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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

DANIELE SEVERANCE NAMED SOCIAL WORK STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Daniele Severance of Edinboro has been named Social Work Student of the Year by the Northwest Division of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). The senior social work major at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania was honored Wednesday, February 26, at the NASW annual dinner at the Holiday Inn South, in Erie.

The mother of two young boys, Severance has maintained a 3.89 grade point average and been on the dean's list every semester she has attended Edinboro. She is currently serving 30 hours a week as an intern at Community Health Net assigned to its social services department, maternal and child health program.

She has been active in the University's social work club for three years and coordinated its peer mentor program for two semesters. She has served as a student delegate to the field advisory committee to the social work program and developed two proposals for program improvement. Through the club she participated in the food drive for the Edinboro Food Pantry, the annual Giving Tree Christmas Gifts Program for adolescents served by the Food Pantry, the Gertrude Barber Center Phone-a-Thon, and the various fund-raising activities for the club.

Severance has served in numerous volunteer programs including the Cambridge Springs Senior Center, the Center for Adult Education, Perseus House, and the Edinboro Elementary School Writing Center. She worked as a social work student mentor in the spring and fall semesters of 1996, and coordinated a voters' registration drive last fall at ten sites in Erie County.

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She was a supplemental instruction leader for Edinboro in the spring of 1996, and is now providing individual tutoring to a learning disabled student. She is a member of the National Honor Society, and was recognized in Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities for 1996-97.

The Northwest Division of NASW consists of Edinboro, Gannon University and Mercyhurst College. Its annual dinner is part of the celebration of National Social Workers Month.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

JIM FISHER BOOK NOMINATED FOR EDGAR ALLAN POE AWARD

A book written by Edinboro University of Pennsylvania criminal justice professor Jim Fisher has been nominated for an Edgar Allan Poe Award, the oldest and most prestigious honor of its kind in the field of crime writing. *Fall Guys: False Confessions and the Politics of Murder* (Southern Illinois University Press, 1996) was nominated for the award by the Mystery Writers of America.

Every year the international organization of 2,600 authors honors the best of mystery fiction, nonfiction, television and film crime writing. Fisher's book is one of five titles nominated in the best fact crime category.

Among the others nominated in Fisher's category are recent Pulitzer Prize winner Edward Humes, and Vincent Bugliosi, nominated for *Outrage*, his book on the O.J. Simpson trial. Bugliosi is also the author of *Helter Skelter*. The more famous past winner of best fact crime was Truman Capote for his classic work, *In Cold Blood*. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in New York on May 1.

Although in print less than two months, *Fall Guys* has already received rave reviews including this from *Publishers Weekly*: "Fisher is both an excellent investigator and a smart writer, capably combining the details of his research with vivid recreation of the past. Most of all, he shows a fine sensitivity to human tragedies and shattered lives reverberating through the years." The critic for *Kirkus Reviews*, calling *Fall Guys* "gripping," says: "Fisher's righting of two terrible wrongs is a remarkable act of generosity; and his narrative of those events is haunting and worthwhile."

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JIM FISHER NOMINATED FOR POE AWARD, Continued

Jim Fisher's previous book, the nationally acclaimed *The Lindbergh Case*, is out in paperback, a publishing event noted in the "New & Noteworthy" section of *The New York Times Book Review*. Fisher's criticisms of last fall's HBO movie, *Crime of the Century*, based on the 1932 kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby, appeared in such newspapers as the *Los Angeles Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*. Fisher's "levelheaded" approach to the Lindbergh case was noted last August in an article in *The New Yorker* magazine called "The Shock of the True," by Alex Ross.

As author, criminal investigator of last resort, criminal justice professor and Lindbergh case expert, Fisher has appeared on NBC's *Dateline*, *48 Hours*, *Geraldo*, *Inside Edition*, and *Current Affair*. *Fall Guys* is his third book.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO MATH AND SCIENCE CENTER RECEIVES \$182,000 GRANT

The Regional Mathematics and Science Center at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has received a \$182,000 grant from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Program. The federal grant funds the first year of a three-year program for teacher enhancement and renewal.

The Center was created in 1994 to enhance the teaching skills of math and science teachers in grades K-8 by providing information, workshops, and access to math and science materials. It features an education resource center which has an extensive supply of math and science education materials and equipment available to be loaned out to local school teachers. The Center serves 17 school districts in Erie, Crawford and Warren counties, as well as the Diocese of Erie and the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit.

Much of the funding will go toward two summer institutes for math and science teachers who will receive a stipend for attending the two-week sessions. The purpose of the institutes is to develop a team of teacher leaders who will work with other teachers in their school and in their district. They will receive intensive hands-on training in hands-on math and science manipulatives, enhanced teaching skills, cooperative learning, and assessment strategies.

Co-directors Dr. Bruce Smith and Dr. Nick Stupianski said one of the big changes in the program this year is the inclusion of undergraduate students and preservice teachers. They now are able to check out materials and use the resources of the Center.

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The Center also sponsors a series of "Math and Science on Saturday" conferences for area administrators and teachers from kindergarten through college. The next conference will be held March 8 at Edinboro University.

Other programs and features of the Center are a series of regional target workshops hosted by schools, the development of a regional cadre of K-8 math and science education improvement leaders networked to serve as district liaisons within and between school districts, and a regional newsletter for K-8 math and science teachers and preservice teachers.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO AND SEAWOLVES ENCOURAGE YOUNG READERS

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and the Erie SeaWolves are teaming up to promote recreational reading for children, in school and at home. SeaWolves Collaborate in Outreach Reading with Edinboro University (SCORE) is a program designed for fourth-grade students, their parents and teachers.

SCORE will last nine weeks, just like spring training. Beginning March 1 through May 30 (teachers may choose a 9-week period within this time), students will read a minimum of 60 minutes per week. The students will chalk up "runs" on their individual SCOREcards every week. After seven weeks the young readers will receive an Edinboro University pencil for their "seventh-inning stretch." Each student who completes the program earns free admission to one of six Sunday afternoon SeaWolves baseball games.

All schools participating in the program are eligible for a school visit by C. Wolf, and SeaWolves items will be raffled to readers through drawings by school principals during the program. At the ball park, the popular mascot and/or the SeaWolves players will autograph students' books.

SCORE is a collaboration between Edinboro's Center for Excellence in Teaching and the Erie SeaWolves.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MULTICULTURAL DIVERSITY DISPLAY

Edinboro University's Baron-Forness Library is featuring a multicultural diversity book display during the month of March. The display includes books and cultural artifacts that highlight our nation's ethnic diversity. The cases feature recent library purchases on the topics of our multicultural society, multicultural education, intercultural communications related to business and the counseling professions, women, religious diversity, African Americans, Asian Americans, and Hispanic Americans.

Interpretive labels allow the viewer to learn more about multiculturalism and its impact on our nation's history. The public is welcome to attend. This display may be viewed during regular library hours. For further information, contact Lora Whitney, acquisitions librarian, 732-2738.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

OSSIAN'S DREAM BECOMES REALITY

Edinboro University's new student literary magazine, *Ossian's Dream*, will sponsor a reception on Wednesday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. in Reeder Lecture Hall. The writers and artists whose work appears in the magazine will present their work, and copies of the magazine will be available. Students, staff and the general public are invited.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY DEGREES AWARDED TO AREA GRADS

Approximately 640 undergraduate and graduate students received degrees at Edinboro University's recent fall commencement exercises. The students represented eleven states which included Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia, Washington, and Pennsylvania.

Among area students to receive diplomas were:

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Note: Names have been arranged alphabetically according to city.



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NEWS ADVISORY:

The presidents of four Erie County colleges and universities will take part in a panel discussion: "College Presidents as Community Leaders," Wednesday, March 12, 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's Memorial Auditorium.

Participating will be Dr. William P. Garvey, president of Mercyhurst College; Dr. John Lilley, provost of Penn State-Behrend College; Dr. Frank G. Pogue, president of Edinboro University; and Msgr. David Rubino, Ph.D., president of Gannon University.

The panel discussion, which will be moderated by Lisa Zompa of WSEE-TV, is part of the Leadership Erie program directed by Dr. David Kozak. The event is free and open to the public. Members of the audience will be encouraged to ask questions of the panelists.

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March 12, 1997

NEWS ADVISORY

Olympic gold medalist Bruce Baumgartner will be at the Millcreek Mall this weekend as part of a promotion for Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Baumgartner will be at the Mall Saturday morning, March 15, in front of Kaufmann's, to meet fans and introduce potential students to the University.

The University will have a representative there during mall hours – 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 14 and 15; and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday – every weekend in March except for Easter Sunday.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

WEBER NAMED EDINBORO'S PROVOST

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Frank G. Pogue has announced the appointment of Robert C. Weber, Ph.D., to the permanent post of provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University. Weber has acted as Edinboro's interim provost since September 1995. His appointment to the permanent position comes at the conclusion of a national search conducted over the past six months.

Weber came to Edinboro University in September 1989 as dean of liberal arts, having held tenured teaching positions at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and Davis & Elkins College in West Virginia, and having served as an academic administrator for more than 10 years. From 1984 to 1989, he served as associate undergraduate dean at Worcester State College in Massachusetts. From 1976 to 1984 he held several positions at Davis & Elkins College, including assistant dean for instruction, head of the division of arts, and chairman of the English department. From 1967 to 1975 he taught in the English department at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Weber was awarded a senior Fulbright lectureship in American literature during 1982-83 in what was then Yugoslavia and what is now Croatia. Other honors include two teaching assistantships – one at Miami (Ohio) University from 1965 to 1967 and another at the University of Wisconsin (1970-72). He was also a participant in the 1978 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar in modern poetry.

Starting his formal post-secondary education by attending the University of Pittsburgh at night, Weber transferred to Slippery Rock University where he graduated with a Bachelor of

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Science in Education degree in 1965. He earned a master's degree in American literature from Miami (Ohio) University in 1967 and a doctorate in modern British and American literature from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1972. Post-doctoral work included studies at the University of California-San Diego and at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

"We are fortunate to have found the best, most experienced candidate for chief academic officer – a true scholar, administrator and academic leader – and I'm pleased to have him on my team," Pogue said in announcing Weber's appointment.

"I also wish to express my sincere appreciation to the members of the University community, especially those who served so diligently on the search committee chaired by Vice President for Financial Operations and Administration Richard Morley, for their patience and dedication to continued excellence during the search process," said Pogue.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP


Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Nikkia Ford, 333 Wolks Ave., Farrell, was recently named the recipient of a Board of Governors Scholarship.

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

Nikkia is the daughter of Delores Ford. She is a graduate of Farrell High School and an engineering major at Edinboro.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Michaelann Totin, 1622 Grampian Blvd., Williamsport, was recently named the recipient of a Board of Governors Scholarship.

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Michaelann is the daughter of Michael Totin and Precilla Totin. She is a graduate of Bishop Neumann High School.

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LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Shanna Davis, 245 E. Johnson St., Philadelphia, was recently named the recipient of a Board of Governors Scholarship.

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Shanna is the daughter of Sharon Kirby. She is a graduate of Cardinal Dougherty High School and a medical technology major at Edinboro.

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LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Rhaina Douthett, 236 Darrow Rd., Edinboro, was recently named the recipient of a Board of Governors Scholarship.

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

Rhaina is the daughter of Lorraine Douthett-Clements, 716 Herron Ave, Verona. She is a graduate of Woodland Hills High School and an applied media arts/photography major at Edinboro.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Bobby Hamilton, 229 E. 25th St., Erie, was recently named the recipient of a Board of Governors Scholarship.

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

Bobby is the son of Janice Coleman and Benjamin Coleman. He is a graduate of Central High School and a criminal justice major at Edinboro.

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LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Kimberley Way, 5308 Delancey St., Philadelphia, was recently named the recipient of a Board of Governors Scholarship.

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

Kimberley is the daughter of Kathy Way. She is a graduate of John Bartram High School and a biology/pre-pharmacy major at Edinboro.

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NEWS ADVISORY

The brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will host an Easter egg hunt this Sunday, March 16, at 2 p.m. at the Edinboro Elementary School. One of the eggs will contain a special prize. The finder of that egg will receive a cash contribution to his or her school's library. Fraternity members are soliciting area businesses for donations which will be used toward that prize. The Easter egg hunt is open to all children ages 10 and under.

For more information contact Sigma Tau Gamma Executive Vice President Don Shaffer at 732-3127.

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Leaders of local colleges and universities gathered at Edinboro University recently at the invitation of Edinboro President Dr. Frank G. Pogue (2nd from left) to discuss solutions to the problem of alcohol abuse on and off college campuses. From left, Ken Miller, associate dean of student affairs, Penn State Erie-The Behrend College, representing Dr. John Lilley; Pogue; Mercyhurst College President Dr. William Garvey; Msgr. David Rubino, Ph.D., president of Gannon University; and Allegheny College President Dr. Richard Cook. Pogue said that the initial luncheon discussions would be followed by others to “remove the assumption that going to college and the consumption of alcohol somehow go together.”





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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO ANIMATOR'S FILM TO BE SHOWN OSCARS NIGHT

Segments of a film by Edinboro University of Pennsylvania animation professor David Weinkauf will be shown during "Oscars Night" in Hollywood as part of a tribute to animation legend Chuck Jones. Weinkauf's film, *Chuck Jones: A Life of Animation*, will be screened on Monday, March 24, at the World Animation Celebration's opening night gala. The film was first screened at the Animation Celebration in 1989. Weinkauf and three of his animation students from Edinboro University will be attending the celebration.

The event will salute the Academy Awards with a black-tie viewing party at the Pasadena Civic Complex. The televised ceremony for the Academy Awards, which begins at 6 p.m. (PT), will be shown at the gala. In addition to salutes to past Academy Award winners for best animated short film, the winner and the nominees of this year's Oscar for best animated short film will be invited to make a guest appearance following the awards ceremony.

Promoters of the World Animation Celebration, which runs March 24-30, say the gala will be one of the hottest tickets in Hollywood as it will attract the A-list of the animation industry as well as those fascinated by this entertainment medium.

Jones, who turns 85 this year, is the creator and developer of many well-known cartoon characters. His most famous creations include Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Pepe le Pew, the Roadrunner and Wile E. Coyote. His films have influenced some of the industry's biggest directors including George Lucas and Steven Spielberg.

Among the many honors bestowed upon Jones are lifetime achievement awards from the Zagreb International Film Festival (1988), the Houston International Film Festival (1991)

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and the Chicago Film Festival (1987). The National Society of Cartoonists has presented its Best Animation Award to him five times. He has also received the Golden Plate Award from the American Academy of Achievement, and the Career Achievement Award from the L.A. Critics. At last year's Academy Awards Ceremony he received a special Oscar for his work in animation. In 1991 Edinboro University presented him with his first honorary doctorate.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO HOSTS COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT FOR ADULTS

Adults interested in going back to college or enrolling for the first time will find the information they need on Wednesday, April 16, at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's Porreco Extension Center in Erie. That's where Edinboro will hold its spring undergraduate college information night for adults.

Informational sessions conducted by Edinboro University representatives will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will discuss how adult students can start, or restart, their education in day and evening classes at the Center's convenient location in Millcreek, 2951 West 38th Street.

Featured speaker will be Carol Patterson, Labor Market Analyst with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry.

Other presentations will give information on the admissions process, choosing academic majors, special services for adult students, summer school, alternative forms of credit, cost and financial aid options, and the Porreco Extension Center.

For more information, call the Porreco Extension Center at 838-7815, or the Office of Adult Student Informational Services (OASIS) at 732-2701.

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March 18, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

HIV/AIDS AWARENESS AT EDINBORO

“HIV/AIDS Awareness at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania,” a program of commemoration, education and workshops, will be held April 1-4. From the opening ceremony to the closing candlelight vigil, the occasion will dispel myths, explore the issues and challenges of HIV/AIDS, and remember those who died from this ravaging disease.

The opening ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, in the University Center. After remarks by coordinator Dr. J. C. B. Kinch and Edinboro President Dr. Frank G. Pogue, Dr. Mary Ellen Reitz will present an overview of the history of HIV/AIDS. John Schroeck will discuss the public's perception, and Linda Martin will speak on social concerns surrounding HIV/AIDS. Legislative issues and a look at the future will be the topics of DonPaul Lucas and Charlene Bushyager, respectively.

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Display will be in the University Center's lobby. The two 12' x 12' sections of quilt panels are tributes to loved and remembered ones from the area. Whenever it is on display, it cannot be unattended; volunteer Quilt-sitters from campus clubs and organizations will attend it throughout the week.

Community organizations from Erie and Pittsburgh will provide information and expertise on HIV/AIDS issues at the Organization/Education Fair from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1.

On Wednesday, the program will focus on HIV/AIDS and the university community. Schroeck will lead a discussion after *Gone Tomorrow*, a film about an HIV-positive student

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unaware of that fact. A safer sex workshop, an AIDS update and HIV counseling will be held, as will anonymous and confidential HIV testing. The tests will be given through Friday and are free.

HIV/AIDS and the heterosexual community will be featured Thursday. Actress Elena Monica will speak at 8 p.m. on the virus that threatens her life. She works to dispel the still-prevalent belief that this is a disease attacking homosexuals only, when the fastest rate of infection is among heterosexuals – with women particularly at risk.

Public education and business' response to HIV/AIDS will highlight the final day of the program. A documentary film, *Los Altos Story*, which will be shown at 3 p.m., demonstrates a community's reaction to the issues and faces of HIV/AIDS. The closing ceremony will begin at 5 p.m. with a candlelight vigil, a memorial and the playing of "Amazing Grace" by the Pipes and Drums of Edinboro University.

Most events in the program will take place in the multi-purpose room at the University Center. HIV/AIDS testing will be done at Edinboro's Ghering Health Center Wednesday through Friday. For additional information, call Dr. J. C. B. Kinch at 732-2617.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ACTRESS AND AIDS ACTIVIST ELENA MONICA TO SPEAK AT EDINBORO

At 26, Elena Monica's star was on the rise. Born into a show business family, her career as an actress and model had progressed from fashion magazines to cover girl, television commercials to movies of the week. Then in 1991 she was hospitalized with severe aseptic meningitis.

When she didn't respond to treatment, her doctors ran tests to find the problem. What they found was the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). Now Monica is also a woman living with HIV.

Monica will speak at Edinboro's University Center on Thursday, April 3, at 8 p.m. as part of the University's HIV/AIDS Awareness Week. She hopes to dispel the prevailing notion that HIV/AIDS is a disease that attacks only homosexuals. The fastest growth-rate of infection is among heterosexuals, with women particularly at risk.

"To be told you have a disease like this is the most devastating thing you can imagine," she says. "I was 26 and couldn't conceive that I was ever going to die, especially from something like AIDS."

To most women, HIV is a death sentence, a matter of waiting to die. To Monica, the diagnosis amounted to a wake-up call, a message to make changes within herself, to teach and to give.

"The fight mentally is the problem," she says of dealing with HIV. "How then could it possibly be the answer? The virus is like a crying child. If you demand that it keep quiet it will only scream louder, but if you listen and try to understand what the virus is crying about, then it will calm down."

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Listening to the virus is part of her healing. She believes unconventional therapies – deep meditation, strict vitamin and mineral programs, and oxygen therapy – are ways she can increase her health and immune system. And with visualization, long used with cancer patients, she sees the virus in her body . . . and she sees it leaving.

Monica focuses on what she terms a “mass awakening” within the heterosexual community. By raising awareness on college campuses, she hopes to decrease the rising infection rate among college-age individuals.

“The gay community has done a remarkable job in combating this illness,” Monica says. “The rest of us need to follow their lead and mobilize to teach people. Even pre-schoolers and their parents can learn that those who are infected shouldn’t be shunned or unloved.”

Monica feels that by having people listen, there can be a healing. “AIDS can’t be cured by science alone. It will take a lot of love. This is a wake-up call that must be answered. I realize that there has to be another way – something that could work along with or maybe even instead of conventional medicine. I know that all the healing power is inside of me. AIDS is a power turned against me. I know I have to turn it back again.”

Elena Monica has committed her life to healing herself and others. She spends much of her time speaking out about HIV/AIDS; and on this journey she is happy and at peace.

March 20, 1997

NEWS ADVISORY

More than 2,000 area eighth grade students are expected to take part in the "Drug-free: You and Me" conference, Tuesday, March 25 at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's McComb Fieldhouse.

The morning keynote speaker will be Dr. Lonise P. Bias, mother of the late University of Maryland basketball star Len Bias who suffered a drug-related death on June 19, 1986 after being drafted by the Boston Celtics. She will speak at 9:50 a.m. on "Survival Skills for the 90s."

The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with music from One World Tribe. Edinboro President Dr. Frank Pogue will make welcoming remarks at 9:10 a.m. Other morning speakers will be Col. Steven Gingrich from the Pennsylvania National Guard and Rich Jessup from Family First Sports Park. Officer Fran Orzechowski from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board will speak on the consequences of underage drinking.

Following Dr. Bias's lecture, students will attend breakout sessions in Butterfield and Hendricks Hall.

The afternoon keynote speaker at 12:30 p.m. will be Drew Brown, a nationally-acclaimed author and motivational speaker who has appeared on *Today*, *Live Regis and Kathie Lee*, and *Donahue*. The former navy jet pilot will speak on "Education + Hard Work - Drugs = The American Dream." Edinboro Wrestling Coach Bruce Baumgartner will speak at 12:15 p.m.

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

Participating in the conference will be students from Wayne, Roosevelt, Wilson, Strong Vincent, North East, Northwestern, J.W. Parker, Corry, Union City, J.S. Wilson, Westlake, Walnut Creek, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Holy Family, St. Luke's, St. John's, Holy Trinity, Villa Elementary, St. Stan's and Holy Rosary.



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NEWS ADVISORY

For the second year in a row, students from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will be taking part in an alternative spring break project in the Erie area. During the week of March 24, more than a dozen Edinboro students will be working on a series of community service projects.

On Monday, March 24, they will work with students and teachers at Emerson Gridley Elementary School from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 25, they will be at the Emmaus Soup Kitchen working in the food pantry from 8 to 11 a.m. From 2 to 5:30 p.m. they will prepare and serve food in the soup kitchen.

On Wednesday, March 26, they will work with adult learners in the Booker T. Washington Community Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Thursday, March 27, they will be painting, wallpapering and cleaning for Community Shelter Services from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Friday, March 28, they will take part in an Edinboro Outreach program by making neighborhood walks and visits from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

FILMMAKER MARGIE STROSSER TO SCREEN FILMS AT EDINBORO

Independent film producer Margie Strosser will screen two of her films at an appearance at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania on Thursday, April 3. The Philadelphia director will conduct a seminar on independent filmmaking at 3:30 p.m. in G-9 Doucette Hall where she will screen her videotape *Rape Stories*. At 8:15 p.m. she will present her 1993 movie *Strange Weather*.

In October 1979, Strosser was raped in the elevator of her apartment building. Two weeks later, she asked a friend to interview her about the incident. Ten years later, she remembers and recounts the rape, revealing the emotional texture of the experience and the reshaping of the event through memory. Between these two distant and disparate versions of the same story, slips a third, that of the video narration. *Rape Stories* speaks to women's common fears and the importance of telling out stories, however painful.

Strange Weather presents a claustrophobic day in the life of a young woman, Patti, and her cohorts who are holed up in a house in South Florida smoking crack cocaine. Hurricane Andrew is brewing off the coast, and they aren't paying attention. This episodic anti-drama explores their private world of emotional blackmail, obsessive gestures and languorous attention to domestic detail. *Strange Weather* engages an arena of philosophical inquiry into the controversial position that drug taking holds in our culture; shows the unsensationalized flip side of taking drugs; and points to issues of morality, health, excess and truth telling.

Strosser is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University and the film division of Columbia University's Graduate School of the Arts. She has worked as a program director for Pittsburgh Filmmakers, Inc.; producer and project director for the Medical Broadcasting Company; and was

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assistant director for the Scribe Video Center in Philadelphia. She is a founding member of the Actors/Directors Laboratory in Philadelphia, and is a member of the Working Group on Domestic Violence/Child Abuse, Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Strosser's appearance is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and is part of the Alternative Film Festival which is sponsored by Edinboro University's Student Government Association.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY TO HOST REGIONAL HISTORY COMPETITION

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will host an eight-school regional competition in history on Saturday, April 5, in Hendricks Hall. The event is sponsored by Edinboro's Tau Nu chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the international honor society in history. More than 20 papers have been submitted from students at California University, Clarion University, the University of Pittsburgh, Mercyhurst College, St. Vincent College, Washington and Jefferson College, Westminster College and Edinboro. Topics include the Civil War, Middle Ages, 20th century world history, Erie County history and several topics on U.S. history.

Presenting from Edinboro will be Greg Henning on the early career of President George Washington, Richard Sabol on the Pennsylvania Ninth Reserve Civil War regiment, Heather Kensill on censuses of Edinboro of the 1850s and 1960s, and John Werkmeister on the history Cambridge Springs. Four Mercyhurst students will present papers on histories from the city and county of Erie.

The event will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a welcoming address by President Frank G. Pogue, and will conclude at 4 p.m. with an awards ceremony in G13 Hendricks Hall. Edinboro graduate William Gustafson, who is a historian at the Anthracite Museum, will make a luncheon address. Also speaking will be Dr. James Kehl from the University of Pittsburgh who is the national representative to the conference. Edinboro professor Dr. Andrew Rusnak, who is coordinating the event, said awards will be given for the best paper in each category.

The event is free and open to the public.

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NEWS ADVISORY:

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will host an open house for Hispanic-American students on Saturday, April 5, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Porreco Extension Center in Millcreek. The event is an outreach effort by the University to a sizeable minority community in northwestern Pennsylvania. The school sees it as an opportunity to further diversify and expand its student population.

The event will begin with a welcome and presentation at 11 a.m., lunch at 12:15 p.m., meetings with admissions, financial aid and other services at 1 p.m., and a tour of the Porreco Center at 2 p.m.

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State Senator Jane Earll (R-49th Dist.) (3rd from left) was the keynote speaker at the opening reception and tea for Edinboro University's celebration of Women's History Month. Joining Earll and Edinboro University President Dr. Frank G. Pogue are (from left) Dr. Denise Ohler, associate dean of enrollment management and retention, coordinator of Edinboro's Women's History Month; Dr. Elisabeth Joyce, English and theatre arts department; Earll; Pogue; Dr. Jill Hufnagel, English and theatre arts; and Dr. Kathleen Golden, department of speech and communication studies. Ohler, Joyce, Hufnagel and Golden serve on the University's Women's Studies Subcommittee.

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