial rocks on September 30. The audience is invited to bring any rocks they suspect are meteorites for the "meteorite man" to check out.

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October 7 will feature a tribute to Rich Mullins, a Christian recording artist who was killed in a car accident two years ago. The public is invited to enjoy the fellowship with Campus Crusade for Christ, R.O.C.K., and Fellowship for Christian Athletes during this laser tribute.

“The Little Star That Could” on October 14 will explore our galaxy, and “Moonwitch” on October 28 will give a Halloween flavor to this haunting program about the moon.

What do trains and the Earth’s rotation have in common? How important were trains in this area? These and other questions will be answered during a trip back through time called “Riding the Rails” on November 4.

Marc Millis, a researcher and engineer from the National Aeronautic and Space Administration will discuss how future astronauts will travel in space. This program on creative propulsion systems is scheduled for November 11.

“Constellations and More” on November 18 will present a voyage through the galaxy and current night sky. Hurd will offer helpful hints for finding significant stars and constellations, and the mythology behind them.

The fall season will end with a Mannheim Steamroller Christmas on three consecutive weeks, December 2, 9, and 16. The planetarium will celebrate the holiday season with the sound of Mannheim Steamroller set to laser light.

All programs start at 7 p.m. Reservations are required, as seating is limited. Call the Edinboro University planetarium to make reservations at (814) 732-2493.



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**EDINBORO PROFESSOR WRITES BOOK  
ON INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Just as the Internet has broken down barriers between people, crime has likewise broken down the borders between nations. "Crime is no longer just within countries," said Dr. Delbert Rounds, a political science and criminal justice professor at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. "It's inter-country. We now have FBI agents going to Europe and around the world, helping other nations fight crime."

Rounds is the editor of a new book, *International Criminal Justice: Issues in a Global Perspective*, published by Allyn and Bacon. It is a collection of 22 chapters on issues ranging from organized crime in Russia and stolen American automobiles in Mexico, to Islamic justice and police treatment of women in Northern Ireland.

While the book highlights the commonality of crime in every part of the world, it also shares solutions to many of these same problems. Rounds points to the chapter on Islamic law as an example of how the West can adapt a more humanitarian approach to capital crimes. Although the West has the perception of Islamic punishment as being swift and brutal, it does provide some safeguards that U.S. law does not. In capital punishment cases, U.S. law requires the same burden of proof – beyond a reasonable doubt – that it does for lesser crimes. Islamic law on the other hand, has the higher standard of absolute proof. The authors suggest the U.S. take a closer look at such standards in light of the estimated two percent of executions in America that are carried out in error.

Rounds' interest in comparative criminology began as a college student and continued at Indiana University of Pennsylvania where he studied for his doctorate under Timothy Austin. Early in his career, Rounds received a \$7,000 research grant to study criminal justice for a month in the Republic of the Maldives.

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In 1996, Rounds was asked by the president of the American Society of Criminology to head a panel discussion on cross-cultural international justice at its annual international convention in Chicago. That panel produced a number of papers on the subject that gave Rounds the idea for his book. At the 1997 convention, he presented his proposal to an editor from Allyn and Bacon. Two weeks later the publisher offered him a contract.

The book is intended mainly for graduate and undergraduate students in international criminal justice and for those in issues-oriented courses. Because it deals with often hotly debated policy and political issues regarding crime and punishment, the book should also prove valuable to policy makers, editorial boards and columnists.

The book is available now in the U.S., but Rounds expects it will get a bigger push from the publisher prior to classes starting in the fall of 2000. It will also be available in Europe, Australia and other English-speaking countries.

Rounds will create an Internet site for the book with links to other countries.





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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EDINBORO ANNOUNCES NEW MASTER'S OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE**

A new Master's of Social Work degree program at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has been approved by the State System of Higher Education. Dr. Donna Hixon, a professor of social work at Edinboro, said there is a critical, long-standing need for a graduate social work program in northwestern Pennsylvania. "The closest Master of Social Work programs are the University of Pittsburgh, Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and SUNY Buffalo," said Hixon.

A master's degree is especially important for social workers because it is a professionally recognized degree, and it makes them eligible for licensure in Pennsylvania. Hixon said many area employers prefer a master's degree, but have hired people with other degrees because the master's degrees were not available.

The program was created to address a shortage of social workers in Erie, Crawford, Forest, Mercer, Warren and Venango counties. "We found that poverty rates in northwestern Pennsylvania are the highest in the state, and Forest County has the state's lowest per capita income," said Hixon. "We also looked at a study of all cities in the country with more than 100,000 population. Erie had the highest rate of poverty among minority children."

Other social problems in the area include the highest teen birth rate in the state and an increasingly aging population, especially those over the age of 75.

The new program will teach what is known as general social practice, but it will also offer concentrations in administration and direct practice, which is working with individuals, families or groups.

Hixon said the program is designed to be flexible so that, through a concentration, students will be able to choose an area of interest and focus all of their papers and internships on

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*A member of the State System of Higher Education*

that area. "When they come out of the program they will have a greater knowledge base in general about social work practice, but they will also have more knowledge about their area of interest," said Hixon.

Although social work is a wide-open field, most social work falls under the categories of aging; children, youth and family; health and mental health; and what has become known as alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

To head up the new program, Edinboro has hired Dr. Emelicia Mizio, who is currently the chair of the social work department at the University of Indiana at Terra Haute. She will join the Edinboro faculty in January, and the first course will be taught in the fall of 2000.

The University is creating 16 new courses for the 60-credit program. Most students will fulfill those credits through two academic years and a summer if they attend full time. Students with a bachelor's degree in social work may need only 45 graduate credits to earn the master's degree.



August 31, 1999

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### **EDINBORO ARTISTS SHARE WORK, PERSONAL EXPERIENCE**

When three artists from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania got together this summer to work on a temporary installation at the Chautauqua Center for the Visual Arts, they discovered they had something in common with each other – they had all undergone unavoidable and lengthy separation from their spouses. Coincidentally, their new work, “Forget – Me – Not,” which is based loosely on Marcel Duchamp’s “Large Glass,” explores the nature of relationships under the stress of separation.

The three artists are Lisa Austin, Stephen A. Lewis Jr., and Renee Zettle-Sterling. Their work uses recycled elements from Erie’s historic Isaac Baker building combined with fabricated elements, video images, and sound. The Chautauqua Center for the Visual Arts has a tall open space and a smaller, more intimate set of rooms in the rear of the gallery. The artists used this architectural division to imply the distance separating a couple.

The exhibition of “Forget – Me – Not” will open with a reception on Saturday, September 18, from 2 to 5 p.m., and will close on Sunday, October 31.

Austin teaches sculpture and 3-D design at Edinboro. She completed her undergraduate work at Virginia Commonwealth University and earned her MFA from Yale. She has exhibited more than two dozen of her site-specific installations on the East Coast including Pittsburgh, Washington, and New York. Her latest solo work, “Grace,” is now on view at Chautauqua’s Gallerie Intime.

Zettle-Sterling is an adjunct faculty member at Edinboro where she has taught 3-D design, jewelry fabrication and casting. She earned her MA degree in metalsmithing and MFA in sculpture at Edinboro, and received a BFA degree in papermaking from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Trained in the fine arts and as a craftsperson, she has exhibited regionally and nationally.

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Lewis will earn his MFA degree in painting from Edinboro next year. His recent work has evolved into painted sculptural installation incorporating sound. A native of New Jersey, he earned a BFA degree in painting from the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University. His solo work will be on exhibit at the Brewhouse in Pittsburgh in November.

Gallery hours at the Chautauqua Center for the Visual Arts are Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment with the gallery director.

August 26, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Jennifer Shellhammer, 515 Madison Street, Conneaut, is the recipient of the Dean's Scholarship/School of Education.

This scholarship is awarded to a student in the School of Education who is entering their senior year and has attained a quality point average of 3.50 or better. This award is funded through Edinboro University's Alumni Association to assist outstanding students financially and recognize their academic excellence.

Jennifer is the daughter of Bill Shellhammer and Susan Shellhammer. She is a graduate of Conneaut High School and an elementary education major at Edinboro.

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August 18, 1999

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### **LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Jessica Gardner, 7570 Carbury Road, Edinboro, is the recipient of the Clarence C. and Cora Crawford Scholarship.

This award is made available through contributions made to Edinboro University by Mr. D. Neal Manross in memory of the Crawfords. Dr. and Mrs. Crawford originally came to Edinboro State Normal School in the fall of 1918. He was the Vice-Principal and an instructor of math. He became the first President of Edinboro State Teachers College in September 1929. He resigned as President in 1934 due to failing health, but continued to teach. He retired in 1940 and they continued to live in Edinboro. Dr. Crawford was accepted by faculty and students as a scholar and efficient administrator. He was highly respected in the community and appreciated as a friend. He helped many students financially so they could attend school. Years later, Alumni contributed to a fund to provide the Crawfords with a pension – most of their retirement fund had been used helping others. Dr. Crawford died in 1942 and Mrs. Crawford died less than a year later.

Jessica is the daughter of Robert Gardner and Jan Gardner. She is a graduate of General McLane High School and an elementary education major at Edinboro.

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### **LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Sonja Barry, P.O. Box 11026, Erie, is the recipient of the Edinboro University Women's Association (EUWA) Scholarship.

This scholarship is awarded to a full-time senior student who has returned to college after a five-year absence (non-traditional student) and who has a 3.00 or greater quality point average. In addition, the recipient must demonstrate financial need and may either be the sole supporter of a minor child, a disabled spouse or elderly parents.

Sonja is the daughter of Ernst-Ludwig Fietze and Heidrun Zenker. She is a graduate of St. Lioba Schule High School, Bad-Nauheim, Germany and a secondary education/german major at Edinboro.

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### **LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Suzanne L. Zurawski, 2003 W. Welch Road, Waterford, is the recipient of the Charles D. Buzzanco Scholarship.

This scholarship provides annual awards to currently enrolled undergraduate students who meet the scholarship requirements. This endowment was created with funds from Laborers Local 603 and Associated General Contractors to provide for the continuing education of union members. Due to the establishment of an educational program on a national basis, they decided to create a scholarship to enable themselves and their children to pursue an education at Edinboro University. This scholarship is named for Mr. Charles D. Buzzanco who was the Union business manager and spearheaded this scholarship development along with Mr. Joe Ruscitto.

Suzanne is the daughter of Roger Zurawski and Janet Zurawski. She is a graduate of General McLane High School and a business administration major at Edinboro.

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### **LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Sean M. Baley, 2109 N. Line Street, Lansdale, is the recipient of the Esther Alice Estock Memorial Music Scholarship.

This award is given to an upper-class music major who demonstrates outstanding music aptitude and who possesses the potential for superior performance in the classical music field. Once awarded, it may be continued into the student's junior and senior years if quality point average and performance standards are judged superior to those of other candidates. This scholarship is funded by interest drawn from a gift made in memory of Esther A. Estock, class of 1943, by her sister, Anne Elaine Estock, also an alumnus. Financial need is a factor.

Sean is the son of Charles Baley and Gayle Baley. He is a graduate of Horseheads High School and a music major at Edinboro.

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August 16, 1999

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### **LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Shelly Webb, 35 Third Avenue, Union City, is the recipient of the Clarence C. and Cora Crawford Scholarship.

This award is made available through contributions made to Edinboro University by Mr. D. Neal Manross in memory of the Crawfords. Dr. and Mrs. Crawford originally came to Edinboro State Normal School in the fall of 1918. He was the Vice-Principal and an instructor of math. He became the first President of Edinboro State Teachers College in September 1929. He resigned as President in 1934 due to failing health, but continued to teach. He retired in 1940 and they continued to live in Edinboro. Dr. Crawford was accepted by faculty and students as a scholar and efficient administrator. He was highly respected in the community and appreciated as a friend. He helped many students financially so they could attend school. Years later, Alumni contributed to a fund to provide the Crawfords with a pension – most of their retirement fund had been used helping others. Dr. Crawford died in 1942 and Mrs. Crawford died less than a year later.

Shelly is the daughter of Gary Webb and Margay Webb. She is a graduate of Union City High School and a nursing major at Edinboro.

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**LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Robert C. Newara, 114 Wellington Street, North East, is the recipient of the Dean's Scholarship/School of Liberal Arts.

This scholarship is awarded to a student in the School of Liberal Arts who is entering their senior year and has attained a quality point average of 3.50 or better. This award is funded through Edinboro University's Alumni Association to assist outstanding students financially and recognize their academic excellence.

Robert is the son of Darrell Newara and Linda Newara. He is a graduate of North East High School and a philosophy major at Edinboro.

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### **LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that James Hetherington, 4210 Pine Avenue, Erie, is the recipient of the Dean's Scholarship/School of Science, Management and Technologies.

This scholarship is awarded to a student in the School of Science, Management and Technologies who is entering their senior year and has attained a quality point average of 3.50 or better. This award is funded through Edinboro University's Alumni Association to assist outstanding students financially and recognize their academic excellence.

James is the son of William Hetherington and Denise Hetherington. He is a graduate of Mercyhurst Preparatory High School and a nursing major at Edinboro.

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### **LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Shelley Luba, 182 Oak Street, Meadville, is the recipient of the Florence and Denise Ohler – Freshman Scholarship.

This scholarship is awarded annually to a student who graduated from high school in the top 20 percent of his/her class with a minimum quality point average of 3.50 in an academic/college preparatory curriculum and a minimum SAT score of 1140.

Shelley is the daughter of James Luba and Ellie Luba. She is a graduate Union City Area High School.

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**LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Pamela Allen, 820 Bud Street, Washington, is the recipient of the Cora and Kenneth Skell Scholarship.

This award is offered annually to a freshman who will be attending Edinboro University, who will be enrolled full-time (12 credits or greater) during each term of the award, who will be majoring in elementary education, and who has exhibited high academic achievement in high school. Financial need is not a factor.

Funds for this award have been made available through an endowment made to the Edinboro University Alumni Association by Dr. Dorothy Skeel (class of 1955 and Vanderbilt University faculty member) in memory of her parents, Cora and Kenneth Skeel.

Pamela is the daughter of Fred Allen and Jennifer Allen. She is a graduate of Trinity High School and an early childhood/elementary education major at Edinboro.

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August 16, 1999

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### **LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Jennifer Adamski, 1134 Greenlawn Drive, Pittsburgh, is the recipient of the Ruth Boyd Palmer Memorial Scholarship.

This award is given to an incoming female freshman student who is majoring in elementary education. The student must have a minimum SAT score of 900 and must have graduated in the upper 2.5 of her graduating class. Financial need is a prominent factor.

Jennifer is the daughter of James Adamski and Janice Adamski. She is a graduate of Keystone Oaks High School and an elementary/special education major at Edinboro.

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August 3, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### **LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Jennifer Katchmar, 7236 Byron Circle, Ontario, is the recipient of the Russell M. Wood Accounting Scholarship.

This scholarship provides an annual award to an incoming freshman accounting major who has exhibited high academic achievement in high school, who scored 1000 or greater on the SATs and who graduated in the upper 2/5 of his/her graduating class. In addition, this award once given will be continued for a four-year period if a QPA is maintained. This scholarship is in honor of Russell M. Wood. Financial need is a consideration.

Jennifer is the daughter of Robert Katchmar and Jean Katchmar. She is a graduate of Wayne Central High School and a business administration/accounting major at Edinboro.

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August 4, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### **LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Staci Laskowski, 3111 Westline Street, Erie, is the recipient of the C.C. Mew Scholarship.

This scholarship provides an annual award to students entering their junior year at Edinboro University. The recipient must be enrolled full time majoring in secondary education, either social studies or English, and earned a minimum of 64 credits with a cumulative quality point average of 3.00. This scholarship can only be awarded to Pennsylvania residents (Erie County residents should be given preference) and is renewable through the completion of 128 credits as long as the student maintains a cumulative QPA of 3.00, continues to major in secondary education-social studies, or English and demonstrates academic progress. Financial need will be a determining factor. This scholarship is named for Clara C. Mew who graduated from Edinboro State Normal school in 1928. She was a history and English teacher for many years at East High school in Erie.

Staci is the daughter of Franklin Laskowski and Sandra Laskowski. She is a graduate of McDowell High School and a secondary education-social studies major at Edinboro.

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August 4, 1999

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**LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Bethany Fenton, 3269 Plymouth Ridge Road, Ashtabula, is the recipient of the Nelle G. Hudson Memorial Scholarship.

This scholarship provides an annual award which is made available to an entering freshman with a minimum SAT score of 1000 and upper 2/5 class rank in high school. This award is valued at \$500 annually and is renewable for up to a total of four years providing that minimum criteria are met.

Miss Hudson served at Edinboro College for 18 years and was the Erie Branch program director and a faculty member in natural science and geography from 1922 until 1940.

Bethany is the daughter of Dan Fenton and Melissa Fenton. She is a graduate of Edgewood High School and a geography major at Edinboro.

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Dan Fenton / Melissa Fenton  
Bethany Fenton  
Student Signature

August 4, 1999

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**LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that James Neal, 11922 Country Acres, Guys Mills, is the recipient of the Louis J. Tullio Scholarship.

This scholarship provides an annual award which is made available to an Edinboro University student who is a second semester sophomore, male student majoring in sociology with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

James is the son of James Neal and Betty Zulpo. He is a graduate of Perryville High School and a sociology major at Edinboro.

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August 5, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### **LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Amanda Vargo, 373 Toura Drive, Pittsburgh, is the recipient of the Dr. Chester T. McNerney Scholarship.

The Chester T. McNerney Scholarship is presented annually to an undergraduate student who has provided outstanding service to Edinboro University through his/her membership in the Student Government Association. This scholarship is named in honor of the late Chester T. McNerney who served as president of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania from 1966 until his retirement in 1979. Funds for this award have been made available through contributions from the family and friends of Dr. McNerney.

Amanda is the daughter of Lawrence Vargo and Gretchen Vargo. She is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School and a social work major at Edinboro.

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