

Two faculty members in the School of Liberal Arts at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania were recognized recently for the publication of their books. Dr. Roy P. Stonesifer Jr. (right) of the history department co-authored a biography of Gideon J. Pillow, a controversial Confederate General. Titled *The Life and Wars of Gideon J. Pillow*, the publication received the 1993 Tennessee History Book Award.

Diane Crandall, art department, was recognized for *Violent Crime. I Never Thought it Would Happen to Me*, a visual documentation of the recovery process for victims of violent crime. The first 500 copies of the book will be used by Erie District Attorney William R. "Rusty" Cunningham for distribution through Victim Witness Services of Erie.

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EDINBORO TO CELEBRATE HOMECOMING OCTOBER 6-9

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will celebrate its 1994 Homecoming with the traditional Homecoming parade, Fighting Scots' football, a benefit golf outing, and a wide range of social activities for Edinboro students, alumni, employees, and the surrounding community to enjoy.

Homecoming kicks off on Thursday, October 6, at 8 p.m. at the Gazebo behind the University Center with the annual bonfire, pep rally, fireworks, and the crowning of the 1994 Homecoming queen and king.

Friday, October 7, begins with a 10 a.m. shotgun start for the Third Annual Alumni Homecoming Golf Outing at the Culbertson Hills Golf Course in Edinboro. The outing is sponsored by the Edinboro University Alumni Association's Board of Directors to benefit the alumni general scholarship fund and the alumni football players scholarship fund. Greens fees, cart, refreshments, and prizes are included in the \$50 registration fee.

Also on October 7, Edinboro University President Foster F. Diebold and the University's Student Government Association will hold a ceremony to dedicate Edinboro's newly renovated and expanded University Center student union. The \$6 million project added 60,000 square feet to the facility to enhance recreational and administrative space for the student body. The public is invited to the dedication ceremony which is scheduled for 2 p.m. The facility will be open for public tours after the brief ceremony.

Culbertson Hills Public Golf Course and Restaurant will also be the site of an alumni reception at 8 p.m. on Friday, October 7.

The traditional Homecoming parade makes its way through the University campus and streets of Edinboro beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 8. This year's parade theme is "Disney Movies," and as many as 14 student-made floats are entered.

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Saturday's events continue with a football game at Sox Harrison Stadium with the Fighting Scots hosting the Shippensburg Red Raiders. Kickoff at 2 p.m. A special alumni tent at the stadium will be open for alumni to gather and renew old acquaintances with classmates, faculty and staff, and to sign up for raffle prizes.

Registration for the third annual Alumni Association-sponsored 5K run begins at 7 a.m. on Sunday, October 9. Advance registration is \$10 for adults and \$7 for students, or \$12 and \$8 on Sunday. The race begins at 8:30 a.m.

The annual "Tot-Trot" will be held immediately after the 5K race. Local "celebrities," including Olympic wrestling champion Bruce Baumgartner, will challenge separate age groups (ages two to eight) in races of various distances. Both races take place at Sox Harrison Stadium.

For more information about alumni events at Edinboro University's 1994 Homecoming, call the Alumni Office at 814-732-2715 or 1-800-526-0117.

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**EDINBORO UNIVERSITY TO OFFER MINI-COURSE IN
COMPUTER ANIMATION AND VIDEO PRODUCTION**

If you have seen the prime-time series *SeaQuest* (NBC), *Babylon 5* (FOX), or *Robocop* (IND), you may have noticed some impressive movements of submarines and spaceships through underwater cities or star clusters. These images were 3D computer animations created with the Emmy award winning NewTek Video Toaster and Amiga computer – the same technology used by the Art and Media Services Departments of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

The hardware and new 3.5 software used to create these and other effects, TV commercials, and graphics will be the subject of a mini-course offered through Edinboro University's Institute for Research and Community Services on two consecutive Saturdays, October 15 and 22. The course will be taught by Edinboro professor David Weinkauff.

Introduced about five years ago, the low-cost NewTek Video Toaster is a television studio in a desktop Amiga computer. It offers a six input switcher with more than two hundred special switching effects, a paint program, a chroma effects program, a character generator with close to three hundred postscript fonts, a 3D animation program, and a 3D animation modeler program. The toaster is used for local video productions and has fast become a standard in high-end motion picture and network television production. It was used in the design phase of the Tyrannosaurus rex sequence in *Jurassic Park*. Ten shots animated with the technology made it into the final film prompting Director Steven Spielberg to make a major commitment to the Video Toaster and Amiga computer for his NBC series *SeaQuest*.

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Other series and films using the Amiga computer and Video Toaster include *Quantum Leap*; *Young Indiana Jones Chronicles*; *Three Men and a Baby*; *Honey, I Blew Up the Kid*; *Unsolved Mysteries*; *Afterburn*; *Warlock* and the Oscar winning documentary *Panama Deception*. Two years ago, the Toaster was awarded an Emmy for outstanding technical achievement.

This semester's course will feature new slides, new animations and the newest version of the software. Through a special arrangement with NewTek, the course will also serve as the regional unveiling of the Flyer non-linear video editing system. Not yet on the market, the Video Flyer is a high-end tapeless video editing system making use of the Video Toaster's many special effects, fonts, paint and animation programs.

On October 15, the course will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a session called "Toaster Preferences and Switching." The emphasis will be on television switching effects, freeze frame, and luminance keying. At 1:00 p.m., the construction of titles and computer painting will be demonstrated during a session titled "Character Generation and Painting." At 4:30 p.m., in a session called "Chroma FX," a variety of photographic effects and image modifications will be demonstrated. At 5:00 p.m., the Video Flyer non-linear editing system will be unveiled and demonstrated.

The first session on October 22 will feature the Toaster's highly-praised Lightwave animation program in a session titled "Lightwave 3D Animation: Building Blocks." The session will deal with objects, lights and the camera in three dimensional space. At 1:00 p.m., in a session titled "Lightwave Modeler," participants will examine ways to construct three dimensional objects inside the computer. At 4:00 p.m., during a session titled "Lightwave 3D Animation: Animation," participants will learn how the animation for *SeaQuest*, *Babylon 5*, *Robocop* and other projects was created and recorded on tape and film. The day will end with a 5:30 session on the rotoscoping and real-time animation output features of the Video Flyer.

Four one-hour hands-on sessions are scheduled throughout the course following each of the major topics. Each session will allow participants to work with Edinboro University's toasters to explore ideas or to gain experience with the technology.

The cost for the course is \$135 for new participants, and \$115 for participants of the previous Video Toaster courses. No previous video or animation experience is needed to participate. Seating will be limited, and interested participants are urged to make arrangements

for enrollment as soon as possible by contacting Edinboro University's Institute for Research and Community Services, 139 Meadville Street, Edinboro 16444, (814) 732-2671 or 800-526-0121.

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NEWS ADVISORY:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY TO HOLD DEDICATION CEREMONY

On Friday, October 7, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will hold a dedication ceremony for the recently renovated and expanded student union, the University Center.

Mel Perry, president of the University's Student Government Association, will present welcoming remarks followed by Edinboro President Foster F. Diebold. Dr. James H. McCormick, chancellor of the State System of Higher Education, is also expected to attend. Musical selections will be performed by the "Spirit of the Scots" Marching Band.

The ceremony will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the lobby of the University Center, and tours of the facility will begin immediately following the ceremony.

For additional information, call the Office of Public Information at 814-732-2745.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO WORKSHOP TRAINS TEACHERS IN NEW STANDARDS PROJECT

Officials from the Pennsylvania Department of Education will be in Edinboro this week to train teachers in a new program that promises to significantly change the nation's educational standards. The New Standards Project is a grass roots partnership of states and urban schools that is adopting a set of very high national education standards and developing a new kind of student assessment system.

Workshops in Edinboro and Allentown will train approximately 130 field trial teachers from school districts all across Pennsylvania. The Edinboro workshop will be held at the Edinboro Inn on Wednesday, September 28, and Thursday, September 29. Standards are being developed for mathematics, English/language arts, and science for grades K-12.

The New Standards Project is a joint effort of the National Center on Education and the Economy, and the Learning Research and Development Center at the University of Pittsburgh. The project's partners are 17 states and school districts in Fort Worth, New York City, Pittsburgh, Rochester, San Diego and White Plains, New York.

Director of the project, Lauren Resnick, said the development of standards and assessments is a critical piece of reforming the entire educational system so that it is much more coherent and is driven by much higher standards. "We are not simply a standards or testing undertaking; we want standards and assessments to help bring about better student outcomes – a different quality and higher level of student achievement," she said.

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania is the first higher education institution in Pennsylvania to collaborate with the project. Attending the workshop from the University will

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be Dr. Marilyn Sheerer, Dr. Susan Criswell, Dr. John Criswell, Dr. Bruce Smith, Dr. Nicholas Stupiansky, and Maureen Walcavich. Sheerer is the chairperson of the elementary education department.

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EDINBORO GRADUATES MAKING BEAUTIFUL MUSIC

You can't hear Westbrook on the radio yet, but before long you may be listening to the sweetest sounds this side of Nashville. The sister-brother-wife singing trio of Kristyn Westbrook Woodrow, Stephen and Amy Westbrook, is about to become this area's best-known recording group.

The Edinboro-based group was selected for the nationally-televised Charlie Daniels Talent Roundup, one of the nation's largest talent contests. Westbrook competed against 26 other vocal groups and bands for a \$25,000 prize and national recognition. The Nashville Network (TNN), which is broadcasting the talent show, will not reveal how Westbrook did in the contest until their first-round appearance is aired on October 29. The winner of that round competes in the semi-finals on December 17. The final round will be televised on December 24.

Westbrook is also appearing three times on the Dr. James Kennedy television program. The Florida-based ministry invited the trio to sing at one of its church services this past spring. They were so well-received they were invited to return for the televised evening service. One of their performances was broadcast August 14. The dates for two other shows have not been announced.

Woodrow and her brother Stephen and his wife Amy have been singing together for 12 years since they were teenagers at General McLane High School. The group has its roots in the teen choir of the Federated Church of East Springfield where Kristyn and brother Stephen attended. Amy moved to Edinboro from Warren when she was 13 and joined the choir in the 1982-83 school year. At General McLane the three were also active in the school band, choir and

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show choir. They began singing together as a group in 1984 under the name Joy, performing at churches, fairs and weddings.

In the meantime, all three went on to college at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Kristyn graduated in 1985 with a nursing degree, and Stephen and Amy finished in 1987 with degrees in accounting and communications, respectively.

The trio's forte is contemporary gospel and country music sung in three-part harmony. One reason they attracted the attention of the Charlie Daniels Talent Roundup is simply the rarity of country trios. There aren't many two female/one male trios in pop music, either. The last such successful group may have been Tony Orlando and Dawn in the 1970s.

Westbrook's material isn't limited to country and gospel. For the talent contest they performed Bridge Over Troubled Water, an original song called At the Westbrook, and The Water is Wide, a cut from the *Thirty Something* soundtrack.

"The Water is Wide was a last-minute substitution," said Amy Westbrook. "The talent contest did not allow gospel or patriotic songs. We learned it in the car on the way down to Nashville."

The trio does its own arranging, and the group rehearses whenever it gets a chance, which is usually every other weekend. Kristyn and her husband Bob – a 1984 graduate of Edinboro – live in the Pittsburgh area where they own a health-food store called Joy of Health. They have a one-year-old son named Thaine. Steve is a CPA for the accounting firm of Maloney, Reed, Scarpitti and Company in Edinboro. Amy, the former corporate communications coordinator for First National Bank, spends most of her time at home with their 20-month-old son Graham. She does free-lance writing and serves on the board of directors of the new Family First Sports Park.

They are hoping the national television exposure will lead them to bigger things in the recording industry. In 1986 they cut a tape called Children of Light, and later recorded a tape at Aircraft Studios in Pittsburgh called Pressing On. Both tapes were made for local distribution. They also made a handful of radio commercials in the Pittsburgh area. Currently, the group is choosing songs for a demo tape which will likely include At the Westbrook, In a Perfect World, I Can't Say No, Love of the Family and You Gotta Give What it Takes.

They are working with the Corbin, Hanner and Lee production agency in Nashville to represent them when the demo tape is completed. Two of the agency's members – Corbin and Hanner – have written music for the Oak Ridge Boys, Alabama, Glen Campbell and Don Williams.

Signing a recording contract would be the fulfillment of a dream, but it is secondary to the music itself. They would turn down a contract if they weren't able to sing the music they believe is right for them – music that will make a difference in people's lives.

"Whatever comes our way professionally," said Amy, "we want to do it with integrity, singing positive music with an uplifting message. Most of all, we want to honor God in our lives."

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO'S BRUCE GALLERY TO HOST FACULTY EXHIBIT

The members of the art department at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will have their work on display at the University's Bruce Art Gallery from Wednesday, October 5, through Saturday, October 29.

Since the artists/teachers work in many different styles and media, the show features a wide variety of art forms – from jewelry to photography, furniture to book art, mixed media and clay to drawing, acrylic and oil paintings to polychromed bronze sculptures. The show also represents different interests in subject matter, meaning and content. Diane Crandall's computer-generated work is based on personal experience, while individuality and expressiveness are demonstrated in the photography and the more traditional media. The functional art works are equally impressive – Sue Amendolara's necklace and brooches, Bernard Maas' furniture stands, and the porcelain pieces of Lee Rexrode.

The public is invited to attend the opening reception on Wednesday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m. Bruce gallery is located on the ground floor of Doucette Hall on the Edinboro campus. Hours are 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. For additional information, call 814-732-2513 or 2406.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

JEAN CARDOT APPOINTED FINANCIAL AID ACCOUNTANT AT EDINBORO

Jean Cardot of Erie has been appointed to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania as financial aid accountant. She will be responsible for all endowed, restricted and external scholarship funds, as well as all title IV funds.

Cardot holds bachelor's degrees in accounting and management with a minor in marketing from Gannon University. She also received training from the American Institute of Banking and attended NACUBO accounting and loan seminars and PHEAA financial aid workshops.

Prior to joining the Edinboro staff she was a loan officer and accountant at Mercyhurst College, loan coordinator at Villa Maria College/Gannon University, and loan officer and manager at Integra Bank when it was Security Peoples Trust Co.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO STUDENT COMPLETES WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania junior Sonya Lee, pictured with Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), recently completed a summer internship at The Washington Center, located in Washington, D.C., under a scholarship from the Ford Motor Company and additional support from Edinboro President Foster F. Diebold.

A nursing major from Cherry Hill, N.J., and student member of Edinboro's Council of Trustees, Lee interned at Kennedy's Health Office in the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources.

During her internship, she gained first-hand experience participating in the formulation of Kennedy's health care bill. Other responsibilities included responding to constituent concerns and participating in several special interest projects, such as nurse education for the consolidation of nursing loans with Federal-funded loans, the Senate hearings on Lupus, Sickle Cell Anemia, and health insurance for American and foreign employees of multinational companies.

Lee said she spent her free time in Washington taking a class, attending workshops on peace and conflict resolution, and volunteering at a local church's Male Youth Project for inner city boys from single parent households.

Founded in 1975, The Washington Center offers college students the opportunity to live and work in Washington, D.C., while experiencing the professional world. More than 17,000 students from 700 colleges and universities nationwide have participated in The Washington Center's Internship and Seminar programs to complement their classroom work with real-life applications.

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Dr. Kathleen Ansell, a professor in Edinboro's department of speech and communication studies, is coordinator of the University's internship program. Since its beginning in 1990, the program has placed more than 2,400 Edinboro University students in internships from the White House to the Erie Art Museum, from Erie County schools to the Allegheny County District Attorney's office, and from KDKA-TV in Pittsburgh to the Pennsylvania senate staff in Harrisburg.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY TO HOST WORKSHOP FOR SENIORS

On Thursday, September 29, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's School of Liberal Arts will host An Interactive Workshop for High School Seniors.

The morning event will include more than 20 concurrent half-hour sessions designed to acquaint students with such topics as the Civil War, computer animation, electronic music, logic, poetry reading, psychological research, and eye-witness reporting. In addition, tours will be conducted of the campus radio station (WFSE-FM), the television studio (ENN), the student newspaper (*The Spectator*), and various art studios.

Activities will culminate at 11:30 a.m. in the Multi-purpose room of the University Center with a panel discussion titled "The Impact of Pre-Trial Publicity." Edinboro professors Dr. Terry Warburton and James Fisher will join Erie media celebrities Paul Wagner (WICU-TV) and Tony Pasquale (*Erie Times-News*) to discuss the nature and influence of pre-trial publicity on the legal process, specifically the O.J. Simpson case.

For additional information, contact Ms. Linda Lacny, program coordinator, 732-2477.

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EDINBORO GRADUATE WINS STATE SYSTEM ESSAY CONTEST

Terri Birchard, a recent graduate of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, won top honors in this year's "Best of the State System" essay contest sponsored by the State System of Higher Education and PNC Bank. Birchard and a student from Indiana University of Pennsylvania each won \$1,500 for sharing first place in the competition. She also won \$500 for winning the Edinboro portion of the contest.

The contest is designed to recognize research and writing talent across the State System on a topic of general interest to the finance and business communities. The topic for this year's competition was: "Transfer of Wealth: Investment Opportunities for Bank Trust Divisions."

Birchard, a non-traditional student residing in Edinboro, majored in accounting and graduated in December.

"PNC Bank's sponsorship of the contest represents an extraordinary effort, one that demonstrates the support of scholarship and writing among the 14 State System university student populations," said State System Chancellor James H. McCormick.

"This partnership demonstrates that business and scholarship can work hand-in-hand. It has engendered an outstanding spirit of competition," Chancellor McCormick added. "At the same time, State System students gain an appreciation of the real-life work ethic."

The annual contest invites all full-time undergraduate students of the State System universities to submit essays of up to 5,000 words on a selected topic. The topic for the 1994-95 school year is "Marketing Strategies for Bank Investment Services."

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"The 'Best of the State System' contest is meant to be an encouragement to scholarship and writing among the students of the State System," said James M. Ferguson III, executive vice president, Investment Management and Trust, of PNC Bank, Pittsburgh. "Over the years, the winning essays have proven to be both provocative and stimulating. The continuing association with the students, faculty and administration of the State System has been one we value very much."

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Three students take honors for essays

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Three students in the State System of Higher Education have won top honors for their essays on a business topic in a competition sponsored by PNC Bank.

For the first time since the essay contest was initiated in 1989, two students shared first place. They are Terri Birchard of Edinboro State University of Pennsylvania and Sergio Sfakianakis of Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Birchard, of Edinboro, and Sfakianakis, an Indiana, Pa., resident, each received \$1,500.

Gretchen E. Hoover, a West Chester University of Pennsylvania student from Norristown, Pa., won the third-place award of \$500.

For Sfakianakis, it was a repeat performance. Last year he won third place in the competition.

The awards were announced recently at a luncheon in Pittsburgh sponsored by the bank.

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"Transfer of Wealth: Investment Opportunities for Bank Trust Divisions." Dr. Robert C. Camp, dean of the College of Business at IUP, serves as director of the competition.

The bank has underwritten the PNC Bank/State System of Higher Education Essay Competition since 1989. The contest was designed to recognize research and writing talent across the State System on topics of interest to the financial and business community.

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The State System of Higher Education comprises 14 universities located throughout the Commonwealth. State System universities enroll more than 95,000 students, 89 percent of whom are Pennsylvania residents. With over 11,000 employees, the State System is the 17th-largest employer in the state.

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DEADLINES

Each university decides its "Best of the University" deadline, but winners must be selected by January 1995. The "Best of the State System" winners are announced soon after.

RULES

You must be a full-time undergraduate student in good standing at a System university. Your essay must be typed (double spaced), properly documented, and written in a consistent style; it may not exceed 5,000 words. Winning essays become the property of PNC Bank.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY PRESENTS CHICK COREA QUARTET

The Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Concert and Lecture Series will open its 1994-95 season with an appearance of the Chick Corea Quartet on Sunday, October 2, at 8:00 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium on the Edinboro campus.

On his new GRP album, "Alive," Corea has taken a break from his Elektric Band and returned to the acoustic format that earned him enormous success and a 1989 Grammy Award. What distinguishes Corea's retrenchment in the acoustic format is the irrepressible electricity he brings to it. The quartet has simply transferred that power to the acoustic setting, and in the process, brings an energy more closely associated with jazz fusion.

Born in 1941, Chick Corea began playing piano at the piano at the age of four. Extensive listening to classical music spurred the compositional instincts that have guided his career, while his interest in jazz was nurtured by such greats as Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Bud Powell and other be-bop and hard-bop icons.

Corea's music has focused on almost every aspect of contemporary jazz including fusion and "free" improvisation. He is regarded as a model improviser and a serious composer and has become one of the country's leading exponents of jazz improvisation.

The Akoustic Quartet includes saxophonist Bob Berg, bassist John Patitucci, and drummer Gary Novak.

Tickets for this program may be obtained by calling 814-732-2518, weekdays. Prices are \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for senior citizens. Tickets are also available at the University Center and the Music Department on the Edinboro campus.

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EDINBORO GRADUATE MAKING MARK ON PITTSBURGH TELEVISION NEWS

The next time you run into Jennifer Antkowiak somewhere in Pittsburgh or in her hometown of Oil City, take a long look at her. There's a good chance she will not be in western Pennsylvania for long.

Antkowiak is a news reporter and weekend anchor for KDKA-TV in Pittsburgh. Since graduating from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in 1989, she has become one of the hottest stars in local television.

She broke into Pittsburgh's media consciousness in dramatic fashion. Antkowiak came to WPXI in Pittsburgh from WJET-TV in Erie in February of 1993. One week later a blizzard struck the East Coast, dumping record amounts of snow in the Pittsburgh area. Assigned to the Pittsburgh airport to interview some of the 5,000 stranded travelers, Antkowiak and her cameraman became snowbound themselves and ended up doing live shots around the clock for two days. For a while after, she was known to Pittsburgh viewers as "the lady at the airport."

Becoming a television reporter has been her lifelong dream. At a very young age she knew she wanted to work in the news media. In high school she wrote for the school newspaper and was active in drama groups. At Edinboro she became the feature editor and associate editor for the campus newspaper, winning a scholarship as its most promising writer. In her junior year she worked at the University's radio station as a disc jockey and news reporter, eventually becoming its news director. During the summers at home in Oil City she hosted a morning talk show on radio station WKQW.

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Although her writing ability would serve equally well at a newspaper or in the electronic media, she prefers the latter. "The style for broadcast writing is something I like more," said Antkowiak. "I like the immediacy of broadcast news."

As a senior at Edinboro she interned at WJET-TV, hoping to be at the right place at the right time if an opening developed. The station hired her part time, and following her graduation in May of 1989, she was promoted to full-time status.

At WJET she was a Jill-of-all-trades, quickly mastering anchoring, reporting and the weather. During the 1990 presidential campaign she reported live during candidate Bill Clinton's stop in Erie. She won the Associated Press and the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters (PAB) spot news award for her coverage of a small plane crash between two houses in an Erie neighborhood, and for her reporting of a devastating ice storm.

After two years in Erie she felt she needed a greater challenge. Her ambition was to go to Pittsburgh to work with the newspeople she had watched while growing up in Oil City, but she had doubts about her ability. Going from the 147th-largest market to the 17th was a big jump.

Her timing was uncanny again. When she called Al Blinke, news director of the NBC affiliate, WPXI, he told Antkowiak that he needed a replacement immediately. Antkowiak got the job on the spot.

The position was a great opportunity – and a frustrating one. It gave her exposure to the Pittsburgh audience and experience working in a large-market television newsroom. But, in Pittsburgh media circles, WPXI is well known for its tabloid approach to news. Sensationalism runs counter to Antkowiak's sense of journalism. After seven months working part time at WPXI, she needed a change.

In August of 1993 she was offered a contract with KDKA-TV.

"It was thrilling. I was star-struck," exclaimed Antkowiak. "Working alongside Stacy Smith, Ray Tannehill, Patti Burns and Patrice King Brown was very intimidating. These were the people I watched growing up. I was in awe."

Antkowiak has been primarily a general assignment reporter, but within her first month at the station she got her first anchoring job as a fill-in.

KDKA's anchors do not go out on assignment as often as reporters. Antkowiak is happiest when she is able to do both. In less than a year at the station she has already won the prestigious PAB award for her series on the town of Apollo where a former nuclear materials plant was being decommissioned. It was a highly controversial story and a draining assignment.

Reporting has brought her face-to-face with the harsher side of the news. She has seen her share of shootings, violence and crime. The station has bullet-proof vests available to its news teams who expect to be covering a potentially dangerous situation. "There are certain situations when we will not go into an area. We have a right to say no," said Antkowiak. "It's shocking to see the violence some people are capable of. But you also see the kindness people can give."

She has had a couple of close calls. Once, Antkowiak and her photographer were standing in the middle of a block covering a summer school program when they heard a drive-by shooting at the end of the block. In other instances people have told her that she wasn't wanted in their neighborhood.

All of her life she has had the complete support of her father Michael – an attorney in Oil City – and her three sisters, Becky, Jessie and Katie. Tragically, Jennifer's mother died in September of 1992 at the age of 50. Antkowiak believes her mother is still a big part of her life. "I think she is looking after me."

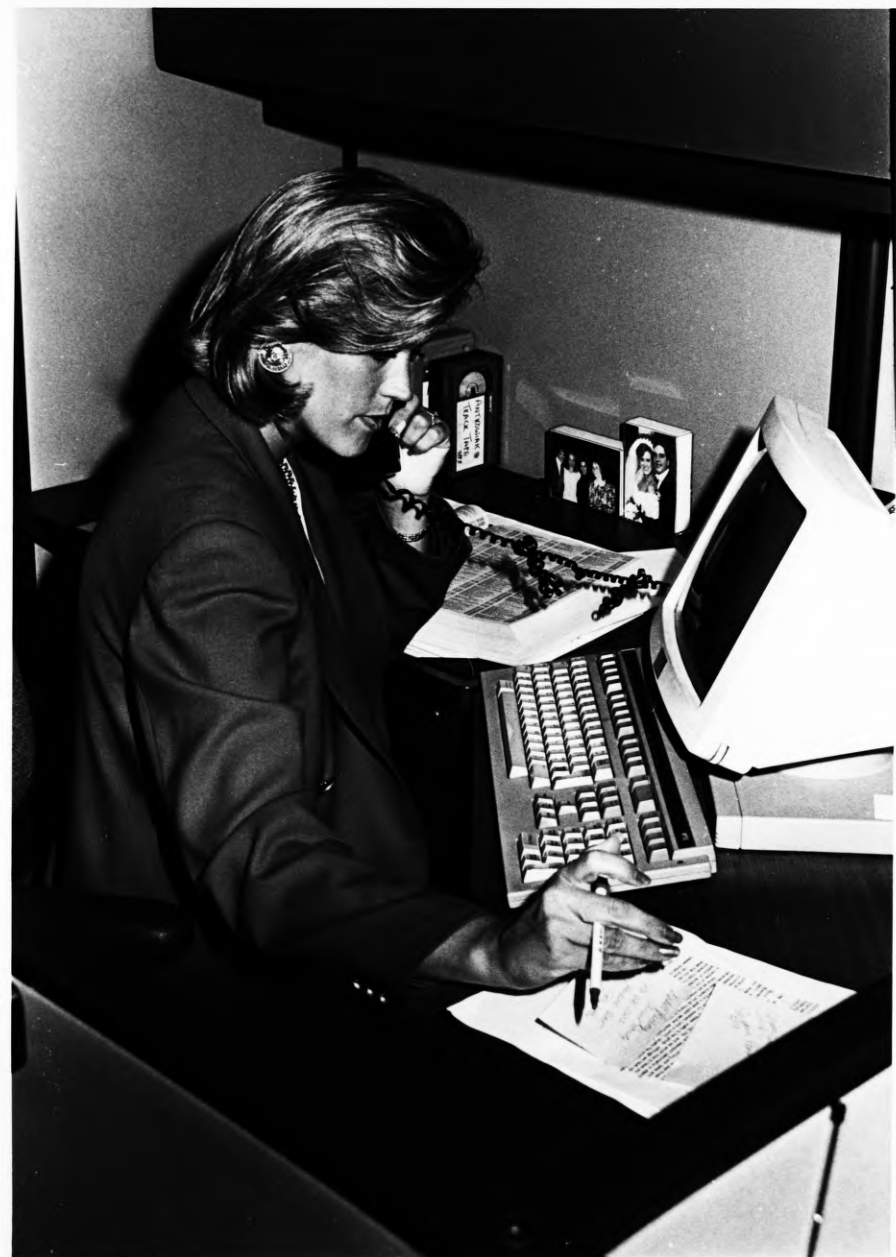
Three months after her mother's death she married Joe Navarro, who also graduated from Edinboro and worked at WJET-TV. He is pursuing a career in theater and keeps very busy with work in Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh and KDKA have been very good to Antkowiak. For the first time she is working in a shop where she can fully develop her journalism skills. She acknowledges it would be very easy to stay there, but if the opportunity arose to further her career in New York, it would be tempting to give it a try. "I would like to see how far I can go," she said. "I'd love to see if I could get to the networks."

So, take a good, long look at Jennifer Antkowiak when you meet her. The next time you see her she may be sitting beside Dan or Connie or Tom or Peter.



KDKA-TV news reporter and anchor Jennifer Antkowiak goes over last-minute changes to her story with producer Chris Jadick prior to an 11 p.m. newscast.





Ground was broken recently for Edinboro University's new Alumni Hall on Meadville Street. Participating in the ceremony were: (left to right) David M. O'Dessa '61, vice president for administration and institutional advancement; Jody Gallagher '82 and '83; Janet L. Bowker '84, alumni director; Bunny Bucho '62; Emily Evans '69 and '74; David Irlbacher '73; Frank Jakovac '73; Herm Tomer '71; Roy Strausbaugh, president, University Services, Inc.; Jim Geronimo '86; David Sheneman '64, Alumni Board president; University President Foster F. Diebold; Patricia Diebold '82 and '91; Mike Zahorchak '37; Bill Rohde '51, '64 and '80; Joe Mineo '73 and '78; Andrea Stevenson-Conner '87; Geneva Bleakley '41; Ron Meeder, contractor; Jim Kirk '74; Steve Kohler '79; Dan Higham '70; Dennis Ranalli '74; and Bill Daisley '66.

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EDINBORO GEOLOGISTS DISCOVER GIANT PREHISTORIC FISH IN ERIE COUNTY

Geologists from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania have discovered the fragmentary fossil remains of a giant armored fish that prowled the sea covering northwestern Pennsylvania more than 300 million years ago.

Dr. Jeffrey Gryta, Dr. Dale Tshudy and student assistant Joseph Lichtinger were studying the ancient bedrock of a streambed in southern Erie County when Tshudy made the find. The fossil has been tentatively identified as *Dunkleosteus terrelli*, a predatory fish with a massively armored head and neck that grew to lengths of 20 feet or more.

Dunkleosteus belongs to a large group of armored fish known as arthrodires. Several types of arthrodires are known from Ohio and western New York. The Cleveland area of Ohio is well known for arthrodires, including *Dunkleosteus*, but this is only the third report of identifiable arthrodire remains in Pennsylvania.

"This fish was the *Tyrannosaurus rex* of the marine world," said Tshudy.

At the time of the discovery, the Edinboro geologists were producing the first detailed geologic map of the bedrock of southern Erie County. The objective of their work, which is funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania Geologic Survey, is to determine the ages and specific origins of the region's bedrock layers.

They called in Dr. Robert Sullivan, a vertebrate specialist and curator of geology and paleontology from The State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg to investigate the find. Sullivan and his intern, Kesler Randall, excavated the fossil, which turned out to be a curved

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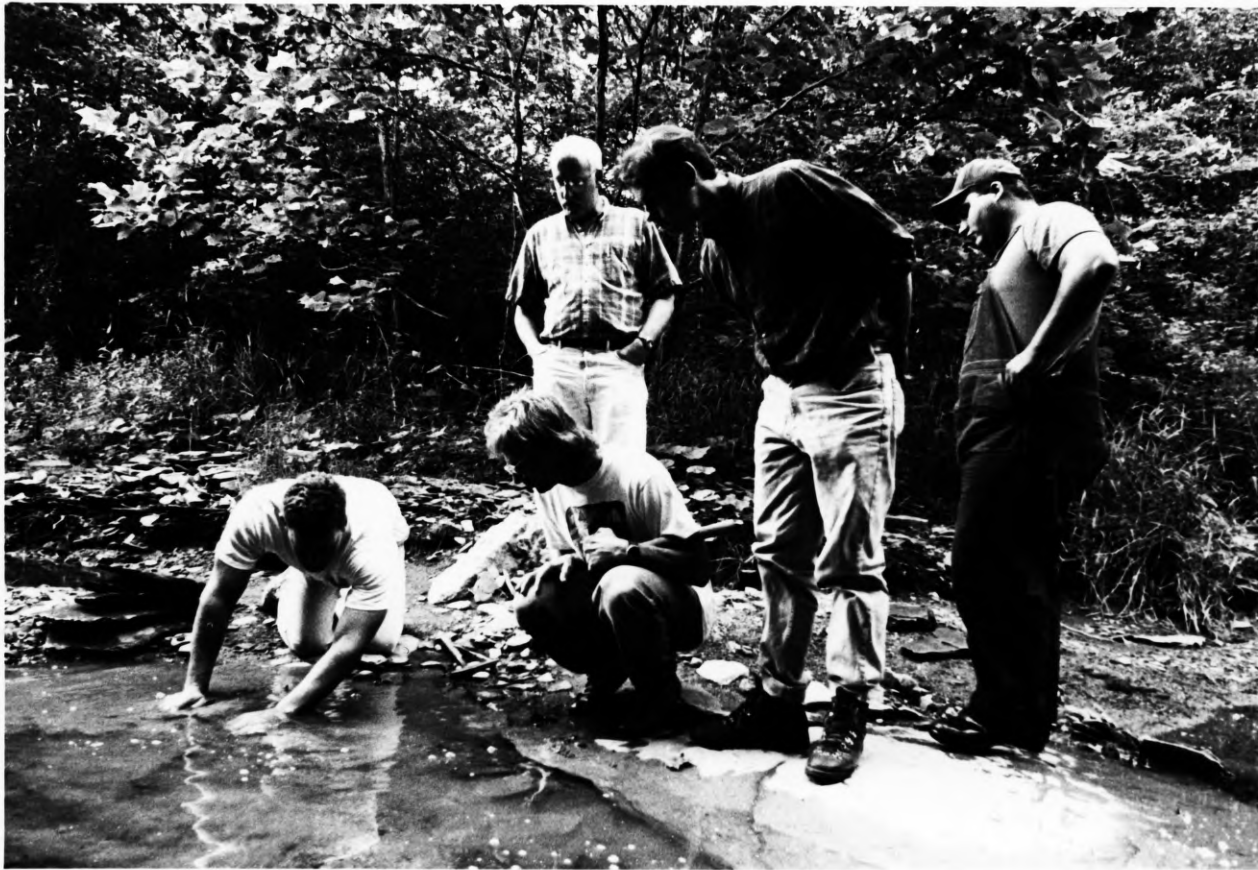
bony plate, approximately one foot square and one inch thick. It is now in the collections of The State Museum where it is being cleaned and reassembled for detailed identification.

The bedrock in which the fossil was found is approximately 350-370 million years old, which is in the Devonian geologic time period. It was known as the "age of the fishes" because fish were the largest and most dominant organisms in the world. At that time, only amphibians existed on land, and plants were very primitive. The Appalachian Mountains were as large as the Rocky Mountains are today. Sediments eroded from those treeless mountains were deposited in the seas that covered Erie County and other areas. Over millions of years, hundreds of feet of sand, silt and mud were deposited on the ocean floor. In time these deposits hardened into bedrock. Today those bedrock layers are visible in many places along the shore of Lake Erie.

In most areas of Erie County, the bedrock from the Devonian Period is buried beneath a few feet of soil and many feet of debris brought in by glaciers. The Edinboro geologists made their find in an area that has been eroded away by a stream, exposing the bedrock.

When Tshudy spotted the fossil it was still under a few inches of water. He and his colleagues had been noting the many fossils of marine invertebrates such as clams, snails, sponges, crustaceans, and especially brachiopods – ancient, clam-like organisms. To an untrained observer, the embedded fossil simply looked like a thin sliver of dark rock. But Tshudy realized immediately the fossil was something significantly different than the other smaller and lighter fossil impressions he had been looking at.

He noted that they were fortunate to be looking in that area at that particular time. Because no rain had fallen for several days, the water level was much lower than usual. If the Edinboro geologists had been exploring a few days earlier or later, they might never have seen the fossil sticking out of the bedrock.



Edinboro University geologists Dr. Dale Tshudy and Dr. Jeffrey Gryta (kneeling) examine the site where they discovered the fossil remains of a giant armored fish that lived 350-370 million years ago during the Devonian Period. Looking on are Dr. Robert Sullivan, a vertebrate specialist and curator of geology and paleontology from The State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg, his intern Kesler Randall, and Edinboro graduate student Joseph Lichtinger.

van rivieren en meren. Ook hun kop was beschermd door een zwaar pantser, maar een deel van de romp en de staart was vrij. Ze hadden in plaats van echte tanden beenplaten in hun mond. *Dunkleosteus* (Fig. 2), de grootste van de placodermen, werd meer dan drie meter lang. De meeste van deze vissen hadden een lengte van ongeveer 30 cm. Ze verschenen voor het eerst in het Devoon en stierven uit in het begin van het Carboon, ongeveer 350 miljoen jaar geleden.

Vinnen en graten

De kraakbeenvissen (Chondrichthyes), waartoe de haaien, roggen en draakvissen behoren, treden op vanaf het vroege Devoon. Ze hadden kaken met benige tanden en een kraakbeenskelet. Vinstralen uit kraakbeen ondersteunden de vinnen. Bij bepaalde soorten was de romp met benige schubben bedekt. Tand en schubben werden gans het leven door vervangen. Heel wat moderne



Fig. 2: *Dunkleosteus* was met zijn lichaamslengte van drie meter een van de grootste vissen uit de Devoon-periode.

Fish fossil didn't get away from these geologists

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EDINBORO — Geologists from Edinboro University have a fish fossil tale to tell.

They've discovered the fragmentary fossil remains of a giant armored fish that prowled the sea covering northwestern Pennsylvania more than 30 million years ago.

"This fish was the Tyrannosaurus rex of the marine world," said geologist Dale Tshudy, who made the discovery.

Tshudy, Jeffrey Gryta and student assistant Joseph Lichtinger were studying the ancient bedrock of a streambed in southern Erie County when Tshudy made the find.

The bedrock in which the fossil was found is about 350 to 170 million years old, dating back to the Devonian geologic time period. It was known as the "age of the fishes" because fish were the largest and most dominant organisms in the world.

At that time, only amphibians existed on land, and plants were very primitive. The Appalachian Mountains were as large as the Rocky Mountains. Sediment which had eroded from those treeless mountains was deposited in the seas covering Erie County and other areas.

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In most areas of Erie County, the bedrock from the Devonian period is buried beneath a soil and debris brought in by glaciers. The Edinboro geologists made their find in an area that has been eroded away by a stream, exposing bedrock.

Tshudy said they were in the right place at the right time. Because no rain had fallen for several days, the water level was lower than usual. Had the geologists been out exploring a few days earlier or later, they might never have seen the fossil sticking out of the bedrock.

When Tshudy spotted the fossil, it was still under a few inches of water. He and his colleagues were making notations on the many fossils of marine invertebrates — such as clams, snails,



Geologists Dale Tshudy and Jeffrey Gryta kneel at the site where they found fossil remains of a giant armored fish that lived about 360 million years ago. Also pictured are Robert Sullivan of the State Museum of Pennsylvania, intern Kesler Randall and graduate student Joseph Lichtinger.

sponges, crustaceans and brachiopods. The latter were ancient clam-like organisms.

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MICHAEL SCHMIDT JOINS EDINBORO FACULTY

Michael R. Schmidt has been hired as an assistant professor in the art department at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. In that position he will teach courses in graphic design.

Schmidt earned a bachelor of fine arts from Ohio University and a master's degree in graphic design from North Carolina State University. In addition, he completed post-master's training in cultural anthropology at North Carolina.

Prior to accepting the position at Edinboro, he was employed by the United Way Services of Cleveland and Seer Technologies, a company founded by IBM.

A native of Euclid, Ohio, Schmidt currently resides in Cambridge Springs, Pa.

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