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**EDINBORO ANTHROPOLOGIST STUDIES
AIDS VICTIMS IN MIAMI'S LITTLE HAITI**

Restoring democracy in Haiti is only one of many problems the Haitian people are facing in the post-military rule era. Dr. Steven Nachman, associate professor of sociology, anthropology and social work at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, said Haitians are struggling with severe social problems, including growing numbers of people infected with the HIV virus.

Nachman has studied Haitians for many years, and he spent three months this year at the Center for Haitian Studies in Miami interviewing HIV/AIDS patients. Nachman said many Haitians see the AIDS problem as a political issue as much as a public health issue. It has to do with the way Haitians think of illness. Traditional Haitian medicine recognizes sickness as the experience of feeling sick. Because many people infected with the HIV virus show no symptoms of illness, they reject their test results. Furthermore, because many Haitians believe that only immoral persons and drug addicts contract AIDS, they sometimes shun AIDS victims, who then become homeless and destitute. Even the families who care for the victims often do so without accepting or even acknowledging the AIDS diagnosis.

It's little wonder then that Haitians vehemently deny a diagnosis of HIV/AIDS. Several of the persons interviewed by Nachman who were attempting to enter the U.S. had been detained by the United States at a camp in Guantanamo, Cuba, because they had HIV/AIDS. They claimed that the diagnosis is a lie perpetrated by the U. S. government in order to exclude

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them from this country. Some believe that physicians at Guantanamo deliberately infected them with the virus by injecting them with contaminated needles.

As early as 1982, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) designated the entire Haitian population of the United States as being an at-risk group – a decision Nachman sharply disputed. Even the American Red Cross refused to accept Haitians as blood donors. The resulting publicity put them in what became known as the “4-H club” – Haitians, homosexuals, heroin users, and hemophiliacs. The CDC later removed Haitians from its list of those at risk for AIDS.

The AIDS epidemic came at a time when the U.S. government policy seemed to most Haitians to single them out as special targets of a racist, exclusionary attitude pervasive in this country. When the Centers for Disease Control identified Haitians as a high-risk category for AIDS, some Haitian leaders regarded this label in conspiratorial terms.

Nachman developed a real fondness for the Haitian people through his many years working and studying in the Haitian community in Dade County, Florida. Between 1981 and 1989, he conducted applied research in medical anthropology among Haitians, and served as assistant director of a Haitian-run social service agency, the Haitian-American Community Association of Dade County. At the same time he served as a visiting professor and adjunct associate professor in the department of psychiatry in the University of Miami's school of medicine.

Haitians make ideal citizens, Nachman said. They have a strong work ethic, are deeply religious, and have developed middle class values. Lately, however, some younger Haitians have been showing signs of learning America's bad ways. “Little Haiti is not as safe as it once was,” said Nachman.

The Center for Haitian Studies (CHS) invited him to return this summer to conduct applied research in medical anthropology. CHS has managed to establish an apparently successful support group for persons with HIV/AIDS. This is highly unusual because Haitians often refuse to discuss their condition with counselors, and no other agency in the area has been able to create a similar group. He spent 12 weeks there observing the group and interviewing the participants to learn why this support group has been successful. His research was funded with a grant from the State System of Higher Education's Faculty Professional Development Committee.

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Since returning to Edinboro, Nachman has begun to analyze the data from Miami and expects to complete his analysis and prepare a report for CHS by December.

Nachman graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania in 1967 with a degree in anthropology. He went on to earn master's and doctorate degrees in anthropology from Yale University.

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love have important implications for the quality of romantic involvements.

- ❖ **Connie Mullineaux**, art, consulted with the Erie Area Council for the Arts to conduct presentations at workshops, evaluate proposals, and develop a directory of artists. She consulted with Artists, Inc., of Erie and area teachers to plan after-school programs for Erie "latch key" children. She is also a member of the Millcreek School District's Advisory Committee. Her solo exhibit of some 35 works completed since 1988, titled "West/East," was shown in Edinboro's Bruce Gallery. She contributed the article, "A Longer View, Making a New Path," to the *Art Education Journal*. For the past several years, she has served as a judge for the Congressional Art Competition sponsored by U.S. Congressman Tom Ridge and hosted annually by Edinboro University for high school students in Ridge's 21st Congressional District.
- ❖ **James Munro**, chairperson of the philosophy department, wrote the article, "The Cambridge Springs International Chess Congress, 1904," which appeared in the winter 1993-94 issue of *Pittsburgh History: A Magazine of the City and Its Region*. He presented "Three Views on Population" at three universities in China in 1993, and later presented a program on his China trip, "China: From Mao to McDonald's," to the Militant Labor Forum in Pittsburgh.
- ❖ **Dr. Steven Nachman**, sociology/anthropology/social work, received a grant from the State System's Faculty Professional Development Committee to fund applied research in medical anthropology focusing on a successful support group for Haitians with HIV/AIDS at the Center for Haitian Studies in Miami. He will study support group programs to enable the Center and other agencies serving Haitians to fully develop counseling and educational programs and create future support groups. He also meets weekly with clients of Stairways, a non-profit agency that assists persons with mental illness, to conduct workshops in creative non-fiction writing. In addition to his volunteer service to Stairways, the project also provides research on the subculture of the mentally ill and their relationship to the wider community. He also wrote two articles for publication. One, "Wasted Lives: Tuberculosis and Other Health Risks of Being Haitian in a U.S. Detention Camp," appeared as the lead article in the September 1993 issue of *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, the journal of Society for Medical Anthropology, a division of the American Anthropological Association. The second article, "Nissan Music," written for the *Garland Encyclopedia of World Music*, surveys musical styles on Nissan Atoll, Papua, New Guinea. He also wrote a book review of William Mitchell's *Clowning as Critical Practice: Performance Humor in the South Pacific* for an issue of *Man: Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*.
- ❖ **Rosemary Omniewski**, music, presented an active listening lesson during the Elementary Sharing Session at the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Conference in Hershey. She presented the workshop, "Vivaldi and Tchaikovsky for Pre-school and Kindergarten," at Edinboro University's 1994 Early Childhood Conference, and the workshop, "Integrating Poetry, Music and Science Through Active Listening Strategies," at the University's 1994 Whole Language Reading Conference. Her sample listening lesson was modeled on Gustav Holst's *The Planets* as a springboard to writing dramatic and creative words, and from these words, create the beginning of poetic thought. For the *PMEA Journal*, she wrote a portion of an article on listening lessons.
- ❖ **Lee Rexrode**, art, taught a workshop and demonstration of his pottery techniques at New York City's 92nd Street Y. He also donated a hand-made Christmas tree ornament to the White House for the celebration of the "Year of American Craft," mandated by Congress, and recognized during President Clinton's first Christmas in office. The special project was curated by the director of the Smithsonian's Renwick Gallery.
- ❖ **Dr. Robert Rhodes**, political science, was commissioned to write three articles for the Encyclopedia of Biotechnology Policy: "Medicare and Medicaid," "Veteran's Administration," and "Diagnostic Related Groups." He is the series editor for the Health Care Politics and Policy Series, State University of New York Press, and was an invited participant for the Federal Communication Law Symposium on "The Transformation of Television News" held at the Indiana University Law School in Bloomington. He presented "Genetic Politics" at the meeting in Newark of the Northeastern Political Science Association, and an article on "The Demise of the Fairness Doctrine" is in progress for publication in the *Federal Communication Law Journal*. He is a widely recognized and respected expert and frequent speaker on the topics of health care policy and politics.
- ❖ **Dr. Roy Shinn**, speech and communication studies, along with his students, screens students at area schools, pre-schools and agencies serving pediatric clientele for ear disease and hearing loss. Follow-up in the form of formal hearing evaluation is then available at Edinboro University's Leader Clinic. Screenings are also provided to all Edinboro students pursuing educational certification as part of state Education Department requirements. Again, follow-up services are available at Leader Clinic. On behalf of his department, he accepted a \$6,000 gift from the Sertoma Club of Meadville to purchase materials for Leader Clinic to help upgrade and expand the services the Clinic offers.
- ❖ **Nelson Smith**, speech and communication studies, is a member of the WQLN-TV/FM Community Advisory Board. As a member of the Board's Radio Subcommittee,

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Haitians and AIDS in South Florida

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On July 9, 1982, more than a year after publishing reports of opportunistic infection and Kaposi's sarcoma among male homosexuals, the Centers for Disease Control described a comparable outbreak among Haitians living in South Florida (Centers for Disease Control 1982). Because of the linguistic and cultural barriers to effective communication with some patients, as well as the untimely deaths of others, health officials were unable to isolate specific risk factors for this population and, consequently, designated the entire Haitian population of the United States (or, variously, recent Haitian arrivals) as being at risk.

The so-called Haitian boat people had been arriving on South Florida's shores since the 1970s. Even before the subject of AIDS became newsworthy and the "4-H club"—homosexuals, Haitians, heroin users, and hemophiliacs—became impressed on the popular imagination, these boat people had suffered the consequences of unfavorable publicity. Their detractors perceived them as a black peasantry, illiterate, ignorant, crude, speakers of a patois, practitioners of unholy religions, and criminal aliens intent upon disrupting the local economy by usurping jobs and depleting limited welfare resources as well as infecting American citizens with tuberculosis, venereal disease, and various other exotic maladies. In schools and hospitals, as well as in the job and housing markets, Haitians had already experienced discrimination. As members of the "4-H club," they suffered even further discrimination (see also Landesman 1983:35-36).

In both New York and South Florida, however, where most cases of AIDS afflicting Haitians in the United States have been identified, Haitian physicians, clergymen, and other professionals formed coalitions to combat the unfavorable publicity resulting from the CDC's reporting of these cases. In the summer of 1983, South Florida's 19-member Haitian Coalition on AIDS began a dialogue with representatives of the CDC, the Jackson Memorial Hospital/University of Miami School of Medicine (which is actively engaged in AIDS treatment and research), and the local press. This dialogue resulted, however briefly, in more circumspect reporting of Haitian AIDS cases and also in the increased involvement of Haitian professionals in AIDS research.

The coalition was formed by educated, middle-class Haitian-Americans, many of whom are long-time residents of this country. Although they have been most vocal in denouncing the Haitian AIDS label, they are also among the Haitians thought least likely to contract AIDS. The majority of cases occur among less-educated Haitians who are recent arrivals in the United States. Even in this population, most have never knowingly interacted with an AIDS victim. In contrast to gays, they have little fear of contracting AIDS (unless they come into contact with patients) and are mostly concerned with day-to-day issues of survival. Most have a limited understanding of AIDS; they regard it more a malicious accusation than a genuine health risk, and consequently have not modified their lifestyles, as have members of gay communities. The linking of AIDS with Haitians,

nonetheless, has contributed to the shame some Haitians describe as being so identified.

The AIDS epidemic came at a time when the U.S. government policy, as evidenced by the Coast Guard interdiction of Haitian vessels and by the prolonged incarceration of new Haitian arrivals in Krome and other camps, seemed to most Haitians to single them out as special targets of a racist, exclusionary attitude pervasive in this country. Working with other government officials, uniformed public health officials conducted medical screenings of recent arrivals in order to identify tuberculosis and other diseases that they carried. South Florida newspapers described these efforts, supplying many non-Haitian readers with further justification for "cleaning up" U.S. borders. Understandably, when the CDC identified Haitians as a high-risk category for AIDS, some Haitian leaders regarded this label in conspiratorial terms; it represented yet another attack on Haitians by a government unfriendly toward them. They blamed not only the CDC but also clinicians at Jackson Memorial Hospital, which serves county patients. Haitian spokesmen accused these clinicians of overdiagnosing Haitian AIDS cases and of seeking to gain reputations at the expense of impoverished Haitian patients.

The response of public health officials and AIDS researchers to Haitian protest has ranged from outrage to sympathetic understanding, but even that understanding has been tempered with the insistence that the interests of AIDS patients themselves must come first. According to this position, physicians must be alerted to the susceptibility of Haitians to AIDS. An objection one might raise to this position is that physicians could be alerted without recourse to labels. That is, the CDC could simply have noted the occurrence of AIDS among Haitians and admitted to an ignorance of the risk factors involved without establishing a risk category that includes all Haitians in the United States, a category comparable to, but logically incompatible with, those of homosexuals, IV drug users, and hemophiliacs.

Leaving the matter of conspiracy aside, one might at the least charge the CDC with poor judgment in treating AIDS as no more than a medical issue and ignoring its social, economic, political, moral and other dimensions. By ignoring these, health officials have seriously hurt the Haitian community. A similar charge can be leveled against medical researchers and clinicians who assume that their scientific and medical priorities are shared by members of the nonmedical community. Some researchers, through newspaper editorials and interviews given to the press, have suggested that Haitian resistance to AIDS research has been either irrational or inhumane.

Those most sadly affected by AIDS are, of course, the AIDS patients themselves. Haitians with AIDS are the most stigmatized of the stigmatized. Regarded as carriers of a deadly and mysteriously contagious disease and, in the case of men, suspected of being homosexuals, AIDS patients are rejected by others and are sometimes left homeless, with no close relatives in the United States to whom they can turn, with no financial resources, and with no knowledge of those community agencies to which they might appeal for help. Some do have spouses or relatives willing to care for them. Some keep their identity as AIDS patients secret from others. Some apparently return to Haiti to die. Some suffer their final days in a county nursing home. Unlike various gay

communities in other parts of the United States, the Haitian community of South Florida has made no provisions for its sick and dying. Most Haitians in this area are too new to this country, too poor, and too intent upon guaranteeing their own survival to mobilize effectively the organizational and financial resources necessary for the task. No outside agency, governmental or private, has offered to help in this effort (when the coalition did ask the federal government for help, it refused). Nor is there precedent for such an effort in Haiti itself where, at least among poorer Haitians, illness is exclusively a family, not a community, concern.

Many newly arrived Haitians find it difficult to adjust to the bureaucratic atmosphere of modern hospitals. They are unable to understand the rationale behind the demands that staff make upon them. AIDS patients, particularly, have problems in this setting. Some hospital staff may appear to (or actually do) shun them. Loss of appetite and constant diarrhea make the consumption of hospital food particularly difficult for these patients. Some do not understand their diagnosis or why their condition continues to deteriorate despite treatment. Denial, confusion, anger, projection, depression, shame, and especially resignation characterize the range of emotions for most of these patients.

Since the writing of this essay, the CDC has removed Haitians from its list of those at risk for AIDS. Various editorials in local newspapers applauded this decision, as did Haitian leaders. But most of the latter acknowledge that the damage to Haitians has already been done.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO ECONOMISTS DEVELOP ERIE AREA ECONOMIC MODEL

The next time a company announces it is entering or leaving the Erie area economy, local government and industry leaders may have a tool available to predict what the impact of that move will be. Two economists at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania are developing an "input-output" model of the Erie economy. Dr. James Dunn, chairman of the business and economics department, and Dr. Michael Hannan are creating a scaled-down version of a national input-output model to apply specifically to the Erie area.

Input-output (IO) models provide a detailed profile of a nation's or region's inter-industrial relationships. The most common use of these models is the calculation of industry "multipliers." While a variety of different multipliers may be calculated from an IO model, they all measure the impact on the local economy of a change in economic activity in any given industry. For example, it would measure the dollar impact on local economic activity from an increase in sales from the regional plastics industry.

At its present stage of development, the Erie IO model can calculate standard industrial multipliers in terms of output. Hannan and Dunn plan to continue revising the model to also measure income and employment multipliers, and to incorporate the impact on economic activity from stimulants to household spending.

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EDINBORO GRADUATES DISCUSS CAREERS IN COMMUNICATIONS

Students in the introduction to mass media class with Dr. Gary Christiansen at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania got a chance to listen to the experiences of Edinboro graduates who are enjoying successful careers in mass media. Christiansen invited more than a dozen of his former students to come back to campus to talk about their professions.

"It has more meaning when current students meet with professionals who are doing what the students hope to be doing in a few years," said Christiansen.

Among those attending were Susie Eldred and Mike Sroka, the morning team on WRKT-FM; Mike Gallagher and Cyndy Patton from WJET-TV; Tom Bronakowski, senior producer at WQLN-TV; Jim Rumsey, marketing manager at Hard Line Services in Cleveland; Lisa Cappabianca, president of Cappabianca Travel; Ann Marnell, marketing and promotions director for the Grove City Factory Shops; Rachel Zallon-Conway, feature editor and business reporter for the Beaver County Times; Terri Cook-Pepicello, marketing director for Thomel Enterprises, Inc., in Erie; and Bonnie Blackwood-Newton, deputy clerk for the federal bankruptcy court in Erie.

Other graduates invited to attend were Jon Gallagher and Shawn Fallon from WJET-FM; Randy Hurley, production and promotions manager for WRKT-FM; Valerie Lego, weekend weather personality for WSEE-TV; and Jim Ackman, customer service representative for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Western Pennsylvania.

Christiansen said he hopes to invite graduates from the Pittsburgh area to the class next semester.



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EDINBORO DINING SERVICE TEAM WINS QUALITY AWARD

The dining service team at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has won the "Peak Quality" overall team recognition award from the Wood Company for its Dining Options program. The award is presented annually to a dining service team that significantly improves a part of its operation through a quality improvement project.

Dining Options was created to increase customer satisfaction in the face of reduced hours of operation. The team came up with three new options. A convenience store in Van Houten Dining Hall was transformed to a Pete's Arena unit called Pete's-Ahh Express, which offers pan pizza as a dining option to the meal plan. Sombrero's, a new, low-cost dining option, was created at the University Center. The Pete's Arena in Rose Hall added a new dining option called Pastabilities, featuring small batch preparation right in the customer service area.

Edinboro's dining service team members are General Manager Randy DeMers, Director of University Dining Services Linda Geissler, Chef Jason Bakus, Lori Bartle, Ross Bell, Lynn Browning, Tom Burkett, Jon Dombrowiak, Bonnie Felton, Dave Viveralli and John Ward.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO'S MARK CARTER APPOINTED TO LEADERSHIP ERIE PROGRAM

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Foster F. Diebold has appointed Mark Carter to serve as the University's representative to the Leadership Erie program. Carter is the University's assistant director of development.

Carter is one of 42 prospective leaders from the Erie area selected for the 10-month program that develops community awareness, executive skills, and team problem-solving capabilities. The up-and-coming career leaders represent the business, industry and education sectors of the Erie community.

The participants will get a first-hand look at many facets of the Erie area community including education, business, health care, media, social services, cultural diversity, quality of life and bayfront development. Among the issues the group may investigate are the Erie Bicentennial, grassroots perspective for community development, youth leadership development, children in poverty, and building communities from the inside out.

Along with Edinboro University, Leadership Erie is sponsored by Gannon University, the Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Center, Central Labor, the Erie Community Foundation, Erie Insurance Group, the Erie Area Chamber of Commerce, GECAC, Hamot Medical Center, the Manufacturer's Association of Northwest Pennsylvania, Mercyhurst College, PENELEC, St. Vincent Health Center, and other community groups and businesses.

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Leadership Erie prepares its fifth class for activities

A total of 42 prospective leaders from the Erie area have been selected for the Leadership Erie Class of 1994-95. It will be the fifth class since the program was resurrected.

Leadership Erie is a non-profit organization sponsored by Gannon University and other community groups and businesses from the area.

Dr. David C. Kozak, director of Gannon Institute for Policy and Leadership Studies, serves as the director of Leadership Erie.

Debra DiVecchio serves as associate director, and Renee DeGeorge Vogt as the program director and executive assistant. The board of directors will be chaired by Jeff Pinski, managing editor of the *Morning News*.

All members will participate in a variety of activities scheduled on an average of three times a month over the course of a ten-month period and complete the program with graduation next June. The class members and their businesses are as follows:

Julia Bandecca, attorney for Northwest Legal Services.

David Bertges, business representative for Carpenters' Local 81.

Biddy Brooks, Penn State-Behrend College.

Bill Bucceri, Holland Metro.

Mark Carter, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

Mary Daly, Mercyhurst College.
Peggy DiMattio, graduate student.

Adrienne Dixon, Sarah Reed Children's Center.

Erika Freeman, Hispanic American Council.

Kara Haas, Iroquois Tool.

Chuck Jenkins, E.E. Austin & Sons.

Jeff Kidder, Crouner-King Architects.

MaryAnne Mandeville Kozak, Gannon University and the Manufacturer's Association of Northwest Pennsylvania.

Katherine Krummert, Gifts for Kids.

Michele Majchrzak, Family Services.

Art Maser, PENELEC.

Nina Mazeako, Stairways.

Lee Miles, Erie Insurance Group.

Scott Mitchell, Erie Zoological Society.

Sister Ann Muczynski, OSB and the Inner City Project neighborhood Art House.

Dr. Dawna Mughal, Gannon University.

Bob Mulvin, General Electric.

Denis O'Brien, Saint Vincent Health Center.

Janet Parke, First National Bank of Pennsylvania.

Joe Parlak, Loesel-Schaaf.

Keith Richards, National Fuel.

Cheryl Roberto, attorney.

Judy Roth, PNC Bank.

Jake Rouch, Erie Conference on Community Development.

Tom Ryan, Gertrude Barber Center.

Kurt Sahlmann, K&L Associates.

Barb Sambroak, MECA.

Ann Schlimm, Erie County Health Department.

Sister Stephanie Schmidt, OSB and Emmaus Ministries.

Bill Sherwood, Bay Area Insurance.

Homer Smith, City of Erie.

Ned Smith, Catholic Diocese.

Cheryl Tyloewski, Penn Lakes Girl Scouts.

Dennis Walsh, Sarah Reed Children's Center.

Jill Wiley, Saint Vincent Health Center.

Tom Williams, Hamot Health Foundation.

Judy Wingerter, Paragon Packaging Products.

Leadership Erie is a program dedicated to the development of community leadership, involvement and cooperation in the area. The program strives to prepare participants to become community trustees by challenging them to translate the principles of leadership into individual and collective plans, actions and decisions.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES ARRESTS

In the wake of a rash of false fire alarms in Lawrence Towers, one of Edinboro University's residence halls, University officials have announced the arrest of Timothy Dolny, a student at the University, as campus police continue their investigation.

Dolny, 19, a native of Gibsonia, Pa., has been charged with "False Alarms to Agencies of Public Safety." Arraignment has been scheduled before District Justice Ronald Stuck at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 27, in his Edinboro office. The charge carries a maximum fine of \$10,000 and five years imprisonment. Dolny also faces possible suspension from the University.

Matthew Gass, 18, a student from Hanover, Pa., was previously charged in connection with the investigation, and University Police expect to file additional charges tomorrow against a third Lawrence Towers resident as a result of information volunteered by several students.

"The University Police investigate and prosecute these offenses using state-of-the-art electronics and investigative techniques," said David Varner, chief of the University Police Department. "The criminal justice system has some very serious penalties for those who pull false fire alarms, and those found guilty of these offenses can also expect an early termination of their academic careers."

Vice President for Administration and Institutional Advancement David M. O'Dessa credits the hard work and cooperation of the residence hall staff, students, and the University Police for the success of the investigation.



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NEWS ADVISORY:

Former chief Middle East correspondent for the Associated Press, Terry Anderson, will be available to meet with the media Wednesday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m., backstage in Memorial Auditorium at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. His lecture begins at 8 p.m. Anderson was kidnapped and held captive for seven years in Lebanon.

Anyone wishing to interview Anderson should contact the public relations office at 732-2745.

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**ROCK BAND MIRROR IMAGE TO PERFORM
AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will host the rock band Mirror Image in the newly renovated University Center on campus on Saturday, November 5, at 8 p.m.

Formed in 1991, Mirror Image is known for its innovative sound and powerful vocals, as well as its original style. In 1992 the band headlined two 97 Rock Hard Hitters of Rock showcase events at Graffiti in Pittsburgh. Both of the band's shows were sellouts, and Mirror Image rocked through four encore sets, proving that they were a major local talent. The annual showcase is sponsored by one of the largest radio stations in Pittsburgh. Year after year some of the best local talent is discovered at the event.

Mirror Image consists of four members including Gerald Watkins, a former Edinboro University student. Watkins provides keyboards and back-up vocals. Christopher Weber does lead vocals and also serves as the drummer. Richie Bauer plays bass and performs background vocals. The newest member, Ron Newman, plays all guitars and sings back-up vocals.

The show is open and free to the public.

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Mirror Image begins summer tour

By Vicki Rowe
NEWS EDITOR

The group Mirror Image will entertain Edinboro students on Saturday, May 1 in the University Center.

Mirror Image formed in 1991 and has worked to gain national status ever since.

The band has a brand new innovative sound and powerful vocals which contribute to the group's success. These qualities also make for an original style.

In 1992 the band headlined two 97 Rock Hard Hitters of Rock showcase events at Graffiti in Pittsburgh. With both shows sellouts, Mirror Image rocked through four encore sets, proving themselves as major local talents.

The following year the band released its first demo, Love Zone.

Mirror Image consists of four

MIRROR IMAGE

members, including Christopher Weber, who performs as lead singer and also serves as the band's drummer.

Another member of Mirror Image, Gerald Watkins, lives in Pittsburgh and attends school here at Edinboro University. A senior, majoring in music education, Watkins provides key-

boards and back-up vocals for the band.

Richie Bauer plays bass for the band and a talented new member, Ron Newman, plays all guitars. Both Bauer and Newman also sing back-up.

Mirror Image plans to make Edinboro University the first stop on their upcoming tour. The summer tour includes Johnstown, Pa., Baltimore and Ocean City, Md., Cleveland and Cincinnati, Ohio and Pittsburgh.

The band will perform a two-hour concert in the grill room beginning at 8 p.m. Students can attend the show without cost.

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EDINBORO HOSTS VIDEOCONFERENCE ON TEACHING ABOUT RACISM

Teaching about racism will be the topic of a live, interactive videoconference, Friday, November 4, at 1 p.m. at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Speaking live from Old Dominion University will be Louise Derman-Sparks and Lecia J. Brooks. Derman-Sparks, a faculty member at Pacific Oaks College, is the author of *Anti-Bias Curriculum: Tools for Empowering Young Children*. Brooks is an educational specialist with the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Participants in Edinboro will have the opportunity to interact with the speakers and share ideas and information with others.

Among the topics of the videoconference will be the characteristics of anti-bias/anti-racist curriculum, the relationship between racism and sexism, and how to apply anti-racist education strategies across the curriculum and across age groups.

The conference is intended for teachers, administrators and faculty of all levels, as well as students enrolled in education programs at colleges and universities. The event will present some of the resources, models and guidelines which have proven to be highly effective for addressing race and racism from a critical perspective in the classroom.

For more than 25 years, Derman-Sparks has worked with the multi-faceted issues of diversity and social justice as a researcher and teacher of both children and adults. She conducts in-service training and workshops with early childhood educators across the country, and currently directs an anti-bias education project funded by the A.K. Kellogg Foundation.

Working for a human relations organization dedicated to fighting bias, bigotry and racism in America, Brooks has developed and coordinated a number of highly successful

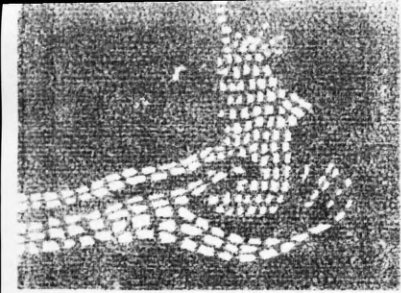
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programs for high school students and K-12 educators which promote racial, ethnic and interreligious understanding.

For further information on the videoconference, contact the Center for Excellence in Teaching, Miller Research Center, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, or call 814-732-2916.

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- College and university education faculty
- Administrators (Superintendents, Principals, etc.)
- Students enrolled in education programs at colleges and universities

What Will Educators and Administrators Gain?

This live interactive videoconference will acquaint viewers with some of the resources, models, and guidelines which have proven to be highly effective for addressing race and racism from a critical perspective in the classroom. It will examine how the strategies can be adapted to meet individual school needs. Participants will have an opportunity to interact live with leading experts in anti-racist education and share practical ideas and information with others.

What Topics will be Discussed?

- The characteristics of anti-bias/anti-racist curriculum
- The relationship between racism and sexism
- A five-step model for integrating anti-bias/anti-racist curriculum into the classroom setting
- How to apply anti-racist education strategies across the curriculum and across age groups
- How critical teaching techniques can be applied to anti-racist education
- Sources for effective anti-bias/anti-racist educational resources and materials

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How to View this Videoconference

This live teleconference will be transmitted via C-Band and Ku-Band satellites. RECEPTION sites must have access to a C-Band or Ku-Band satellite dish from 1-3 p.m. (EST) on Friday, November 4, 1994. The test signal is 12:30-1:00 p.m. (EST). Technical information needed to receive the program will be provided upon registration.

Viewing facilities should have telephone access for calling questions to the presenters. Sites will be provided with a toll-free number. Registered sites will maintain the right to receive the program live via satellite on Friday, November 4, 1994. The institution may allow the general public to view the teleconference at their site and charge an admission fee. Registered sites may make ONE videotaped copy of the program for in-house use only for up to one year. This program is copyrighted and cannot be loaned, rented or copied. Any rebroadcast or remarketing of the tape must be negotiated with Old Dominion University Academic Television Services.

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NEWS ADVISORY:

EDINBORO HOSTS PHYSICS TEACHERS CONFERENCE

The Western Pennsylvania Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers will hold its autumn meeting at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Saturday, October 29.

Hosted by the University's physics department, the one-day event will feature lectures on the role of the medical physicist in cancer treatment, and the current status of the low-level radioactive waste disposal facility which is to be sited in Pennsylvania. Hasan Murshed, the clinical medical physicist in radiation therapy at Erie's Regional Cancer Center, will speak at 11 a.m. in G-13 Hendricks Hall. Joseph Bonner, from Penn State University, will discuss the state's low-level radioactive waste program at 11:30.

The meeting is expected to draw 50 high school physics teachers from throughout western Pennsylvania. Other presentations will be made by physics faculty from the University of Pittsburgh, Mercyhurst College, Westminster College, Penn State Behrend, and Cathedral Prep High School.

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October 24, 1994

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY JOINS AQUARIUM CONSORTIUM

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has become a member of a consortium in partnership with the Lake Erie Aquarium and Science Center, which has been proposed for the Erie Bay Development Project. Dr. John Fleischauer, Edinboro's provost and vice president for academic affairs, signed a membership agreement with the proposed Lake Erie Aquarium and Science Center. Also signing the agreement were Chris Baldwin, chairman of the Lake Erie Aquarium and Science Center and Dr. Jerry Covert, the consortium coordinator.

"We are building a consortium that will focus on education and research," said Baldwin. Eleven other institutions and eight school districts in northwestern Pennsylvania have also been invited to become consortium members. Thus far, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, the Millcreek School District, and the City of Erie School District have joined the consortium. The other component of the project will be tourism.

Covert, who is also dean of Edinboro's school of science, management and technologies, echoed Baldwin's statement. "The primary interest of the colleges and universities in becoming members is the opportunity it provides for their faculty and students to do research in aquatic biology, chemistry and geoscience."

Covert said school districts will benefit from educational programming originating at the aquarium. Programs will be developed in the aquarium and transported to the schools, and students will have the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities in the aquarium.

Critical to getting this project off the ground is generating the public interest and securing start-up funds. The Tourism and Development Committee from the Pennsylvania

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House of Representatives is scheduled to visit Erie on November 9 and 10 to study the project and visit the proposed site.

Baldwin believes that once the aquarium is established, it will be self-funding. "A well-run aquarium throws off money," said Baldwin.

Funds generated could be used for special academic projects, research, and scholarships. He estimates – based on a similar facility in Chattanooga – that an aquarium in Erie would generate approximately \$3 million in state taxes, and nearly \$1 million locally. The designers of the Chattanooga aquarium – Cambridge Seven Associates – have also created a design for the Erie aquarium.

Comparisons to the Chattanooga facility are important because of similar demographics to the Erie area. There are 5.3 million people within a two-hour drive of Erie. By comparison, the Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga, which is among the most successful aquariums in the world, has approximately 4.1 million people within a two-hour drive. The projected attendance for the first year of the Erie facility is in excess of 900,000.

Baldwin and Covert say the Pennsylvania Aquarium, as it will be designated, will have several economic benefits besides tax dollars. It will likely become the focal point and magnet for revitalization of the Erie bayfront. Together with other attractions such as the Flagship Niagara and the Maritime Museum, it will lead to extended visits by tourists, and it will draw a portion of the four million annual visitors to Presque Isle to the bayfront and downtown areas.

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School districts asked to back aquarium

By LIZ ALLEN
Morning News staff reporter

Local school districts are being asked to help make the proposed Lake Erie Aquarium and Science Center a reality.

Dr. Jerry Covert, dean of science, management and technologies at Edinboro University, met recently with representatives of eight school districts to invite them to become associate members of the consortium which has been formed to push for the aquarium.

Gov. Robert Casey rejected a request for \$25 million in state funding for the aquarium but organizers are confident that funding will be obtained eventually. That's why they would like schools to join the consortium.

"We are looking for their moral support," Covert said about the

school districts, including Erie, Millcreek, Warren, Union City, Penncrest, Fort LeBoeuf, Northwestern and North East.

Twelve other institutions, including 10 colleges and universities, have been asked to sign membership agreements in the consortium, with a fee of \$500. Those include Edinboro, Clarion, Gannon, Slippery Rock, Mercyhurst, Penn State-Behrend, Chatham College, the University of Pittsburgh, Pitt-Titusville, Westminster, Hamot Medical Center and the Carnegie Science Center. School districts won't be charged to join the consortium.

The colleges and universities will take part in a conference sometime next year where faculty and students will present research data and papers. "The push is toward involving undergraduates in research," he said. "They'll have a critical mass of

other people to share their research ideas with on specific topics related to water." A job fair will also be held as part of the conference.

As for the school districts, Covert said one of the three functions of the proposed aquarium is education. (The other two are to attract tourists and conduct research.) "Our invitation to the public schools is to become associate members so that we can participate together in providing academic programming for people of all ages," he said.

For instance, the aquarium staff might do a pre-visit lesson with a class, then invite the students to visit the aquarium. Later, the aquarium staff could provide follow-up materials.

"As the name of the institution says, it's a science center, with a major thrust on science education and topics such as biology, chemis-

try and geosciences. We also emphasize that it's a freshwater aquarium, so any subject related to the fresh-water environment and ecosystems would be welcome."

To help interest schools in the aquarium, organizers have produced a five-minute videotape, using the Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga as an example of how the Erie aquarium might be designed.

Covert plans to visit Chattanooga in November. He's already made an "in-depth" visit to the New Jersey State Aquarium in Camden. "We got a behind the scenes tour with the curators there and talked about business and operational subjects."

Covert and Chris Baldwin, chairman of the consortium, will also attend a workshop on how to develop, maintain and manage large aquariums at the Aquarium of Americas next week in New Orleans.

Lawmakers vote to examine Erie aquarium project

By ALBERT J. NERI
News Harrisburg bureau

HARRISBURG — The House Wednesday night voted 101-95 to send a delegation to Erie to study the issue of building a fresh-water aquarium on the Erie bayfront.

But the vote did not come before the House heard an impassioned plea from one House member not to do so.

The plea was not from a legislator who wants the aquarium in another part of the state. It came from Erie County's own Karl Boyes, a Millcreek Republican.

Boyes opposed a motion to have the House's newly-formed Tourism and Recreational Development Committee visit Erie in the next few weeks and report back to the full House before the current two-year session expires on Nov. 21.

"What would a one-day visit do?" Boyes, R-3rd District asked. "Any recommendation they make would be uninformed and hollow."

Boyes said he would prefer the committee come in the summertime to see Presque Isle Park at the height of the tourism season to "pursue more immediate and realistic improvements."

The resolution to do a feasibility study was made by state Rep. Italo Cappabianca, D-2nd District, of Erie.

Boyes immediately rose to oppose it, saying the state cannot now afford an aquarium.

He noted that a state-built museum in Camden, N.J., has been unsuccessful and that Gov. Casey last summer vetoed a \$25 million state appropriation for such a fresh-water aquarium on the Erie bayfront.

"I do not do this lightly, but this is not the appropriate time," Boyes said. "I'd like to have all these things in my area, but I'd rather see the economy improve first and then we can do this in the private sector."

Cappabianca said he was puzzled by Boyes' action. So was Robert Chandler, president of the Lake Erie Aquarium and Science Center which is behind the bayfront project.

"I don't know what would be anyone's motivation to oppose this," Chandler said.

Cappabianca said the only reason Casey vetoed the project was because the state had reached its ceiling on debt it could absorb.

"It was not on the merits of the project. I want the feasibility study now to set this up for the next governor to re-consider," he said.

Aquarium backers organizing to build clout in seeking funds

By **SCOTT WESTCOTT**
Morning News staff reporter

Governor Robert Casey's recent rejection of \$25 million in state funding for an Erie bayfront aquarium hasn't sunk the enthusiasm of local project backers.

At their second annual meeting, members of the Lake Erie Aquarium and Science Center Consortium on Friday said they will continue to work for a state freshwater aquarium on the bayfront, despite the recent funding setback.

In the meantime, the group will continue with plans to increase aquatic and Great Lakes research and education in the region.

"I'm very positive about it," said Dr. Jerry Covert, Dean of Science, Management and Technologies at Edinboro University. "I think we need to move forward and continue working toward our goal of an aquarium for Erie."

Covert said that last week's announcement about the funding was

a disappointment, but is being viewed by aquarium advocates as a temporary setback.

"I think we were very close and I think it is a sound idea," said Covert.

Covert said at least 15 regional institutions and universities have agreed to officially join together by Sept. 15 to formally found the Lake Erie Aquarium and Science Center Consortium.

By formally joining, Covert thinks the group will have more clout when seeking funding for the actual aquarium.

"I think it will unify us and it will give us a stronger voice when we appeal for funding for the physical aquarium," he said.

Plans are also being finalized for a first annual conference for fall 1995 when aquatic research will be presented.

The group also plans to aggressively seek Sea Grants, which are federal grants that provide funding for aquatic research, Covert said.

"These kinds of activities can

move forward without a physical aquarium," Covert said.

Preliminary plans call for the aquarium to include 27 species of fish from the Great Lakes and the habitats of the Allegheny, Susquehanna and French Creek watersheds. The aquarium would also include an exhibit for seals.

Eight schools invited to join consortium for aquarium

Eight local school districts have been asked to join a consortium formed to push for the proposed Lake Erie Aquarium and Science Center.

Dr. Jerry Covert, dean of science, management and technologies at Edinboro University, met recently with representatives of the school districts to invite them to become associate members of the consortium.

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Edinboro University of Pennsylvania is highlighting its State Employees Combined Appeal (SECA) this year with a display of campaign literature in Baron-Forness Library. This year's goals are to raise \$30,000 in pledges with 280 employees participating. Thus far, the campaign has received \$17,418 in pledges from 159 employees. Last year, 265 University workers pledged a record \$29,396, the second highest amount among the 14 universities in the State System of Higher Education.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO REGIONAL MATH CENTER SERVES ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

Now that the school year is well under way, hundreds of elementary students in the tri-county area have probably noticed a change in their teachers. Perhaps it is more enthusiasm or a better presentation, or maybe math just seems more fun. While the students were spending their summer days taking life easy, their teachers were attending a three-week math training program at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

Some 50 elementary math teachers took part in Edinboro's Summer Math Institutes – intensive, hands-on classes that focus on using math manipulatives, cooperative learning, alternative assessment strategies, and enhanced teaching skills.

The responses of the teachers to the Institute were overwhelmingly positive. "I learned more in these three weeks than I did in four years of college," said one young teacher. "I can't wait to get back to school to teach this," said another.

They said there is no other place where they could have gotten this training. It was a course that all math teachers should take, they added, and all administrators should be aware of.

The Institutes are just one facet of an ambitious program to enhance math education in northwestern Pennsylvania. Edinboro's Regional Math Center for Teacher Enhancement and Renewal was created in May, 1993, to establish a common vision of excellence in elementary math education for all 17 public school districts in Erie, Crawford and Warren counties and the Diocese of Erie.

The most visible part of the program is the Center itself, located in Butterfield Hall. Occupying a converted classroom, the Center acts as a materials repository for the program. Its

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shelves are full of books, publications, videotapes, catalogs, calculators, equipment and math manipulatives. All of these materials – and there are more arriving almost daily – are available for area teachers to use in their classrooms.

The Center's director, Dr. Nicholas Stupiansky, said the Center is designed to serve the 2,500 elementary teachers in northwestern Pennsylvania through the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit. "Our mission is to assist teachers with resources, materials and workshops to help them improve math instruction in elementary classrooms. We are excited about the opportunities this presents for Edinboro University to work with teachers in the local schools," he said.

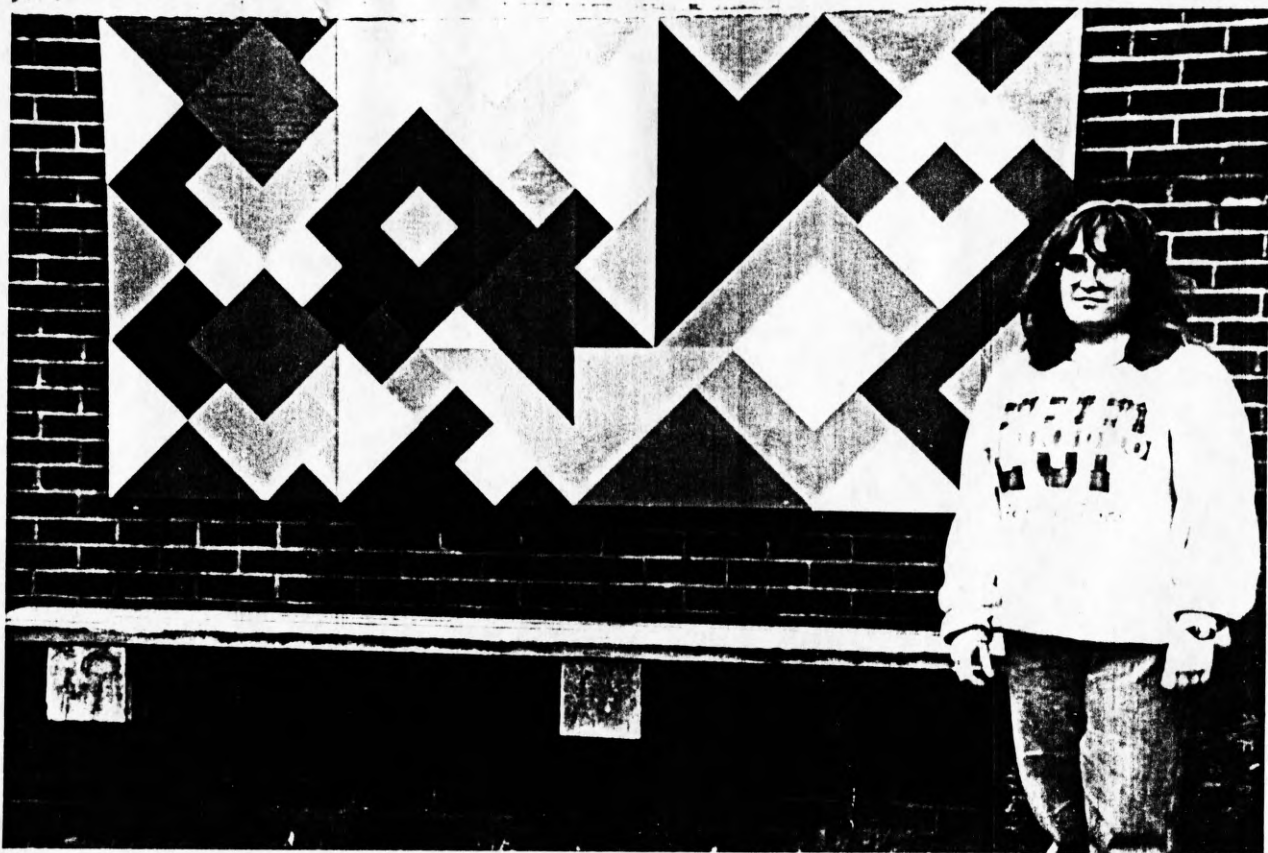
The project is funded by Edinboro University and a three-year grant from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Postsecondary Math and Science Federal Grant Program. Two years of funding – or a total of \$360,892 – has been awarded so far. The federal funds represent approximately 85 percent of the total cost of the project. Edinboro University's share is approximately 11 percent.

During the first year of the project in 1993-94, the Center hosted the first Summer Math Institute and invited 50 teacher leaders to attend. Those 50 teachers have since held over 100 in-service workshops in their school districts. Stupiansky said the process for being chosen for the Summer Math Institutes is highly competitive.

In addition to the Institutes, the Center has an ambitious program that provides regional target workshops to enhance the teaching skills of K-8 teachers from both public and private schools consistent with the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics standards. It also sponsors fall and spring Math on Saturday clinics for K-8 math teachers, creates a vehicle to encourage local networking and sharing among those teachers, and publishes a regional newsletter.

Through the participation of teacher leaders like the ones who attended the Summer Math Institutes, the Center is also offering school district in-service workshops which address the specific needs of the teachers involved.

The project is supported by several outside groups. The Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit is providing free transportation of math materials from the Center to participating schools and is assisting with mailings to teachers and administrators. Also, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics has agreed to contribute a substantial discount on materials purchased from NCTM for this project.



Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has a new outdoor mural displayed on campus. Edinboro University student Lydia Blank, the designer of the mural, is a senior at the University working on her bachelor of fine arts degree in jewelry making, with a minor in art history.

Blank's untitled geometric design was selected from several other student murals by art professor Susan Weimer. Blank used enamel paints on outdoor plywood so it should last several years.

Since the mural was installed in front of Hamilton Hall last May, it has attracted plenty of attention. The dean of liberal arts at the University, Dr. Robert Weber, has asked Blank to design a second mural to also be displayed somewhere on the campus.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ERIE AUTHOR'S BOOK HELPS VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME HEAL

Diane Crandall, a graphic design professor at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, has written a book to teach others how to recover emotionally from violent crime. Crandall herself experienced an attempted murder attack three years ago at her home in Erie.

Her book, *Violent Crime. I Never Thought It Would Happen To Me, But It Did*, is a visual documentation of the recovery process of victims of violent crime. Using her skills as a graphic designer, she created a book that can be read from either end. One side of the book – printed in black to represent the pain of a closed heart – presents the initial responses of anger, fear, worry, sadness, guilt and frustration. The other side moves you into the stages of healing – wanting to heal, exploring choices, willingness to heal, removing the blocks, forgiveness and arriving at peace. This side is printed mostly in pink to represent the peace of an open heart. “The greatest crime prevention is healing our own hearts,” said Crandall.

The book uses an accordion fold structure to reinforce the duality of a victim's situation. “A victim can stay stuck in the anger, pain, sadness and guilt,” said Crandall, “or turn the book over and move into healing. Healing is a choice – no matter what the crime.”

Much of the book's content expresses the emotional reactions of victims. The statements in the book came from surveys and interviews Crandall conducted with dozens of victims of violent crime at the 1992 Conference of the National Organization of Victims Assistance (NOVA) in Kansas City, Missouri. She was aided in her research by Betty Ferguson from Victim Witness Services, and Dr. Susan Trout, executive director of the Institute for Attitudinal Studies in Alexandria, Va.

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Violent Crime. I Never Thought It Would Happen To Me, But It Did addresses a need in the victim's healing process that has been overlooked for too long. Crime victims are not prepared for the reality of the event and the devastating problems they must face afterwards. Many victims remain stuck in the pain and never work through the process of healing to find eventual peace. The book is a tool to help direct service providers, counselors, educators, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, clergy, families, friends and most importantly, the crime victims themselves, better understand and assist in the healing process of the emotional aftermath of violent crime. Crandall hopes the book will be distributed nationally so that it will help victims across the country as well as in Erie.

The office of Erie District Attorney William R. Cunningham funded the printing of the first 500 books which will be distributed free through the District Attorney's office.

Crandall lectured at the NOVA Conference in San Francisco in September on "Healing from Violent Crime: A Path from Pain to Peace." She will also lecture locally at the Glass Growers Gallery, Wednesday, November 2, at 7 p.m., and at Barnes & Noble bookstore, Friday, November 18, at 7:30 p.m., with a book signing to follow at 8:00 p.m.

The book is published by For-giving Press, P. O. Box 3775, Erie, PA 16508, and can be purchased directly from the publisher or at local bookstores.

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I Never Thought It Would Happen To Me, But It Did.

By Diane Crandall

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The Author: Diane Crandall is a professor at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania with an M.F.A. from Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, and has completed Attitudinal Healing Facilitator Training from the Institute of Attitudinal Studies in Alexandria, VA. Diane herself suffered an attempted murder attack on her life three years ago at her home in Erie, PA and learned that healing is possible. She has written the book to teach others how to walk the path from pain to peace.

"The most powerful message the book conveys is the fact that you can heal. Healing is valuable, important, and you can do it too!" a Victim Witness Services Counselor

Send me _____ copies of *Violent Crime. I Never Thought It Would Happen To Me, But It Did*, at \$10.95 per copy plus shipping of \$2.00 for the first copy and \$1.00 for each additional copy. PA residents please add 6% sales tax. Please send check or money order payable to:

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CARTER JOINS ADVANCEMENT STAFF

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Foster F. Diebold announced recently that Mark Carter, a native of Sharon Hill, Pa., has been named assistant director of development at Edinboro. Prior to his appointment, Carter was an admissions counselor in the admissions office.

He graduated from Allegheny College in 1982 with a dual major in psychology and art. He worked at the Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Center in Erie for two years as a habilitation team aide before joining the Edinboro staff in March of 1985.

In his new position, Carter will be involved with many of the University's fund-raising programs, phonathons and other Annual Fund activities, and special campaigns such as Operation Jump Start. His primary role, as he sees it, will be to promote the University to its many constituents and to secure resources to enhance the school's programs and facilities.

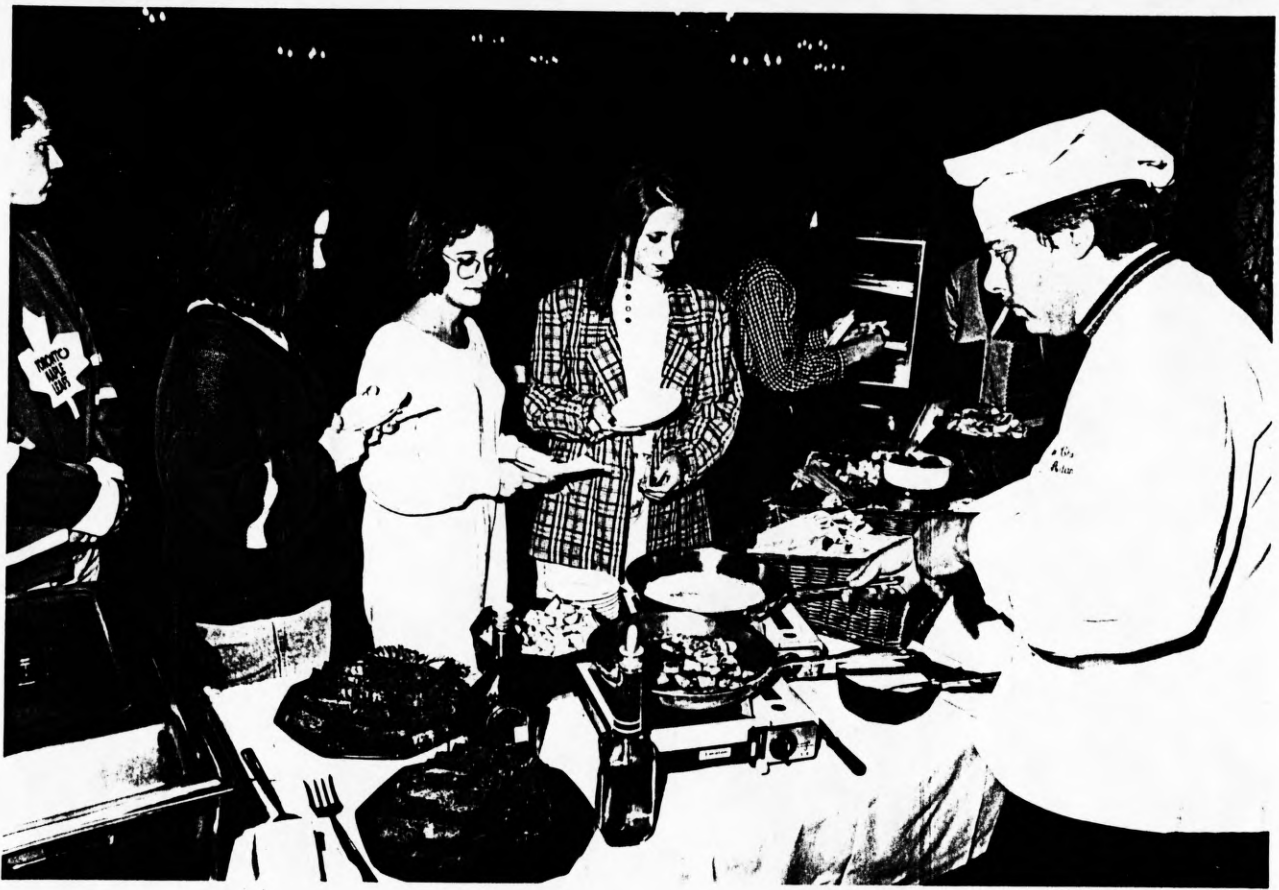
Another key role for Carter is working with alumni and other friends of the University who are interested in creating scholarships. Carter will help to develop the criteria for determining who is eligible for scholarships and how they are awarded.

Carter also serves as a member of the boards of directors of University Services, Inc., and the French Creek Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

He lives in Erie with his wife, Gina, and their children, Jason and Alyssa.

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Chef Chuck Adams from California University of Pennsylvania prepares one of his specialty desserts at the Chef's Fair at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's Van Houten Dining Hall. Chefs from California, Edinboro, Youngstown State University and Buffalo State University prepared their best dishes for the one-day event. The Fair featured ethnic food, vegetarian dishes, and cuisine from different regions of the country. Edinboro's Chef Jason Bakus said the event was a big hit with Edinboro students. The Fair will be presented at each of the schools.



October 20, 1994

MEDIA ADVISORY: EDINBORO ROTC HOLDS FALL TRAINING EXERCISE

Army ROTC cadets from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, along with cadets from Gannon, Mercyhurst and Allegheny, will participate in their fall Field Training Exercise (FTX), from 8 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 29, to 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 30, at the Keystone Training Area in Geneva, Pa.

The training schedule on Oct. 29 includes land navigation (8:30 a.m. to noon) and simulated missions on STRAC (Squad Tactical Reaction Assessment Course) lanes from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Best time for media coverage, according to Cadet Wendy Lindsey, Edinboro ROTC's public affairs officer, is during Saturday's STRAC missions (12:30 to 6:30 p.m.)

The purpose of the FTX is to train third-year (junior) cadets in preparation for their summer 1995 ROTC Advance Camp, which determines their commissioning as Army officers.

For information prior to the FTX, contact U.S. Army Maj. Richard Boggs, Edinboro University's professor of military science, 814-732-2562.

Media contacts at the FTX site, along with Maj. Boggs, are Cadet Battalion Commander Brady Sexton, the battalion executive officer, Cadet John Stich, and Cadet Wendy Lindsey, who handles public affairs.

Media coverage, focusing on the participating cadets, is invited.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

TERRY ANDERSON TAKES THE STAGE AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

The Edinboro University Concert and Lecture Series will present a lecture by Terry Anderson on Wednesday, November 2, at 8:00 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium on the campus of Edinboro University.

On the morning of March 16, 1985, Terry Anderson was kidnapped off the streets of Beirut by four armed men. For the next seven years he endured a cruel captivity few of us can imagine, becoming a leader and inspiration to his fellow prisoners and a symbol of endurance and hope to the world. Reflecting on those seven years in his national best seller, *Den of Lions*, Anderson has now given the world a lasting chronicle of the unlimited possibilities of the human spirit in the face of hatred and conflict.

Sharing his story on the lecture podium, Anderson's honesty and quiet presence are having an unforgettable impact on audiences around the globe. He offers a gripping profile of his captivity and its aftermath with an honesty and positive outlook that cuts right to the fundamentals of all our lives.

Tickets are required for this event and can be reserved by calling 814-732-2518 weekdays between 8:00 and 4:30. Tickets are also available on campus at the University Center and the Music Department. Adult ticket prices are \$5.00, senior citizens and others are admitted for \$4.00.

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EDINBORO UNIVERSITY PLANS ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK ACTIVITIES

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will join with colleges across the country in recognizing National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, October 16-22. Now in its 11th year, the week encourages students to look at their drinking habits and make low-risk decisions regarding their use of alcohol.

Headlining the week at Edinboro will be an appearance by Mike Green, nationally known comic speaker, on Thursday, October 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the University Center Grill Room. His appearance at Edinboro is sponsored by the ALADIN (Alcohol And Drug Information Network) Project, in cooperation with the Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils.

Students are universally enthusiastic about Green's performances. "He makes you laugh, but he also makes you think," said one, and "Green doesn't talk down to you . . .," said another.

Alcohol Awareness Week will kick off with a freshman "Club Soda" on Monday evening in the Towers Multipurpose Room. ALADIN Peer Educators will present information and entertainment, with refreshments provided by Residence Life. On Tuesday, University Dining Services and the members of Alpha Phi Omega will provide mocktails and hors d'oeuvres at "Tailgate Parties with a Twist," in Van Houten Dining Hall during the lunch and supper hours. Alpha Phi Omega will also hold a mid-day happy hour with free mocktails and popcorn at the University Center on Wednesday, October 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In addition to the presentations by Mike Green, two workshops will be held. Mary Anne Weiner, ALADIN project coordinator, will present "How to Help a Friend with a Drinking Problem" on Tuesday, October 18, in the University Center Multipurpose Room at 3 p.m.

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“Beating the After Hours Blues” with Pam Magerle and the ALADIN Peers will be the week’s feature of Academic Support Services’ 7 O’clock Series on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Hendricks G-13. Magerle, Project Specialist with the ALADIN grant, said, “Many students think there’s ‘nothing else to do but drink.’ This workshop will look at creative alternatives in and around Edinboro.”

The week will close with “Blizzard of Bucks” and refreshments on Saturday evening in the University Center.

“Alcohol abuse is the single biggest academic, health and social problem on all college campuses,” said Mary Anne Weiner, coordinator of the week’s activities. This week gives students the opportunity to look honestly at some of the issues surrounding college alcohol use and offers support to those who choose to drink in moderation or not at all. There’s a variety of activities this year, sponsored by a number of organizations. We look forward to having many students involved,” she said.

Alcohol Awareness Week is co-sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs Health Awareness Program, the ALADIN Project, the Edinboro University Student Government Association, Residence Life, and Student Activities. For further information call the Health Awareness Program at 732-2839 or the ALADIN Project office at 732-2949.

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**Mike Green, M.Ed., President
Collegiate Consultants on Drugs and Alcohol**

Over the past ten years, Mike Green has presented on more than 1000 campuses nationwide in his effort to make drug and alcohol awareness and education an integral part of every student's life. He is a recognized leader in the field, who has earned the respect of both his colleagues and the students he has counseled. This recognition was clearly illustrated in 1987, when he was chosen to give expert testimony before the United States House of Representatives Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control.

Mike serves as a consultant to the student affairs and athletic departments of numerous universities, including Akron, Hobart, Temple, and Villanova. He is listed among the "Outstanding Young Men of America" and was recently added to the ranks of West Chester University's Distinguished Alumni.

At the request of Senator Bill Bradley, Mike developed drug and alcohol programs for the New Jersey high schools. In the non-academic setting, he produced programs for the medical societies of both New Jersey and Virginia, and for professional sports teams including the Philadelphia Flyers.

Mike has appeared as a feature guest on various television programs including "A.M. Philadelphia" and "People Are Talking", as well as having had interviews published in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Coach*, *Athletic Management*, *Scholastic Coach*, and hundreds of campus papers. He produced a series of video tapes which include many of the innovative, and now famous, "think before you drink" techniques as demonstrated during actual presentations.

Mike has been participant and coach on both the high school and college levels. As a defensive lineman, he received All Pennsylvania Conference and Little All American honors, and a try-out with the Philadelphia Eagles. Mike was a high school athletic director, and has coached Division II football.

His background of athlete, coach, and educator, gives him the know-how to connect to today's youth. His firsthand experiences as a recovering alcoholic gives him the credibility to honestly relate the dangers drugs and alcohol pose for many students. He has made it his life's work to help young people avoid the perils of abuse. And because Mike Green is an inspiring and dynamic speaker, kids not only sit up and listen—they buy what he's selling!

"Mike Green's presentation to our athletes on the abuse of alcohol and its consequences was most effective and made a positive impression on our squad."

Joe Paterno
Pennsylvania State University



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY PRESENTS THE WORKS OF THREE PHOTOGRAPHERS

Three artists who are concerned in different ways with cultural and environmental issues will show their photographic art work at Edinboro University's Bruce Art Gallery from November 2 through December 3.

Alexander Heilner, currently living in San Francisco, presents landscapes impacted by man and man-made objects. His work suggests a tension between the "natural" world and man's "artificial" world. He shows what we live with, for better or worse.

Alexander Stefan was born in Moscow, Russia. He holds a master's degree in linguistics from the Moscow Institute of Foreign Languages and now lives in Maryland. His photographs depict a spiritual struggle with "mindless materialism, mean cynicism, and a commonplace brutality." His work shows the challenge of maintaining an "inner self-essence, the higher self."

Lisa Titus from New York City shows very large images as "Illustrations Of Power." These are her own poetic reflections on violence, fear, oppression, and silence – explorations of "the devastating dimensions of power." Her work and the accompanying text also provide hope – the possibility of attaining comfort, love, security, and tranquility.

An opening reception will be held on Wednesday, November 2, at 7 p.m. Bruce Gallery, located in Doucette Hall, is open from 2 to 5 p.m. on Mondays through Saturdays and from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. For further information, call the Gallery at 814-732-2513 or the Art Department at 814-732-2406.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY HOSTS MATH ON SATURDAY CONFERENCE

Elementary school math teachers from Erie, Crawford and Warren counties will gather at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania for the second Math on Saturday Conference on October 22, from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The keynote address will be given by Dr. Bruce Smith, who will speak on "Flights of Fantasy; Mathematically and Scientifically Connected to the Curriculum." Smith is on the faculty of Edinboro's elementary education department.

The Math on Saturday Conference is part of the Regional Mathematics Center for Teacher Enhancement and Renewal. The Center is funded by a three-year grant from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Postsecondary Math and Science Federal Grant Program and by Edinboro University.

The Center's director, Dr. Nicholas Stupiansky, said the Center is designed to serve the 2,500 elementary teachers in northwestern Pennsylvania through the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit. Nearly 200 teachers are expected for the all-day conference which will feature 40 presentations on math.

In addition to the fall and spring Math on Saturday clinics for K-8 math teachers, the Center has an ambitious program that provides regional target workshops to enhance the teaching skills of K-8 teachers from both public and private schools consistent with the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics standards. It also sponsors Summer Math Institutes, creates a vehicle to encourage local networking and sharing among those teachers, and publishes a regional newsletter.

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For further information on the Math on Saturday Conference, contact the Regional Mathematics Center for Teacher Enhancement and Renewal, at 814-732-2851 or 2905.

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HUNTER JOINS FACULTY AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Dr. William R. Hunter recently joined the faculty at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. A native of Logansport, Indiana, he has accepted a position as an assistant professor specializing in multi-cultural American literature. Prior to joining the staff at Edinboro, he was employed as a visiting instructor at Purdue University.

Hunter received his bachelor of arts degree from DePauw University, Indiana. He received both his master's and doctorate from Purdue University. Hunter currently lives in Edinboro with his wife, Deborah, and their son, Seth.

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NEWS ADVISORY:

Master Chinese artist Jackson Lee will demonstrate his techniques in ceramics and Chinese calligraphy at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, October 16 and 17, in the ceramics studio of Loveland Hall. He will also present a public lecture at 7 p.m., Monday, October 17, in 119 Doucette Hall.

Lee is an artist in residence at the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University. He received BFA and MFA degrees from the National College of Ceramics in Jingdezhen, China. His work is in the collections of Canada's Banff Center for the Arts, the Everson Museum of Art in New York, and the Museum of Ceramic Art at Alfred University.

His visit to Edinboro is sponsored in part by the University's Institute for Research and Community Services.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO GRADUATE, DISNEY ANIMATOR TO SPEAK AT UNIVERSITY

Bill Waldman, a 1986 graduate of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, recently joined the staff of Walt Disney studio as a key animator and began work on Disney's newest feature film, *Pocahontas*. He will return to the Edinboro campus on Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3, to share his experiences with interested faculty, students, alumni, and members of the community. Planned activities include classes with animation majors, a reception, a showing of artwork from films he has worked on, and a discussion of Don Bluth's film, *Thumbelina*, which will be shown twice that evening at the University Center on campus.

As a key animator, Waldman supervises assistant and in-between animators and draws the key drawings for a character or scene in a film. He is currently animating John Smith, the lead character in *Pocahontas*, voiced by actor Mel Gibson. Following *Pocahontas*, Disney will be producing a number of animated features including *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Fantasia Continued*, *Fa Mulan*, and *Hercules*.

A native of Williamsport, Pa., Waldman majored in animation at Edinboro University, and following graduation, he worked as an animator and storyboard consultant for Kensington Falls Production in Pittsburgh. While there, he received a Pa. Council on the Arts media arts fellowship for his student film, *Fish Hooked*. He worked as an animator for the Bajus-Jones animation studio in Minneapolis before becoming a key animator for the Don Bluth Studio where he did key animation for *Thumbelina* and the soon-to-be-released *A Troll in Central Park*.

Waldman then joined the staff of Warner Brothers studio where he worked on Tweety Bird and many of the other Warner Brothers characters. His work will be seen in the upcoming Bugs Bunny short, *Carrotblanca*. He also animated the new Warner Brothers family entertainment logo that appears on films, music, and video releases.

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For additional information on Waldman's appearance or Edinboro's animation program, contact Mr. David Weinkauff, Art Department, Edinboro University of Pa., 814-732-2799.

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October 6, 1994

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EDINBORO UNIVERSITY THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES
TO PRESENT *THE VELVETEEN RABBIT***

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's Theatre for Young Audiences will present James Still's adaptation of Margery William's *The Velveteen Rabbit*, a heart warming, once-upon-a-time story of a boy and his not-so-real rabbit. The Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA) invites you to journey with them as they 'suspend disbelief' and bring literature and a toy rabbit to REAL life: a place where, if you are a toy and a child loves you for a long, long, time, you can become real.

The play is part of a continuing effort by the TYA to regularly provide young children first-hand experiences with live theatre. The TYA is under the direction of Ro Willenbrink Blair, assistant professor of theatre.

Starring in this fall's production are: Suzanne Werder and Christina Adams as the Velveteen Rabbit, Rick Freesmeyer and Brian Nath as Steve, Thomas A. McCrea as Ben, Martha Zaksheske and Heidi S. Malchus as the Rocking Horse, and Bruce Firster and Bob Werley as the Boat and Train.

The Velveteen Rabbit will be presented on campus at the Center for Performing Arts on October 13 and 14 at 8:15 p.m. and October 15 and 16 at 4:00 p.m. Tickets can be reserved by calling the TYA box office at 732-2242, on October 6, 7, and 10 through 14 from noon until 2:00 p.m. Tickets for children are \$.50, adults \$1.00, and the play is free to faculty, staff, students holding an Edinboro ID, and adults accompanied by a child.

The TYA will be touring in the General McLane, Penncrest, and Wattsburg School Districts during the weeks of October 17 through 28.

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PRE-SCHEDULING NEWS RELEASE
SPRING SEMESTER 1994-95 (952)
October 26 - November 18, 1994

Pre-scheduling for the Spring Semester classes will begin on October 26, 1994 and end on November 18, 1994. The pre-scheduling process will be an easy one if you are completely prepared when reporting to the pre-scheduling site.

To prepare for pre-scheduling you should complete the following steps:

1. Pick up a copy of the Spring Semester Scheduling Booklet. The scheduling booklets are distributed to the Library, University Center, Porreco Extension Center and dormitories. Copies are also available in the Scheduling Office, Hamilton Hall, room 117.
2. Refer to page vi of the Spring Scheduling Booklet to determine the date and the location where you will be completing pre-scheduling. A master list of pre-scheduling appointments will be available in the dormitories, the Library, University Center Lobby, and the Scheduling Office.
3. Prior to your pre-scheduling date, meet with your academic advisor to develop a proposed class schedule. Be sure to include alternate courses in addition to your first choice courses. The alternate courses must be different from your first choice courses. Academic advisement is the key to success.

It is the student's responsibility to meet with the advisor. Forgery of an advisor's signature on ANY University form will be reported to the Student Standards Office for action. If you cannot meet with your advisor prior to your pre-scheduling date, meet with the department chairperson for advisement. The Course Request Form will not be processed without the advisor's signature.

4. On your pre-scheduling date, take the Course Request Form with your advisor's or department chairperson's signature to your pre-scheduling location.

If you are unable to wait until it is processed by the scheduling staff, you may leave your Course Request Form at the Hamilton Hall pre-scheduling location for processing. If you leave your Course Request Form for processing on your pre-scheduling day, you may pick up a copy of your completed schedule the next business day.

5. On or about November 23, 1994 a bill and a copy of your class schedule for the Spring Semester will be sent to your home address. This bill will be sent to your home address as listed on the University's computer files. If your home address has changed YOU MUST SUBMIT A CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM TO THE OFFICE OF RECORDS AND REGISTRATION (Hamilton Hall, room 115).
6. The Bursar's Office must have marked/coded your schedule as "paid" by the close of business on January 17, 1995. If your schedule has not been so coded, your schedule will be dropped. It is your responsibility to make sure that you have provided the Bursar's Office with full payment or verification of financial aid to cover your bill prior to the close of business on January 17, 1995. YOU MUST RETURN THE INVOICE TO THE BURSAR'S OFFICE.

If your schedule is dropped in January because you did not complete your financial arrangements, your classes will be made available to other students.

October 5, 1994

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA TO PRESENT
CONFERENCE ON MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's Curriculum, Instruction and Collaboration Institute of the Center for Excellence in Teaching will present the second annual Middle Level Conference for parents, teachers, and administrators. The title of this year's conference will be "Initiatives in Middle Level Education: What Works!"

The keynote address, titled "You've Got to Reach Them if You Want to Teach Them," will be presented by Dr. Robert L. Furman. The address will focus on 12 practical strategies for teaching and parenting that work with the student in the middle school age group. These strategies deal with the needs of the middle school student, how these students can be motivated, and how to teach them. "In addition to many practical ideas for immediate implementation, participants will leave with a deeper understanding and appreciation of this age group," stated Furman.

Furman, who has been active in middle school initiatives for most of his educational career, delivers close to 50 presentations yearly to parents, teachers, and administrative groups throughout the country. He has served as a middle school principal and teacher in the Upper St. Clair School District in southwestern Pennsylvania. Furman's work has been published in several prestigious periodicals. He is also the author of *Teacher Supervision/Evaluation: A Due Process Model*. Furman is a member of the National Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development and the National Middle School Association. He is currently the Director of

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Management Services in the Upper St. Clair School District as well as a part-time instructor at California University of Pennsylvania.

The conference will be held on Saturday, October 22, from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on the Edinboro University campus. For further information, contact Kathleen Benson, chairperson of the Middle Level Learning Committee at 814-732-2788.

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Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Foster F. Diebold, right, welcomes Ghaus Bux Mahar to the Edinboro campus. Mahar is acting governor and speaker of the provincial assembly of Sindh, Pakistan. During Diebold's administration, the University has established ties and academic linkages with many universities and institutions in Pakistan, including the University of Sindh. Mahar was accompanied on his visit to Edinboro by his wife Neelofar Mahar.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS CONCERT

The music department at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will present a concert on Friday, October 14, at 8:00 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium on the University campus.

Performances by the Symphonic Wind Ensemble and the Jazz Ensemble will feature the works of Grainger, Cheetham, Barber, Arnold, Marks & Simon, Mandel, and Noble.

The public is invited to attend free of charge. For additional information, contact the Edinboro University music department at 814-732-2555.

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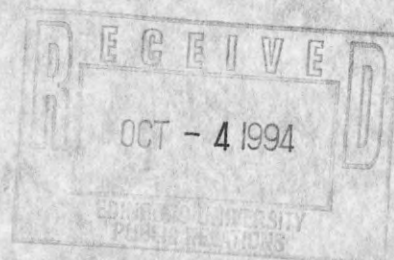
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October 3, 1994

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY HOSTS STATEWIDE ENGLISH CONFERENCE

More than 70 English scholars will gather in Edinboro on October 13-15 for the annual statewide conference sponsored by the English Association for Pennsylvania State Universities. This will mark the first time Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has hosted the conference since the organization was founded.

The conference's 30 sessions, which will be held at the Edinboro Inn, will focus on this year's theme, "From the Center to the Margins of the Discipline." They will cover American fiction, literary theory and film, composition, the Internet, interdisciplinary studies, journalism, creative writing, and drama.

Noted poet Robert Creely will be the keynote speaker for the October 14 banquet on the Edinboro campus. Other highlights include presentations, panel discussions, and writers' readings by faculty and graduate students from the 14 universities in the State System of Higher Education.

Area teachers may register in advance by contacting Edinboro University's department of continuing education at 732-2671, or at the conference on October 14, beginning at 8 a.m. Friday's concurrent sessions run from 10:15 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. Saturday's sessions are scheduled from 9 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.

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