

EDINBORO – Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Dr. Frank G. Pogue (left foreground) is hosting a series of breakfast meetings with groups of citizens who interact with University students, faculty and staff in a variety of ways. Shown here with Pogue at the breakfast meeting with state and area law enforcement officials is Captain Erby Conley (right foreground), commanding officer, Troop E (Erie), Pennsylvania State Police. Additional breakfast meetings will include groups of local business owners, clergy, educators and media representatives.



March 4, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CHARACTER EDUCATION DISCUSSED AT EDINBORO PROGRAM

Nationally known speaker and author Dr. Henry Huffman lectured on character education at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's second annual Jim Miller Celebration of Teaching Day, on February 11.

Huffman's program, "Isn't College Too Late?" assisted faculty in the preliminary consideration of the development of a college-level character education program. He recommended an approach of "head, heart and hand," in which students discuss issues of character and values; engendering an attitude of caring among the campus community and an emphasis on service so the students can put into action the values discussed in classes. He discussed such issues as the inevitable infusion of moral development in classrooms, the impact of teacher behavior on the modeling of character issues, and the opportunities to provide a community approach to positive character development.

That evening, Huffman addressed an audience of community and University members on "Raising Responsible Children," which focused on the impact of positive character development. He discussed his personal and professional experiences with his own work in addressing behaviors which promote and those which impede the development of responsible, caring individuals.

Huffman's appearance at Edinboro University was the result of a collaborative effort by the University's Center for Excellence in Teaching and the General McLane Community Coalition.

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SPECIAL FOR "LIFESTYLES" APRIL 1999 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 7** Sports scholars: More than 100 Edinboro University student-athletes and student support personnel will be honored for scholastic achievement at the University's 10th Annual Student-Athlete Academic Awards Banquet, 5 p.m., Van Houten Dining Hall. Call 732-2776.
- 9** Outstanding: Edinboro University President Frank G. Pogue will present Educator of the Year, Staff Member of the Year and Adviser of the Year Awards as well as other employee recognition honors at the 1999 Spring University-wide Convocation, 8:30 a.m., Van Houten Dining Hall. Call 732-2711.
- 24** Fab Five: Edinboro University will induct five new members into its Athletic Hall of Fame at the 18th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet. Named also will be Coach of the Year, Male and Female Athletes of the Year, and Athletic Contributor of the Year. Van Houten Dining Hall, 7 p.m. Call 732-2776.
- 25** Simply the best: Hundreds of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania students will be recognized for their academic year achievements at the University's annual Celebration of Excellence at 1:30 p.m. in McComb Fieldhouse. President Frank G. Pogue will address the Honorees. For details, call the President's Office, 732-2711.



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March 5, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**1999's "DRUG-FREE: YOU AND ME" CONFERENCE
AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY**

More than 2,200 area eighth grade students are expected to take part in the "Drug-Free: You and Me '99" conference, Thursday, March 11, at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's McComb Fieldhouse.

Natalie Massing of Rocket 101 radio will emcee the day's activities beginning at 9:15 a.m. Edinboro University athletic director Bruce Baumgartner will welcome the students and guests at 9:45 a.m.

The morning keynote speaker will be Kevin Wanzer, the acclaimed youth presenter whose approach to reaching young audiences about drug education uses humor rather than fear. A one-time staff member on the David Letterman Show, Wanzer has been speaking both nationally and internationally for more than 10 years, talking to well over a million students, parents and educators, as well as special groups such as the National Football League and the National Basketball Association. His unique approach to drug education has been recognized by the White House and numerous national drug-free and educational organizations.

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Following the morning presentations, students will have lunch and the opportunity to attend one or more in a series of special workshops and breakout sessions on a variety of topics, such as underage drinking and the law, AIDS and abstinence, teens and tobacco, healthy relationships, and assertiveness skills. One of the presenters will be Erie County District Attorney Joe Conti.

The afternoon keynote speaker at 12:40 p.m. will be 15-year-old Shola Olurunnipa. His direct message of positive thinking is one which empowers, educates, stimulates and motivates today's youth to live a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

The goals of the conference are to provide the students with the knowledge and skills needed to make good decisions in the future, to make students aware that there are consequences for their actions, to help them learn positive alternatives to drug and alcohol use, and to help them make personal goals that will bring future success.

Participating in the conference will be eighth graders from 29 area schools: Blessed Sacrament, Ft. LeBoeuf, Garwood, Holy Family, Holy Rosary, Mount Calvary, Northwestern, Our Lady's Christian, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Our Lady of Peace, J.W. Parker, Rice Avenue, Roosevelt, Sacred Heart, St Boniface, St. George, St. Gregory, St. James, St. John, St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph, St. Luke, St. Stanislaus, St. Thomas, Strong Vincent, Villa Elementary, Walnut Creek, Westlake, and J.S. Wilson.

Organizations sponsoring the conference include Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Burger King, Country Fair, Diocese of Erie, Erie County Council of PTAs, Erie County District Attorney's office, Erie County Office of Drug and Alcohol Abuse, General Electric, General McLane Safe and Drug-Free Schools Advisory Committee, Grandview Elementary PTA, Hamot Medical Center, International Paper, McKean Elementary PTA, Niagara Plastics, N.W. Regional Highway Safety Network, Plyler Overhead Door, Parker Middle school PTSA, Rocket 101, and Walnut Creek Middle School PTA.

The conference Steering Committee includes representatives from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Chemical People, Diocese of Erie, Erie County Council of PTAs, Erie Elks Lodge #67, GECAC, Rice Avenue Middle School PTSA, St. Luke School, and SHOUT Outreach.

For more information, contact the conference coordinator, Marcia Whiting, Erie County Council of PTAs, (814) 476-7695.

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Edinboro University of Pennsylvania students teamed recently with students from Gannon, Mercyhurst and Penn State Behrend for "Discover Winter at Presque Isle," the annual event at Erie's Presque Isle State Park highlighting the many activities available to the park, such as ice skating, ice hockey, cross country skiing and more. Edinboro University graduate student Steve Satterlee is shown here calling signals for the "Snow Twister" game, although no snow was to be found at the park on the day of the event. "Discover Winter at Presque Isle" was sponsored by the Presque Isle Partnership and planned by "Healthy Lifestyles," the committee of students from the four local colleges and universities who are concerned about drinking and drugs on campus and how to promote healthy social environments.



Bishop William R. Clark (2nd from left), Dr. Gertrude A. Barber (center) and R. Benjamin Wiley were recipients of the President's Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards at the Third Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Luncheon at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. The awards were presented by Edinboro University President Dr. Frank G. Pogue (right) and University trustee Patricia Barber Heasley (left). Barbara Wiley (2nd from right) accepted the award for her husband. Longtime civil rights activist Clark is founder and pastor of Erie's Christ Temple Church. Barber, a lifelong champion for persons with disabilities, is founder, president and chief executive officer of the world-renowned Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Center in Erie. Wiley has been northwestern Pennsylvania's most highly regarded social services administrator for more than a quarter-century, and is executive director of the Greater Erie Community Action Committee, as well as chair of Edinboro University's Council of Trustees and first vice chair of the Board of Governors for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. The three prominent community members were honored by the University for their commitment to the spirit and ideals exemplified by Dr. King.



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That is what led Edinboro to develop a financial services curriculum in the business administration and economics department and have it registered with the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. (CFP Board). Graduates of a registered financial planning program meet the educational requirements to take the Certified Financial Planner® Certification Examinations.

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In Edinboro's course of study, students learn principles of money and banking, tax accounting, investments, personal financial planning, retirement planning, risk management, estate planning, and business law.

For more information on Edinboro's program, call the Edinboro University department of business administration and economics at (814) 732-2616.

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March 8, 1999

NEWS ADVISORY:

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

For the third year in a row, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania students are volunteering this week for the Edinboro Alternative Spring Break. Led by Community Outreach Coordinator Dr. Denise Finazzo, the 11 Edinboro students will serve in a variety of ways at the following locations:

Monday, March 8, Strong Vincent High School, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Tuesday, March 9, Emmaus Soup Kitchen, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10, Gertrude Barber Center, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Thursday, March 11, Community Shelter Services, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Friday, March 12, Edinboro community, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The students will tutor children, assist in classrooms, mentor high school students, unpack donated food items, distribute food at the food bank, houseclean, paint, wallpaper, file and assist the elderly in reading to youngsters.

The students are Elizabeth Bentley, Amanda Boleratz, Pam Dery, Cathlene Dugway, Kristen Euliano, Rebecca Ilniski, Jan Lewis, Stacey Ludwick, Christa Praetzel, Danielle Shaner and Mark Weir.

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March 9, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

YING QUARTET TO PERFORM AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

The internationally acclaimed Ying Quartet will perform at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's Memorial Auditorium at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24. Praised by *The New York Times* for its "exceptional unity" and "blazing commitment," the Ying Quartet has become one of the best known and most highly regarded young string quartets on the American music scene.

The four Ying siblings who make up the group are Timothy and Janet on violin, Phillip on viola, and David on cello. They formed the quartet in 1988 while students at the Eastman School of Music. Within a year they were winning the top musical competitions. They won the International Cleveland Quartet Competition in 1989, made their New York debut at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall in 1991, began to tour professionally in 1992, and won the prestigious Naumburg Chamber Music Award in 1993.

The group was the subject of a profile on "CBS Sunday Morning" during which correspondent Eugenia Zuckerman identified the siblings as a "world-class quartet." *The Washington Post* said: "These four siblings play together with high energy, awesome coordination and precise intonation. The emotional power of the performance was equal to and firmly rooted in its technical brilliance."

Since the fall of 1996, the Ying Quartet has been on the faculty of the Eastman School of Music. For two years, they participated in the groundbreaking NEA Rural Residency Initiative.

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Their active touring schedule has included appearances and concerts in the U.S., Australia, Japan, Taiwan, Germany, England, Sweden, Austria and Estonia. The Yings have spent summers in residence at Tanglewood, Aspen and Interlochen, and have participated in numerous other festivals including Norfolk, Kapalua, Colorado, San Miguel and the Vermont Mozart Festival.

Their appearance at Edinboro will feature a performance of "Folk Music" including Haydn's Quartet in D, Op. 20, No. 4; Bartok's Quartet No. 5; and Dvorak's Quartet in G, Op. 106.

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

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Editor's Note: To arrange a phone interview with the Ying Quartet, please call the Public Relations Office at (814) 732-2745.



March 16, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

JOSEPH BRENT TO LECTURE AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Prize-winning author and historian Joseph Brent will lecture at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania on Monday, March 29, at 6 p.m. in 306 University Center. Professor emeritus at the University of the District of Columbia, Brent, is the author of *Charles Sander Peirce: A Life*. The book received the Morris D. Forkosch Prize from the *Journal of the History of Ideas* in 1993. Peirce is usually credited with the formulation of the philosophy known as pragmatism. Brent's lecture is titled "Lost in the Gilded Age: The Brilliant and Humiliating Life of America's Greatest Philosopher, Charles S. Peirce."

Brent began his research on Peirce by moving to Cambridge, Massachusetts, in March of 1958 to be near the Peirce papers, which were in the possession of the Harvard department of philosophy. Despite many obstacles thrown in his path by Harvard, Brent completed his dissertation in 1960 and was then informed that Harvard would not give him permission to quote from its Peirce collection. That ban continued until 1991 when Harvard finally relented and permitted Brent to publish selections from the collection of the controversial philosopher.

The director of the book's publisher, Indiana University Press, thought Brent's book was so important that he personally called upon publications to have it reviewed.

The *Chronicle of Higher Education* suggested Peirce is the greatest philosopher this country has produced. He "contributed significantly to a staggering variety of fields, including chemistry, physics, astronomy, geodesy, metrology, cartography, psychology, philology, the history of science, and especially, mathematics, phenomenology and logic."

Brent holds a bachelor's degree in history from Princeton University and a Ph.D. in United States intellectual history from UCLA. During his lengthy teaching career, Brent has taught at UCLA, LSU, William and Mary, the University of Maryland and the University of the District of Columbia. There he became a professor in the department of urban affairs and social policy until his retirement in 1995.

He has written dozens of papers, lectures and books on subjects ranging from psychology, psychiatry and Freud to drugs, racism, and crime.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY TO HOST EVENING OF SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

Several hundred students and teachers are expected to take part in the seventh annual Evening of Science Activities at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania on Monday, April 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event is designed to showcase hands-on science activities useful to teachers from kindergarten through college.

Because the event has grown in popularity since its beginning in 1993, additional sessions will be offered during the day for students from area schools. Some 400 students are expected for a 9:30 a.m. session, and nearly 300 more are anticipated for a 12:30 p.m. session. All participants will receive a variety of science-related materials.

Conducting more than 60 hands-on science activities and demonstrations will be nearly 200 Edinboro University education and science majors and faculty who developed the presentations. A booklet describing the science activities will be available to participants at a nominal cost.

The Evening of Science Activities, which is sponsored by the University's Center for Excellence in Teaching, is free and open to the public. The event will be held in the University Center on the Edinboro campus.

For additional information, contact Dr. Margaret Bevevino or Dr. Dawn Snodgrass of the Educational Services Department at (814) 732-2801, or the Center for Excellence in Teaching at (814) 732-2916.

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March 16, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

NATIONAL FRESHMEN SURVEY GIVES EDINBORO GOOD RATING

A national survey of college freshmen indicates students at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania have good high school academic backgrounds and chose Edinboro because of its strong academic reputation.

The survey, the Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP), is administered by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA.

The survey of 639 Edinboro freshmen revealed 85 percent of them attained an average grade of B or better while in high school. They also performed more volunteer work than their counterparts nationwide and drank less alcohol in high school. More than half of Edinboro freshmen – significantly more than the national average – said they chose Edinboro because of its academic reputation. Also, the number of students who came to Edinboro because of its special programs was higher than the national average.

Another area of interest to the University is that two-thirds of the students indicated they have had a half-year or more of computer science instruction in high school, which is higher than the national average. And 85 percent said they used the Internet for research and/or homework during the past year.

The CIRP survey asked many questions on a wide range of college-related topics. Some of the other findings were:

- Edinboro students have a higher propensity than students nationwide for self-motivation.
- Low tuition, good jobs for graduates, and the size of the University were rated significantly higher than the national average as reasons for selecting Edinboro.

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- Nearly twice as many students than the national average attend Edinboro because their high school teachers advised them about Edinboro University.
- Eighty percent said getting a better job was a very important reason for deciding to attend college.
- Twenty-eight percent indicated a desire to be teachers or school administrators.

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March 17, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BRADY LEWIS TO LECTURE AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will present two lectures by Brady Lewis, director of education for Pittsburgh Filmmakers on Thursday, March 25.

Brady is an independent producer of animated and optical effects for industrial and promotional films and independent productions, and serves as an instructor in cinematography, lighting, animation, all levels of film production. The producer of many films including *Concentrate Forget*, *Truth Serum*, and *Prize Day*, he is currently working on an experimental narrative feature film titled *Daddy Cool*. In his position with Pittsburgh Filmmakers, he is responsible for curriculum and faculty development, and the management of a film, video and photography program with 30 faculty members serving more than 1,400 students per year.

Brady has received numerous prizes from festivals including Black Maria, San Francisco International, Bucks County, Three Rivers, and the New York Film and Video Expo. He has served on many panels including Maryland State Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts, and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

The recipient of a bachelor of fine arts degree in film and television with a concentration in film production, Brady studied fiction writing at Carnegie Mellon University. He is co-author of *Shot-By-Shot: A Practical Guide to Filmmaking*, a

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textbook for beginning filmmaking students that is being used in more than 70 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

Brady's lecture on independent filmmaking will be presented at 3:30 p.m. in G-9 Doucette Hall and his work will be discussed at 8:30 p.m. in 110 Doucette Hall. Both lectures are free and open to the public. For additional information, call the Edinboro University Art Department at (814) 732-2406.

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March 19, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO FACULTY WIN PENNSYLVANIA ARTS AWARDS

Two art professors from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania have received \$5,000 Individual Fellowship in Craft awards from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. Sue Amendolara and Chuck Johnson were two of only 12 artists in the state to receive such grants this year.

Amendolara has been an associate professor at Edinboro since 1991 where she specializes in jewelry and metals. Her works, which are usually created from precious metals such as sterling silver and gold foil, have been selected for such collections as the White House Crafts Collection, the Ohio Craft Museum, and the Carnegie Museum of Art. Her pieces have appeared in dozens of juried, invitational and solo exhibitions and she has received numerous honors and awards.

Many of her pieces are influenced by nature using such themes as blossoms, wreaths and flowers. She and her husband, Bruce Gallery Director Bill Mathie, have traveled extensively to such places as the Amazon River Basin and the Hawaiian Islands. Her jungle series is based on natural life found in the rainforest in Ecuador.

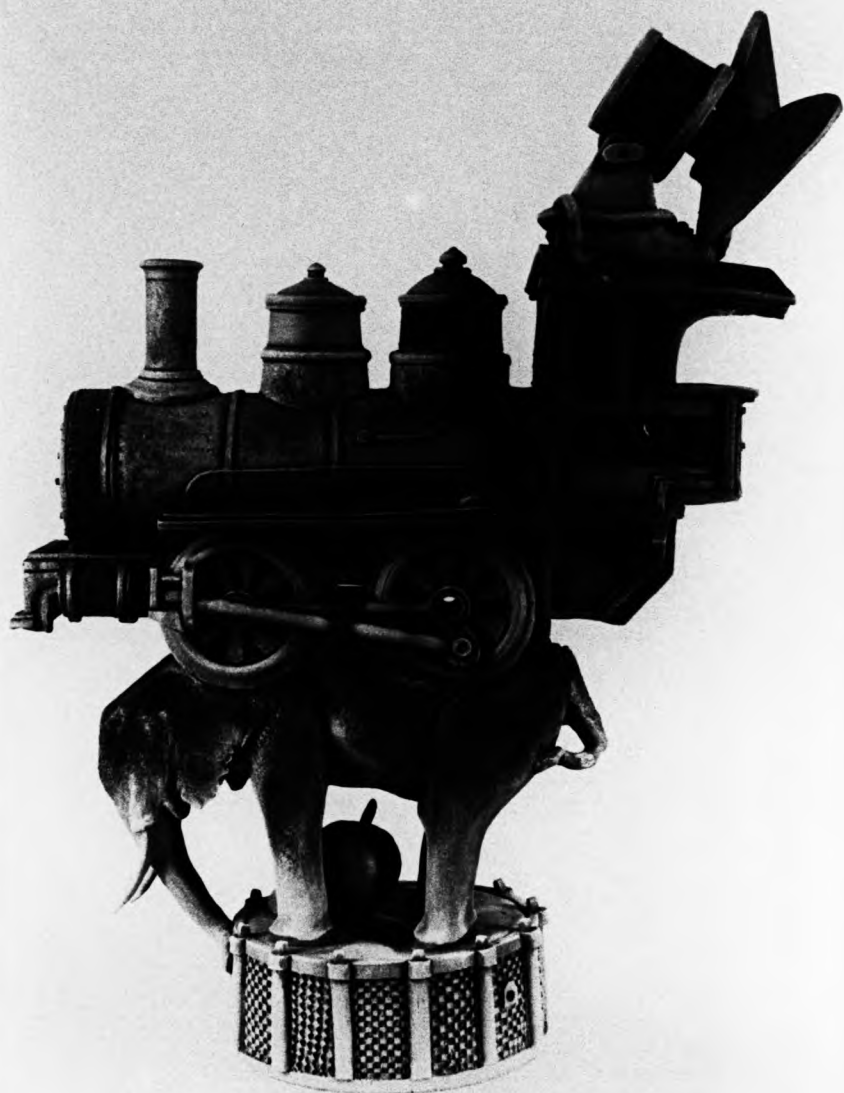
Amendolara obtained her BFA degree in jewelry design/metalsmithing and painting from Miami University and earned an MFA degree in jewelry design/metalsmithing from Indiana University.

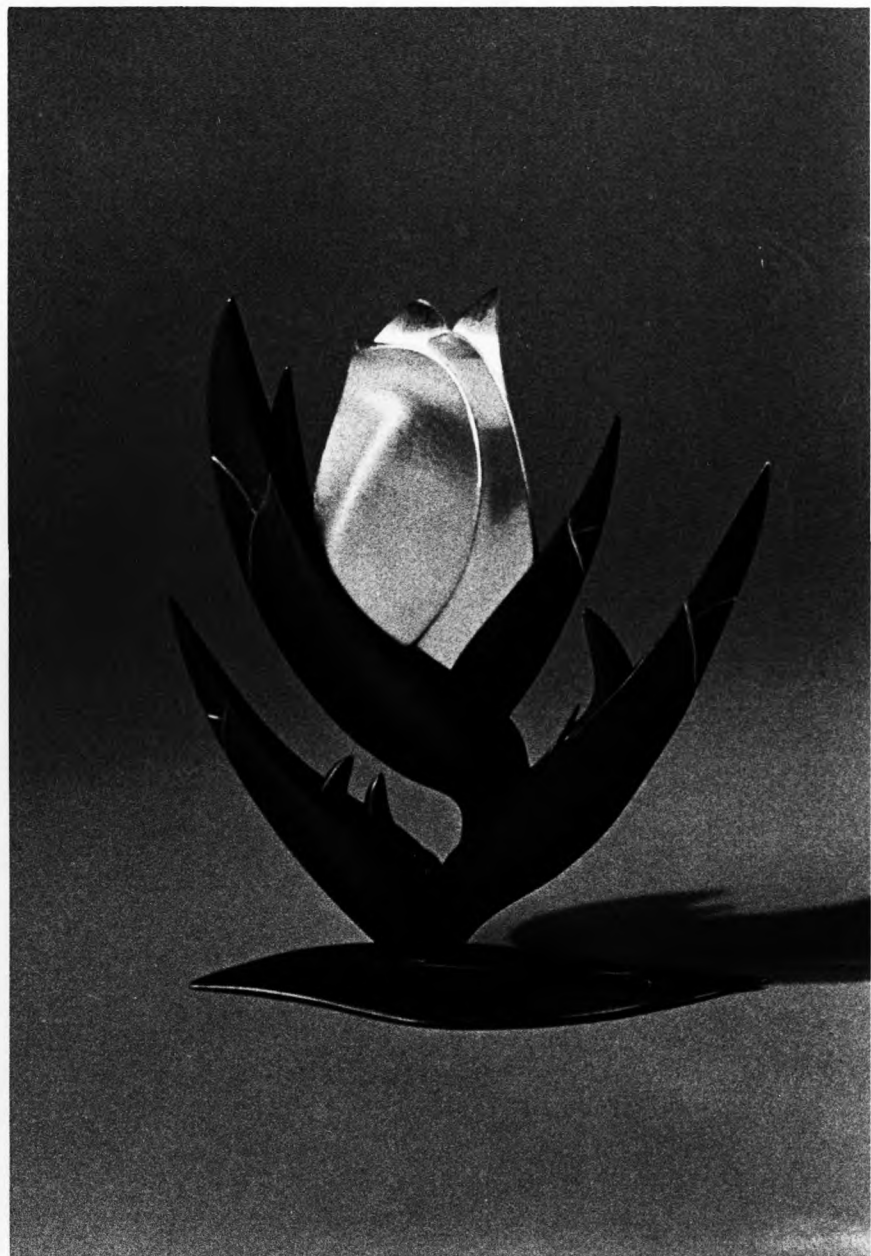
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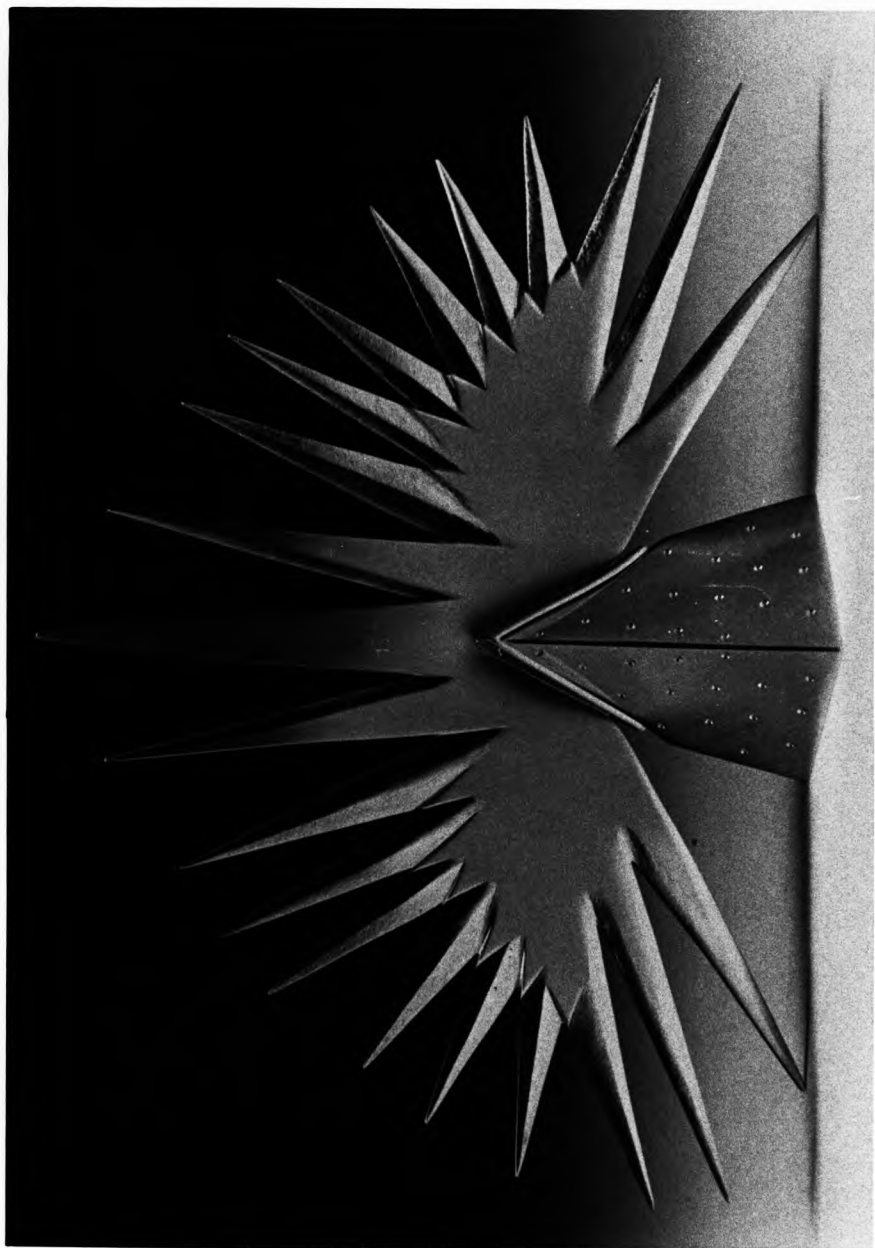
Johnson was an assistant professor of art at Rockford College, Illinois, from 1988 until he joined the Edinboro faculty in 1996. His works in ceramics and sculpture have won him recognition around the country.

Most of Johnson's pieces have an endangered animal – such as an elephant or rhinoceros – as a focal point. His concern with the declining state of the environment is combined with his interests in architecture, history, sociology and religion. His pieces of stoneware-like clay reach heights of six to seven feet with bases that take the forms of buildings, columns, steles, and machines.

Johnson earned a BA degree in studio arts from the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater, and MA and MFA degrees from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. His works have appeared in dozens of exhibitions and are part of several permanent collections including those of the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Kohler Company, and McDonald's Corporation.









March 22, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MAYOR SAVOCCHIO TO SPEAK AT EDINBORO LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Erie Mayor Joyce Savocchio will headline Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's 1999 Spring Leadership Conference on Tuesday, April 13, in the University Center. Savocchio will speak at 1 p.m. on "Personal Experiences of a Female Leader in Government."

Also speaking will be Mary Jane Hirt from the political science department at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She will lecture at 2 p.m. on "Women Taking Charge: Critical Considerations for Leadership." Franchon Lindsay, associate vice president for human resources and staff development at Edinboro, will discuss at 3:15 p.m. "Becoming a Leader at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania."

The conference was developed by the President's Commission on the Status of Women to provide campus-based leadership opportunities for women. The Commission was established to consider issues relative to Edinboro's living, learning and working environment, and to coordinate and monitor efforts to improve the campus for women.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information call 732-2477.

March 22, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EDINBORO'S HIGH SCHOOL ARTICULATION
STUDENTS HAVE OUTSTANDING FIRST SEMESTER**

Students from three Erie County high schools who took advantage of articulation agreements with Edinboro University of Pennsylvania performed well during their first semester in college. The 14 graduates of Corry, Fairview and General McLane high schools had an average QPA (Quality Point Average) of 3.30 with 11 of the 14 students scoring better than a 3.0 average. All of the students are in good academic standing after one semester at Edinboro University.

The articulation agreements allow students to earn college credit by taking advanced courses while still in high school – particularly in English, science and math. Students who later took courses in those subjects at Edinboro earned no lower than a B.

Jerry Kiel, Ph.D., associate vice president for enrollment management and retention, said the results confirm that the program is attracting honors caliber students who are performing up to and exceeding expectations. “The early evidence indicates that the students are indeed able to do superior work in their regular classes on the basis of the foundation they received in their school studies,” said Kiel.

Combined, the students had an average QPA of 3.30.

Corry Superintendent Bill Nichols said the program is already creating a positive competition among the students. He said parents are aware of it and over the next couple of years more students will be making the connection between doing well in the advanced courses and earning credits at Edinboro.

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According to Fairview Assistant Superintendent Gregory Baran, the students are saying, "I've earned the credits, why wouldn't I go Edinboro?" Baran said it is clearly an incentive to continue with the accelerated courses.

General McLane guidance counselor Janice Bennett is seeing a similar reaction at a school that traditionally sends many of its students to Edinboro. She said many students have been asking about the requirements for the program.

Terry Carlin, Edinboro's assistant vice president for admissions, said that awarding college credits for high school honors courses is similar to awarding an athletic scholarship to a star athlete: "This should not be seen as unusual. Attracting a top student is not unlike attracting a top athlete. In both cases the University gives them something whether it be college credits for honors courses taken while in high school, or an athletic scholarship."



March 23, 1999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EDINBORO STUDENTS STUDY BLACKBIRDS
TO LEARN RESEARCH METHODS**

It would be easy to think of Grant McLaren's fascination with red-winged blackbirds as being simply "for the birds." But the psychology professor at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania uses the colorful songbirds as a way of introducing undergraduate students to the rigors of scientific research.

Since the Bioacoustic Research Training Program was started at Edinboro by McLaren in 1992, dozens of Edinboro undergraduate students have learned how to do graduate-level research projects by spending hundreds of hours recording and analyzing the song of the red-winged blackbird.

Bioacoustics refers to the biological sounds or acoustic signals produced by animals. McLaren's research focuses on the distinctive whistles and buzzes of the blackbird. He wants to know what the calls mean not only to other red-winged blackbirds, but also to other birds and animals sharing the environment.

Every spring, McLaren's students lug parabolic microphones and recording equipment to the birds' marshy habitats in locations from Presque Isle to Crawford County. Each will spend dozens of evenings in the field from late April to early July. The first part of the project is devoted to recording the calls of the male. So far, the students have identified seven or eight distinct words or sounds. The second step is to take those recorded songs and manipulate them with the aid of a computer, which displays the song visually – creating a voiceprint. They can

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manipulate the song in a number of ways: shorten it, slow it down or speed it up, take part of it out, or rearrange the order. The students then record the modified bird song and return to field where it is played back to the red-winged blackbirds to see their response.

“They have different whistles,” said McLaren, “two-, three- and four-syllable whistles, a chat and some other sounds. Each part has its own meaning. If we play certain parts of a call, the bird will not react, but if we play another part of the call it will fly right up to the speaker and attack it.”

Once all the data has been gathered in the field during the spring and early summer, the students return to the lab in the fall where McLaren teaches them how to turn their raw data into sophisticated reports. “My research students are trained by me, one-on-one, to apply computer technology in their research projects. They use word processing for writing, spreadsheets and databases for data storage, graphics for professional-level presentations, and statistical software for data analysis.”

Since the project began, McLaren’s students have had 10 projects published in the *Journal of the Ohio Academy of Science*. He proudly points out that their works have been submitted to the professional division – not the undergraduate division – of the Academy conference.

Interesting as McLaren’s research may be, the real value in the bioacoustic program is not in the results but in the training it provides to his students. “It’s more than just the research,” explained McLaren. “It’s training them what they need to have. When they get to graduate school my students know what to expect. They have already done one or two projects and they know the enormous amount of time it takes.”

From the program’s start, its primary goal has been to give students the opportunity to establish a research track record early in their careers. McLaren makes it clear up front to students that volunteering for the bioacoustic program is a long-term commitment of at least two or even three years. But such dedication has been paid off very well indeed for those who have gone through the program. “Every senior who has graduated from my program has entered a graduate program in their area of interest.”

Those graduates include Stacie Mukina who is in the master's program in experimental psychology at Austin Peay State University in Tennessee. Christina Koontz is studying for a master's degree in educational psychology at the University of Pittsburgh. Damian Bebell is in the doctoral program at Boston College in psychological testing. Michael Skelly and Lauren Murphy are in doctoral programs in experimental psychology at SUNY Binghamton and Kansas State University, respectively. And Brenda Telesz is also at the University of Pittsburgh in a master's program in clinical social work.

The three seniors working with McLaren this year – Christina Beam of Irwin, Janacina Kerr of Cherry Tree, and Eric Bieniek of Erie have all been accepted for graduate school. They and junior Fawn Carpenter will present their projects at the annual meeting of the Ohio Academy of Sciences hosted by Cleveland State University.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO GRADES TO BE AVAILABLE BY TELEPHONE

Undergraduate students at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will soon be able to get their grades by telephone thanks to a service offered by the Campus Direct network. The service enables students to access their grades via a toll-free 888 number from anywhere there is a touch-tone telephone, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Beginning this Friday, March 26, students can hear their spring mid-term grades from Campus Direct, which is a network of Voice FX Corporation, a Philadelphia-based service bureau. The grades will also be available over the Internet from Edinboro's SCOTS page and Campus Direct's page at www.getgrades.com. Once final grades are recorded in May, the system will also provide semester and cumulative grade point averages as well as academic standing messages.

When the students call the 888 number, they will be asked to input their student ID number and date of birth. The system then asks them to create a PIN number, which will be used each time they access the grade-reporting network. There will be up to 60 seconds of sponsored messages, and then the students will hear the system speak their academic department, course and section number and grade.

The new system will also allow the University to discontinue the practice of mailing grades. The last grades will be mailed on March 26.

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EDINBORO UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES RENOVATIONS TO COMMUTER LOUNGE

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's Commuter Lounge in Room G-5, Doucette Hall, has a new look this year. Commuter students can now take advantage of the beautifully decorated room with burgundy-gray carpeting, and freshly painted walls and bulletin board. Fifty-four new lockers were installed, and new study chairs have been added.

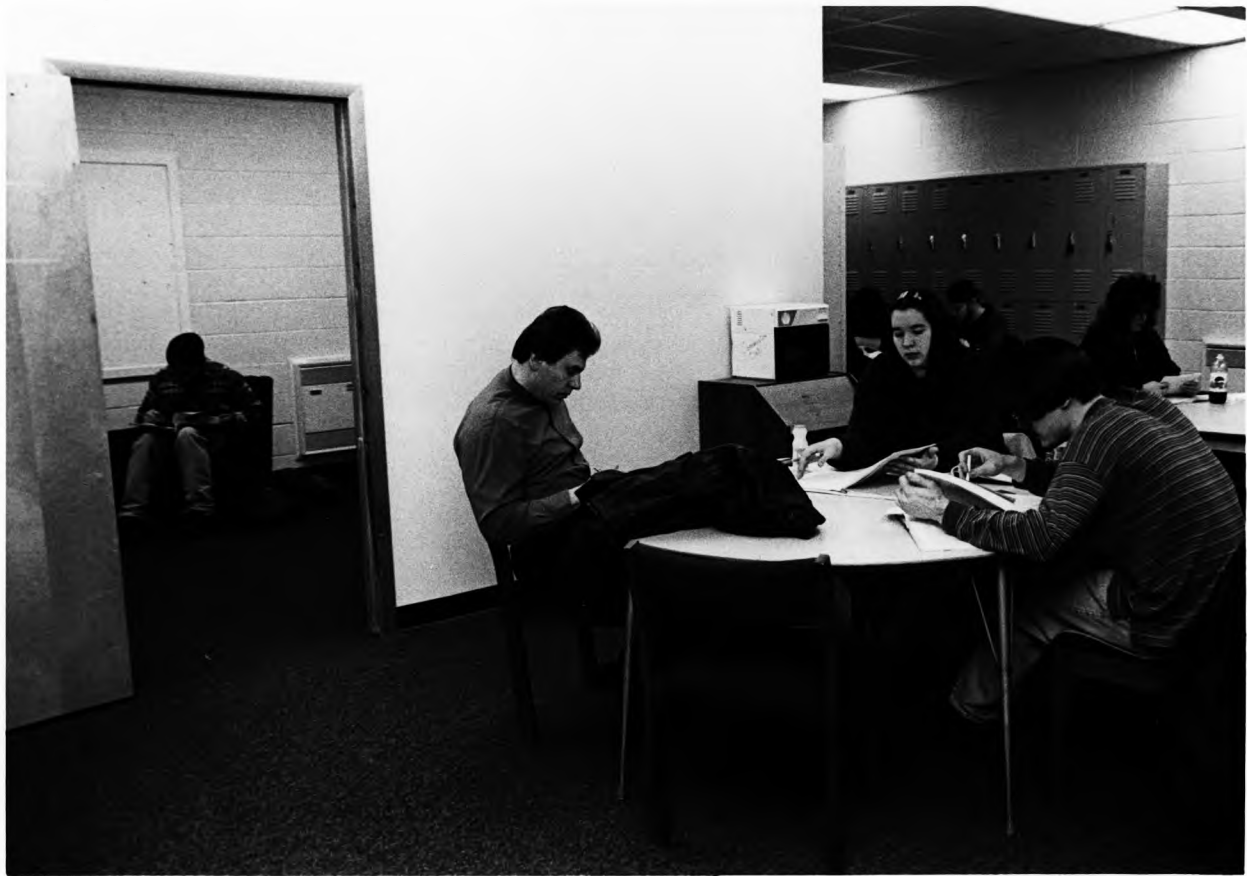
The commuter lounge continues to offer students lounge furniture, study tables, food and drink vending machines, a microwave oven, and a quiet place to relax, as well as study between classes. The lounge also has a telephone (814-732-2595) that can receive emergency calls from home or work.

Lockers are available for commuter students. Each student is asked to provide his or her lock, and register the locker with Mr. Ron Sturga, assistant director of student support at 814-732-5555, ext. 227.

All commuter students are encouraged to take advantage of this newly improved lounge, as well as all service available to students at Edinboro University.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**PRESIDENT POGUE MODERATES FORUM AT PENNSYLVANIA
BLACK CONFERENCE ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Frank G. Pogue served as moderator of a presidential forum at the 29th annual conference of the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education, held March 3-6 in Pittsburgh. The theme of the conference was "Cultural Identity in the Next Millennium: Assimilation vs. Separation." Joining Dr. Pogue were President Esther Barazzone of Chatham College, President Roy Flores of the Community College of Allegheny County, President R. Thomas Williamson of Westminster College, and senior officials from other area institutions. The forum discussed minority professional and student issues in higher education.

Also attending the conference was Edinboro's Dean of Academic Services Richard Arnold. He co-presented a session titled "The Department of Education's New Teacher Preparation Plan: What Impact Will it Have on the Minority Population of Pennsylvania?" He also served as a convener for a session on the use of Ebonics in public education and was recognized with an award for his contributions to the planning and implementation of the Pittsburgh conference.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

NEW EDINBORO PROGRAM TO HELP CPA CANDIDATES

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has developed a unique and cost-effective way to meet the new requirements of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). Candidates sitting for the CPA exam will soon be required to have 150 college credits to meet AICPA requirements. Through the new program, students with bachelor's degrees can meet this requirement and earn 21 credits, 12 of which are at the graduate level.

Edinboro business professor Sherry Reynolds said this program meets the AICPA requirements without the investment of a master's degree. "It is a cost- and time-efficient way to meet the AICPA credit hours requirement," said Reynolds.

Dr. An-Sik Min, chair of Edinboro's business administration and economics department, said it will allow students to complete the requirements within one year after obtaining a bachelor's degree.

The Edinboro program will provide courses in fund accounting, tax policy and research, advanced managerial accounting and professional auditing practice, plus three elective courses in business. These courses were selected specifically to prepare for a career as a CPA.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO RESEARCH TO HELP FORECAST LAKE-EFFECT SNOW

Anyone who lives along the south shore of Lake Erie knows what lake-effect snow (LES) can do in the wintertime. But accurately forecasting how much LES will fall at a given location is a big challenge for meteorologists.

A research project by Edinboro University of Pennsylvania geosciences professor Kerry Moyer is expected to give forecasters a new tool in identifying which areas are at risk of receiving locally heavier snowfall during an LES event. The project will use high-resolution topographic maps of the area to calculate how the combination of wind direction and topography affect snowfall amounts at a given location.

Moyer knows that one of the highly variable factors in lake-effect snow is uplift, which is caused when horizontally moving air flows over topographic obstacles such as hills or ridges. His research will calculate how this uplift will affect LES for areas south of Lake Erie based upon wind direction.

What makes this project possible are new, highly detailed maps – called digital elevation models – created by the U.S. Geologic Survey. Using these digital maps, Moyer will create a series of new maps showing how wind direction differences of every 10 degrees will interact with the topography between Cleveland and western New York.

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When the project is completed around the end of this year, Moyer will make his maps available not only to local forecasters, but also to meteorologists for the National Weather Service in Cleveland.

Edinboro has given Moyer a faculty professional development grant to help fund the project.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS ARTS AT EDINBORO

Arts at Edinboro, a week-long festival of student art exhibitions, musical performances, readings, and theater events, opens Monday, April 12, at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. The highlight of the Festival will be the opening reception for the student art exhibition in Bruce Gallery at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14.

Sponsored by the art, music, and English and theatre arts departments, the Festival will include "wandering minstrels" playing jazz and chamber music in galleries hung with student art work; screenings of animation and film shorts; a performance of scenes selected from Gilbert and Sullivan's opera "The Mikado;" readings from *Ossian's Dream*, the student literary magazine; performances of William Walton's "Facade" by the Wind Chamber Concert and Paula Vogel's play "How I Learned to Drive;" and an interdisciplinary "performance art" talent show by art and music students.

Edinboro's Dean of Liberal Arts Terry Smith said the Festival was created as a way of bringing together and showcasing Edinboro's programs in art, music, creative writing and drama. "The various art forms are related to one another in interesting ways," said Smith. "This event provides an opportunity for student artists from different disciplines to interact with and draw inspiration from one another."

The University Players will present "How I Learned to Drive" on Friday, April 16, at 8 p.m. in the Diebold Center for the Performing Arts. The play earned Paula Vogel the Pulitzer Prize in 1998. Its central character, "Little Bit," looks back on a childhood marked by sexual

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abuse. Beginning at age 11, she comes to see her uncle as both a mentor and incestuous abuser. The play centers on a series of flashbacks forming recollections of a tormented adolescence.

“Ossian’s Second Dream: A Reading of Student Writing,” a presentation of student poetry and prose collected in the campus literary magazine, will be held on Monday, April 12, at 8 p.m. in 137 Butterfield Hall.

The student “performance art” show represents a fusion of performance art; a period starting in the late 1950s during which artists began to use the body in space as a springboard for creative expression.

Monday’s highlights include The Student Animation Film and Video Festival, which will present a cross-section of student work in animation, live action, and experimental film at 9 p.m. in 119 Doucette Hall. Tuesday’s events will feature the student recital at 2 p.m., the Brass Choir at 7 p.m., and a saxophone recital by Anson Ko at 8 p.m. – all in Memorial Auditorium. Wednesday will have the opening receptions at 7 p.m. for student art exhibitions in Bruce Gallery, Doucette, Loveland and Hamilton Halls; “The Mikado” at 2 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium; and the Wind Chamber Concert at 8 p.m., also in Memorial Auditorium. The Black Maria Film Festival will be held on Thursday, April 15, at 7 p.m. in the University Center and at 9:30 p.m. in 119 Doucette Hall.

Bruce Gallery is open Tuesday – Saturday, 2 to 5 p.m. For more information about the Arts at Edinboro call (814) 732-2477. A calendar of events is available upon request.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**DR. RONALD STEPHENS TO ADDRESS MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE
AT MERCYHURST HIGH SCHOOL**

The Executive Director of the National School Safety Center, Ronald Stephens, will be the keynote speaker at a conference of the Pennsylvania Middle School Association, Northwest Region, on Tuesday, April 20, 3:15-8 p.m. at Mercyhurst High School. The theme of the conference is "Making Connections: Integrating the School, Family and Community of the Adolescent Learner."

Stephens has appeared on "Today," "Good Morning America," "Oprah," and CNN. His lecture, "Connecting Educational Process and Student Rights," will address promising trends that promote safe schools, focusing on balancing the need to create a safe school environment while protecting the rights of each student.

The conference is sponsored by Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's Center for Excellence in Teaching's Curriculum, Instruction, and Collaboration Institute in partnership with the Pennsylvania Middle School Association and the Middle School Advisory Committee of the Erie Diocese.

"The theme for our conference this year reflects a holistic approach to educating and understanding the middle school child," said Edinboro education professor Kathleen Benson. She said children of middle school age experience more growth physically, socially, emotionally and cognitively than at any other time in their lives with the exception of infancy. Preadolescent children are a distinct group where marked differences exist among and between children. To

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meet the unique educational needs of these children, a group of area public and private educators formed the Pennsylvania Middle School Association, Northwest Region in 1994.

“We wanted to establish a network of middle schools in this part of the state to provide a communication link among member schools,” said Benson. “This link would enable us to share research, ideas, workshops, strategies, and projects which have proven to be successful with middle school students. We are also trying to expand community and parent involvement.”

Other topics of the conference are: “The Connection between Learning and Attention,” by Dr. Joseph Barber from Children’s Health Care; “Physical Development of Adolescents,” by Dr. Linda Fagenholz; and “Helping Middle Schoolers Adjust to Separation and Divorce,” by Dr. Vivian Tamburello from Hamot Medical Center.

Also presenting will be Russ Taylor and Paul Rogers from the School District of the City of Erie; John Sushereba from Hamot Institute for Behavioral Health; Mary Baird, executive director of the Ophelia Project; and Liz Detisch and Judy Schreiber from the Millcreek Township School District.