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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

PRESIDENT POGUE, SUPERINTENDENT BARKER INITIATE PROJECT ECHO

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and the School District of the City of Erie recently signed an agreement to mark the start of Project ECHO, a model program that will use technology to bring together the University and the region's school districts. Edinboro President Frank G. Pogue and Erie Assistant Superintendent John F. Linden signed the agreement for the two institutions.

The primary focus of ECHO (Edinboro University Connection of High School Opportunities) is the "Early Start" program which allows qualified students to take credit-bearing University courses while still in high school. Students who participate in the program will have a head start on completing an associate or baccalaureate program at Edinboro or another institution. Courses will be delivered through on-site instruction at a school district location or the University's Porreco Center in Erie, or interactive video conferencing instruction transmitted to a school district location.

"It is one very good example of how the two institutions can sit together to improve the success of high school students while attending high school, but also prepare students to be successful at the college level," said Pogue.

Linden said it is through collaborative programs such as Project ECHO that school districts and Edinboro University will provide the best opportunities for students.

The second part of Project ECHO is "Preparing for the College Experience," a series of five videos introducing students and their families to college life. The videos will cover study skills, information literacy, career planning, applying to college, and college financial planning.

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The third part of the new project is a teacher development program.

Although Project ECHO was designed as a model for any school district to use, this agreement includes features created specifically for the Erie School District. Edinboro will provide 10 Presidential "University ECHO" scholarships of \$300 each for the 97-98 academic year. Also, the "Preparing for the College Experience" video series will be broadcast over the Erie Cablevision education channel which is operated by the school district.

Pogue and Erie Superintendent James E. Barker developed Project ECHO with two objectives in mind: to acquaint students with and prepare them to succeed in college-level studies and to enrich their academic program of study while in high school. Students will have access to the entire University and all its resources including Baron-Forness Library, computing facilities, athletic events and cultural programs.

"Project Echo will bring new learning opportunities to our students," said Barker. "Making available the rich resources of the University to our students and teachers will have a positive impact on the teaching/learning environment in our schools and also provide our organization with another tool to improve student performance."

Pogue expects this signing to be the first of many such agreements with other school districts in the area.



June 5, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

WATERFORD NATIVE ANTHONY COSTA TO PERFORM AT EDINBORO

Waterford native Anthony J. Costa will return to his hometown area on Thursday, June 19, for a concert by the chamber music ensemble Razbia at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's Memorial Auditorium. Costa, who plays clarinet, will be joined by his wife, Robyn Dixon Costa on oboe, Adam Petty on cello, and pianist Philip Amalong.

Costa grew up in Waterford and attended the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music where he received a bachelor's degree in music education and clarinet performance. His master's degree from Temple University is also in clarinet performance. His teachers have included Carmine Campione of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and Anthony Gigliotti, principal of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Raleigh, North Carolina, native Robyn Dixon Costa, also attended the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and Temple University where she received bachelor's and master's degrees in oboe performance. She has been taught by Richard Woodhams, principal oboist of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Razbia was founded in 1993 with a mission to create and explore interest in chamber music through interactive and informative performances and presentations. It is the only ensemble of its kind to be chosen for Chamber Music America's Rural Residency Program, and has just completed its second and final year working in Mississippi County, Arkansas.

The ensemble has collaborated on several benefit concerts for children's hospitals in the former Yugoslavia, and has been semifinalists in the Fischhoff National Chamber Music

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Competition for the last two years. Razbia has been coached by Jeffrey Solow and Alexander Fiorillo, a student of Vladimir Horowitz.

The concert at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

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EDINBORO PROFESSOR CO-AUTHORS CRUSTACEAN ARTICLE

Dr. Dale Tshudy, a geosciences professor at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, has co-authored an article for the *Journal of Crustacean Biology*. "Morphology-Based Phylogenetic Analysis of the Clawed Lobsters," was published in the May 1997 issue of the journal. Tshudy's paper is an analysis of the phylogenetic or family tree relationships between living and extinct clawed lobsters. By looking at the physical traits common to all lobsters, Tshudy concluded that convergent evolution – the independent evolution of similar features in unrelated organisms – was common in the 200 million-year evolution of lobsters. He presented the results of his study at a recent meeting of The Crustacean Society in Washington, D.C.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO PROFESSOR RECEIVES FULBRIGHT GRANT TO STUDY ETHIOPIA

Dennis Hickey, a history professor at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, has been selected for the Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad to study Ethiopia and Eritrea this summer. The program is sponsored by the Consortium for Inter-institutional Collaboration in African and Latin-American Studies (CICALS) at Michigan State University and the U.S. Department of Education.

The program includes one week of intensive orientation at Michigan State and four weeks of travel and study in Ethiopia and Eritrea in Africa. Hickey is especially interested in the borderlands of southern Ethiopia and the former British colonies of Sudan and Kenya. They were the focus of his study as a graduate student at Northwestern University. At that time he received a Fulbright fellowship for study abroad which he spent in England doing research at the Public Record Office.

Hickey will be one of 14 scholars making the trip to Africa. Their instructors will include members of the Institute of Ethiopian Studies at Addis Ababa University and the University of Asmara in Eritrea.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO STUTTERING/FLUENCY CENTER HELPING AREA CHILDREN

It can strike without warning. It usually first happens to children between the ages of two and five. It happened to Winston Churchill and James Earl Jones. It happened to Isaac Newton and Marilyn Monroe. And it happened to Clara Barton and Carly Simon.

The "it" is stuttering, a complex, multifaceted disorder that affects the entire family as much as it affects the one who stutters. There is no known cause, and there is no simple cure. To the victims of stuttering the results of the disorder are sometimes overwhelming. They may feel a range of emotions including frustration, shame and guilt. Parents share these feelings and may add anger, resentment and despair.

Fortunately for residents of the tri-state area there is a place they can go for help. Since 1989 the Fluency/Stuttering Regional Center at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has been helping families with all of the problems associated with the disorder. The founder and director of the Center is Dr. Richard Forcucci who has been on Edinboro's faculty since 1972.

"Families come from all over northwestern Pennsylvania and parts of New York to participate in our programs," said Forcucci, "because the services for children who stutter are very limited in the region, and the individuals who might be available to teach these children lack current training."

In May the Malcom Fraser Stuttering Foundation of Memphis awarded the Center a grant of \$7,894 to support its operations. Computerized treatment will now be available beginning with the fall 1997 semester.

The clinic functions as an educational center for parents of children who stutter and as a training program for graduate students. This past spring, for example, the clinic was staffed by

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four graduate clinicians, Forcucci, and fellow professor Patricia Schaal. In addition, five undergraduate students volunteered to serve as clinical assistants and 13 other students observed periodically throughout the semester. Professional speech pathologists also volunteer their time to continue to improve their skills which they then take back to their schools and clinics. This past semester it was Erie pathologist Karyn Polaski who helped out in the Fluency Clinic.

The Center provides child services on Monday evenings and the Adult Fluency/Accent/Voice Reduction Clinic on Wednesdays. During the past semester, seven children and their families received direct therapeutic service, and 12 adults were helped by the program. One of the children was Jared Pilewski of McKean, a six-year old whose problem was disfluency resulting from a phonological deficiency. He had difficulty developing the speech sound system. For example, "spot" became "sot," and "lap" became "yap." At the Center, graduate student Marisa Fife, supervisor Forcucci and Polaski tested Jared to determine the type of disfluency and phonological speech problem. They devised a treatment plan and then brought in his parents, Tim and Regina Pilewski, to learn the activities Jared would need to practice on a daily basis. The results were positive – Jared now articulates well and is much easier to understand. His fluency is within normal levels.

"We've made great strides," said Tim Pilewski. "He's come a long way."

Forcucci said the Center is a family-based program using individual and group therapy experiences which require total family participation. It uses a five-step process: understanding the problem through education, identifying the problem behaviors and attitudes, modification of behaviors and attitudes, transferring the new behaviors to real life situations, and maintenance – using the new behaviors on a daily basis.

Forcucci is in the first year of a two-year summer sabbatical to improve services for adolescents – those in the 13 to 15 age bracket. This summer he will present a workshop for the Stuttering Foundation of America (SFA) at the University of Memphis and provide intensive training at a fluency center in Annandale, Virginia. He and a number of other colleagues have been holding SFA-sponsored workshops for speech pathologists all over the country since 1990. In the second year of his summer sabbatical he will participate in an intensive adolescent clinic in New York State as a supervisor clinician to see their methods for working with adolescents. Forcucci hopes to then establish a similar program for adolescents at Edinboro.

It was an earlier sabbatical in the summer of 1988 and 1989 that led to the creation of the Stuttering Clinic. Forcucci has been interested in stuttering and cranial and facial anomalies

throughout his career. He is currently director of the cranial/facial program at Hamot Medical Center. Because of his duties at Hamot and formerly as chairperson of the speech communications department, stuttering took a back seat until the late 1980s when he spent two summers at Northwestern University and the University of Virginia studying with stuttering experts. He returned to Edinboro and established the Clinic in the fall of 1989.

Forcucci said the presence of the Center on the Edinboro campus has had a positive impact on the academic program by providing intensive and current information to graduate students that simply can't be found at many other institutions. "What we need to do is provide summer programs to supplement what we do in the spring and fall," said Forcucci, "and to provide more workshops for regional professionals. We hope to have this expansion of service in the next three to five years."

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EDINBORO GRAD'S RESEARCH AIDING NATION'S TRANSPLANT SYSTEM

When one thinks of a statistician one is more likely to think of business or baseball than biology. But for the past six years Darcy Beth (Mason) Davies, a 1981 graduate of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, has been a biostatistician for the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), the organization charged with keeping track of the nation's transplant patients. In August of last year she presented a report at the second International Congress on Pediatric Transplantation in Paris.

Working under contract from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, UNOS is the administrator of the national Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, and the U.S. Scientific Registry on Organ Transplantation. Although UNOS is not well known nationally by name, its work makes headlines and touches thousands of lives every year.

The roles of UNOS are many. It develops transplant allocation policy through an extensive system involving its member transplant programs, organ procurement organizations, voluntary health organizations, medical/scientific organizations, laboratories and the public. It conducts regional and national meetings to discuss transplant policy. It maintains the national computerized waiting list for patients needing an organ transplant. It operates an around-the-clock Organ Center for immediate organ placement. Through its Registry on Organ Transplantation, UNOS provides vital data solid organ transplants, including survival rates.

Much of Davies' work involves two of UNOS's 14 committees – pediatric transplantation and membership. Her report to the Paris group concerned the life expectancy of adolescent recipients of adult organ transplants. Her job is to conduct scientific analysis of the many factors that are a part of organ transplantation, and present her findings to the committee.

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The committee uses the analyses to form policy proposals, which are then presented to the UNOS board of directors, which sets organ transplant policy for the nation. Some of the issues Davies examines concern transplant survival rates, organ donor characteristics, and the fair and equitable distribution of organs.

UNOS oversees what are called solid organ transplants - heart, lung, kidney, liver and pancreas - not tissue transplants such as bone marrow and skin. Davies said that while the number of organ donors has remained relatively flat, the demand for organs has grown exponentially.

The following are examples of statistics that might be developed in a typical day at UNOS. The best age for organ donors seems to be in the early to mid 20s when the organs have not been subjected to the problems of age and disease. There is no difference between men and women in the quality of organ transplants, but women are twice as likely to be heart donors as men, and men are twice as likely to be heart recipients than women. In 1995, there were more than 1600 female heart donors and more than 800 male heart donors. The figures were reversed for recipients, with 1500 men and 80 women receiving hearts.

Her interest in biostatistics has its roots at Edinboro where she majored in natural science and math. Following graduation she moved to Colorado for five years and took classes at Colorado State University. It was there that she took her first statistics class:

"It was a real awakening for me," said Davies. She understood where and how scientists arrived at their statistical information that is so vital for scientific research. She moved to Richmond, Virginia, and enrolled at Virginia Commonwealth University in its master's program in biostatistics in the fall of 1987. She married Dr. Bruce Davies in 1988 and earned her master's degree in 1990. Within a year she was hired by UNOS to work in its research department.

In addition to her report to the Paris conference, Davies has had her work cited in scientific journals and, this year, presented a poster on long term survival factors of pediatric kidney recipients at the conference of the American Society of Transplant Physicians.

Davies and her husband live in Richmond with their two sons, William and Brian.

For more information and a free brochure on organ and tissue donation, call 1-800-355-SHARE or visit the UNOS web site at www.unos.org.



Edinboro University professor Dr. Richard Forcucci was recently recognized for 25 years of service with the speech and audiology department at Hamot Medical Center. The award was presented during a special reception celebrating May's Better Speech and Hearing Month. Forcucci was instrumental in the development of Hamot's speech and audiology department. With him are (from left) wife Noreen, daughter Shellie, and April Wujcik, manager of the speech and audiology department at Hamot Medical Center. Forcucci directs the Regional Fluency Center at Edinboro University's Leader Clinic.

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EDINBORO UNIVERSITY HOSTS ERIE BRANCH REUNION

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently held a reunion luncheon at its Porreco Extension Center for graduates of Edinboro's former Erie Branch, which was located in the Washington School at 21st and Sassafras streets from 1923 to 1931.

Twelve graduates from the Erie Branch years attended the reunion, including some who began matriculating there but completed their degrees at the main campus of what was then the Edinboro State Normal School after the Erie Branch closed during the Depression.

Attending were Russell McCommons '25; Helen Pogorzelski Nowak '28; Edna Wright Carlson '30; Dorothy Hendricks Jadus '31; Dorothy Gray Padden '32; Betty Dunn Rose '32 and '51; Dorothy Sheldon Ellsmore '33; Veryl Ford Jones '33 and '49; Florence Silverthorn '33; Donna Webb Lewis '36; Geneva Jones Bleakley '41; and Marjorie Barnhardt Gillespie '56 (whose late husband, John, was a 1932 Erie Branch graduate).

The luncheon, which was sponsored by the Edinboro University Alumni Affairs Office, was hosted by University President Dr. Frank G. Pogue.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MICHELLE MAGNESS NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently appointed Michelle Magness (Knox) to the University's Highland Ambassadors organization. Magness graduated in May 1997 with a degree in psychology. She is returning to Edinboro in the fall to pursue a degree in criminal justice.

The Highland Ambassadors organization is composed of University students who demonstrate excellence in academics and extra-curricular activities. Magness is one of 27 students who were appointed this spring as the group's founding members.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

NaSHONDA BENDER NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently appointed NaShonda Bender to the University's Highland Ambassadors organization. Bender is an elementary/special education major from North East.

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BETTIJO CHAPMAN NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently appointed Bettijo Chapman to the University's Highland Ambassadors organization. Chapman is a social work major from Conneautville.

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MELISSA COSTANTINO NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently appointed Melissa Costantino to the University's Highland Ambassadors organization. Costantino is a secondary education/mathematics major from Pittsburgh.

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DAVID DONALDSON NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

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DENNIS EARLEY NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently appointed Dennis Earley to the University's Highland Ambassadors organization. Earley is an elementary education/mentally-physically handicapped major from Coraopolis.

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NICOLE FEDDERS NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently appointed Nicole Fedders to the University's Highland Ambassadors organization. Fedders is an elementary education/mentally-physically handicapped major from Edinboro.

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RENEE FORKIN NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently appointed Renee Forkin to the University's Highland Ambassadors organization. Forkin is an elementary/early childhood education major from Pittsburgh.

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KATHRYN GORING NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently appointed Kathryn Goring to the University's Highland Ambassadors organization. Goring is an elementary education/mentally-physically handicapped major from Waterford.

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JENNIFER HADEL NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently appointed Jennifer Hadel to the University's Highland Ambassadors organization. Hadel is a psychology major from Leechburg.

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JENNIFER HODDICK NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

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ERIK HUTCHINS NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently appointed Erik Hutchins to the University's Highland Ambassadors organization. Hutchins is a political science/anthropology major from Jamestown.

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KAREN LEE KELMICKIS NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

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**KIMBERLY KNICKERBOCKER NAMED AMBASSADOR
AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently appointed Kimberly Knickerbocker to the University's Highland Ambassadors organization. Knickerbocker is a speech and communication studies major from Edinboro.

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JAN LEWIS NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently appointed Jan Lewis to the University's Highland Ambassadors organization. Lewis is a psychology major from McKean.

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JILL LONG NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently appointed Jill Long to the University's Highland Ambassadors organization. Long is an elementary education/mentally-physically handicapped major from Cranesville.

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JESSICA MIHM NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently appointed Jessica Mihm to the University's Highland Ambassadors organization. Mihm is an English literature major from Shelocta.

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DEBORAH NAUMAN NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently appointed Deborah Nauman to the University's Highland Ambassadors organization. Nauman is a secondary education/English major from Pittsburgh.

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SCOTT SMITH NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently appointed Scott Smith to the University's Highland Ambassadors organization. Smith is a secondary education/geosciences major from Erie.

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KRISTEN TEXEIRA NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently appointed Kristen Teixeira to the University's Highland Ambassadors organization. Teixeira is an elementary education major from Mt. Sinai.

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VALERIE TUBBS NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently appointed Valerie Tubbs to the University's Highland Ambassadors organization. Tubbs is an elementary education/art education major from Erie.

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MATTHEW VIDAS NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently appointed Matthew Vidas to the University's Highland Ambassadors organization. Vidas is an elementary education major from Edinboro.

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DESIREE WARD NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently appointed Desiree Ward to the University's Highland Ambassadors organization. Ward is an elementary education/early childhood major from Cambridge Springs.

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SHAWN WASKIEWICZ NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

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KAREN WEILAND NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently appointed Karen Weiland to the University's Highland Ambassadors organization. Weiland is a communication graphics major from Butler.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

KISHA WHITE NAMED AMBASSADOR AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently appointed Kisha White to the University's Highland Ambassadors organization. White is a nursing major from Pittsburgh.

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Karen Lee Kelmickis	Sec. English Education Monroeville, PA	The Times Express Monroeville
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Jill Long	Education (MPH) Cranesville, PA	Albion News
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Scott Smith	Secondary Education/Geosciences Erie, PA	Erie Daily Times ✓
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Matthew Vidas	Elementary Education Edinboro, PA	Edinboro Independent ✓
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY'S ECONOMIC IMPACT: \$140 MILLION-PLUS

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's estimated economic impact for fiscal year 1996 across Pennsylvania was \$140,542,873 and in Erie County, \$96,643,156, according to a report released recently by the University.

"Through the expenditures of its students, parents, alumni, visitors, faculty and staff, and retired faculty and staff, Edinboro University has a pronounced impact on both Erie County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," said Dr. Michael Mogavero, whose office of University planning, institutional research and continuous improvement prepared the report that describes the ways in which Edinboro affects the communities it serves in terms of employment, revenue, expenditures and volunteer service.

Edinboro University is directly responsible for the employment of approximately 2,000 people. When student employees are included, Edinboro is the fourth largest employer in Erie County, according to the report. Even if student employees are not counted, Edinboro ranks 12th among Erie County's major employers.

Edinboro's annual operating budget for fiscal year 1995 (July 1, 1995-June 30, 1996) totaled \$67,602,088. Of this figure, \$28,831,312, or some 43 percent, came from Pennsylvania taxpayers through the annual state appropriation. The remaining \$38,770,776 came from tuition and fees, faculty grants and contracts, income from residence halls and dining facilities, and private funds donated by alumni and friends.

"Put another way, for every dollar of Commonwealth money appropriated to Edinboro through the State System of Higher Education, the campus generated \$1.34 from other sources," Mogavero said.

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From the operating budget, the University expended approximately 77 percent, or \$51,884,554, for salaries, payroll and benefits. Another \$13,882,650, or more than 20 percent, was paid to businesses and utilities where the University buys everything from books and office supplies, to paper and computer systems, to laboratory instruments and construction materials.

The remaining \$2 million, or nearly three percent, went to finance scholarships, student loans and fee waivers, as well as expenses associated with sponsored research.

The report said that all expenditures made in Erie County in fiscal year 1995 by the University, its employees, students and the visitors they attracted have a direct economic impact of \$48,321,578. As local businesses spent this money again within the county, it generated an additional \$48,321,578 in economic activity, raising Edinboro's total economic impact in Erie County to \$96,643,156.

Calculating these figures comes through use of what is called a "multiplier effect," which results from money that comes directly into the local economy subsequently being spent over and over again for additional local goods and services. It describes not only the direct impact of University spending, but also indirect and induced impact. According to the report, each Edinboro student spends an estimated average of \$1,500 annually on personal expenses, \$500 for books and supplies, \$2,340 for rental housing (excluding those living in residence halls) and \$600 for food (excluding University meal plans). In fiscal year 1996, total expenditures in Erie County by Edinboro students totaled \$28,651,864. As this money worked its way through the economy, it generated another \$71,629,660.

University faculty and staff also spent \$19,339,060 on goods and services in the county, not including property taxes, and the University spent \$4,250,030 with Erie County businesses to purchase the whole range of goods and services required to run the campus.

"The report takes into account only the easily quantifiable economic activity," said Mogavero. "Other aspects of economic impact, such as families visiting the area and hundreds of retired faculty and staff who live here, are not included in the report.

"In addition, we have not put a number on the value of Edinboro's 37,834 alumni, 23,797 of whom live and work in Pennsylvania," he said.

"This is the first time we have been specific about Edinboro University's place in the economy of Erie County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," said Edinboro University President Dr. Frank G. Pogue, commenting on the economic impact report. "In addition to the value of an Edinboro undergraduate or graduate education to local and county residents, we

have now measured to a large extent how the presence of a major public university enhances the economic well-being of Erie County, northwestern Pennsylvania and the Commonwealth as a whole.

“The resources of taxpayers, students, families and benefactors that are invested in Edinboro University are returned to the community in the forms of economic growth, increased opportunity for personal financial security and the betterment of life for all,” Pogue said.

Copies of the report are available from Edinboro University's office of planning, institutional research and continuous improvement, Reeder Hall, Edinboro, PA 16444, 814-732-2656.

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June 13, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY STUDENT ATTAINS ACADEMIC HONORS

Jennifer Wert, 1201 Copper Creek Drive, Mechanicsburg, has been named to the Dean's List at Edinboro University for the 1996 spring semester. She was among 1,421 students who represented fifteen states, including Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

In order to attain this highly regarded academic honor, students must maintain a quality point average of 3.4 for the semester, complete a minimum of 12 semester hours of credit, and receive no grade lower than C in any course.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EDINBORO UNIVERSITY AGAIN HOSTS
WESTINGHOUSE SCIENCE AND MATH PROGRAM**

Up to 20 students from Pittsburgh high schools will spend the week of June 23-27, 1997, on the Edinboro University campus learning firsthand about careers in science and mathematics.

Edinboro University for the fourth year will host a week-long summer science experience for 11th graders enrolled in the innovative Westinghouse Science and Math (SAM) Program at George Westinghouse High School in Pittsburgh. SAM – a unique, four-part partnership program among Westinghouse High School, the Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Carnegie Mellon University and Edinboro University of Pennsylvania – encourages minority youth to pursue professions in science-related fields. SAM also provides an opportunity for the participating institutions to address instructional needs for minority youth in the fields of science and technology.

The Westinghouse Electric Corporation provides grant-funded program incentives ranging from scholarship assistance to year-round learning and developmental opportunities for both students and faculty. Edinboro and Carnegie Mellon provide a series of summer science enrichment experiences to give laboratory-centered instruction and monitored research opportunities that emphasize scientific process skills.

The five days at Edinboro will focus on practical experiences in physics and engineering and will include laboratory sessions in the Hendricks Hall computer lab, a "Physics Olympics," and other experiments and activities. An awards luncheon at noon on Friday, June 27, in Van Houten Dining Hall will cap the week of events.

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Dr. Richard Arnold, Edinboro University's acting associate dean of science, management and technologies, is the University's SAM Program director. For more information, call Dr. Arnold at 814-732-2400.

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June 24, 1997

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT:

If you're an adult learner who is thinking about going to college for the first time, or even going back to college to get a second degree, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will host a workshop on July 1 and July 8 just for you. The free workshop will feature learning tips and employment trends addressing the needs of adults like you who want to go to college.

Talk to Edinboro's representatives in admissions and financial aid, and visit an in-session classroom. For more information, call Edinboro University at (814) 732-2701.

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EDINBORO TO HOST WORKSHOP FOR ADULT LEARNERS

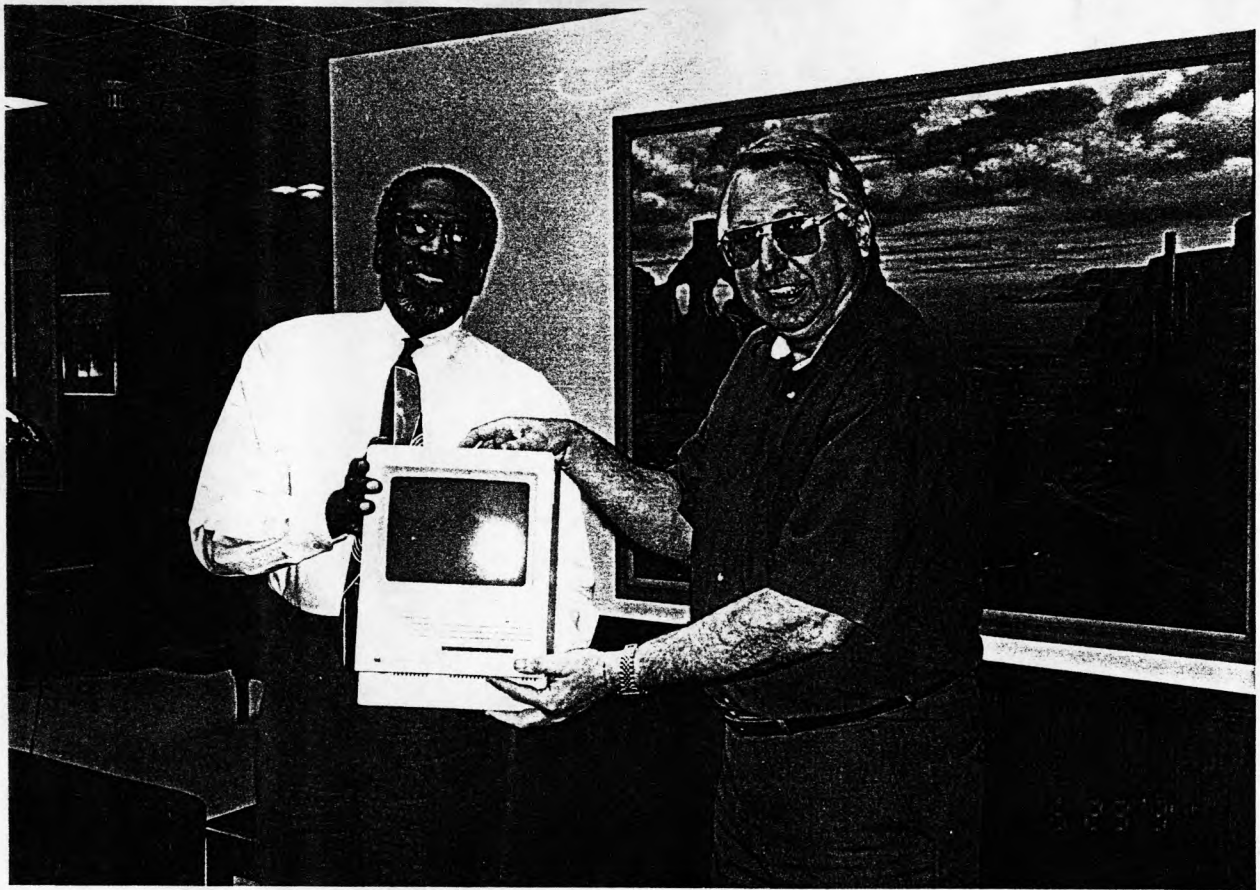
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will present a two-session workshop specifically for adult learners who are planning to go to college for the first time, or for those who have already graduated from college and wish to return. The two sessions on July 1 and July 8 will feature learning tips and employment trends addressing the needs of the adult learner.

Representatives from the University's admissions and financial aid offices will also be part of the presentation, as well as a visit to an in-session classroom.

For more information on the free workshop call (814) 732-2701.

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Edinboro University President Dr. Frank G. Pogue (left) donates the first of more than 250 items of used computer equipment to Verne Wortman, assistant outreach director and head of the Neighborhood Network Program at the Fairview/Fairmont Outreach Center in Meadville. Neighborhood Network is a public-private partnership organized by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development to provide education, information and employment opportunities for residents of HUD's multifamily housing complexes through access to computer and training resources. Calling the Network a "welfare to work" program, Wortman said that it was developed to help people off welfare and into the job market, particularly in technical fields. Said Pogue, "This win-win situation supports one of the goals I've set for Edinboro University – to help the region's economy by taking people off the welfare rolls and into productive employment."



Richard Morley (2nd from left), vice president for financial operations and administration at Edinboro University, examines the deed completing the gift of the Taylor House from Edinboro University Services, Inc. (USI) to the University. Looking on are (from left) attorney Jack E. Solomon, University legal counsel; Paul Kightlinger, Edinboro's director of auxiliary services, representing USI; and attorney David R. Devine, legal counsel for USI.

Built in 1878 by Issac Taylor, one of the founding trustees of the Edinboro Academy, the Taylor House was the first brick house built in Edinboro. Over the years it has been used as a boarding house for male students, a tourist stop for summer guests, and, at one time, a funeral home.

The Taylor House property, located at 139 Meadville Street in Edinboro, was acquired by USI, a University-affiliated organization, in 1986 and subsequently donated to Edinboro University. The building was restored and since 1991 has housed University programs.

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Edwin "Corky" Dombrowski (left) was recently honored by the Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Council of Trustees "for service to students and other citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from November 14, 1990 to May 12, 1997," the dates of his term as an Edinboro University trustee. Presenting the plaque symbolizing the honor is GECAC executive director R. Benjamin Wiley, chair of Edinboro University's Council of Trustees and vice-chair of the Board of Governors for the State System of Higher Education.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO GRAD ELECTED BOXING COMMISSION PRESIDENT

Last month's election of Sharon, Pa., native Greg Sirb as president of the Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) may surprise area sports fans who remember him as a two-time All-American in wrestling at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. But his rise to boxing's highest position is a natural progression for Sirb whose athletic career in both wrestling and boxing dates back to junior high school.

Sirb wrestled at Sharon High School and regularly qualified for the state tournament. He came to Edinboro on a wrestling scholarship in 1978 and by the time he graduated in 1982 he had accumulated 71 wins in the 118-lb. weight class – a record that keeps him among the school's top 20 winners. And while he wrestled during the winter, he boxed during the summer.

"I have always liked the man-to-man, in-your-face aspect of both sports," said Sirb.

After receiving his diploma from Edinboro with a degree in speech communications, Sirb attended graduate school at Penn State where he earned a master's degree in public administration 1985. He then held a number of positions in Harrisburg including senior researcher for the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Council Corporation.

He became executive director of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission in 1990 and was elected vice president of ABC in 1995. In May he was elected president of the Association, becoming the first Pennsylvanian to hold that position.

Sirb's election has come at one of boxing's most pivotal moments – the enactment of the Professional Boxers Safety Act which will take effect July 1. One of Sirb's first duties as president was to testify on the legislation before a Congressional committee chaired by U.S. Sen. John McCain, the bill's prime sponsor. The hearing was televised by CSpan and CNN.

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"We are on the cutting edge," said Sirb. "There has never been federal intervention in boxing before. This is a first."

Sirb's mission as president is to bring consistency and professionalism to boxing, putting the sport on the same level with pro basketball and football. The new legislation, which was signed by President Clinton, will go a long way toward doing just that. It requires all boxers to possess a federal ID card, ensures that all states uphold the medical suspensions of any professional boxer, mandates health or accident insurance for all boxers, and allows ABC to hear appeals from all licensees who may have received non-medical suspensions from any jurisdictions in the country. The new law also authorizes the federal departments of Health and Labor to conduct feasibility studies regarding the implementation of a national boxing pension system, and the development of national health and safety standards.

Established in 1985, the ABC monitors and promotes the health and safety of boxing throughout the country, representing commissions from 42 states, Canada and Puerto Rico. Because the ABC does not have its own staff it must rely on the state commissions to carry out the mandates. For all of his responsibilities, Sirb says he gets no salary – only the headaches.

The ABC is not a sanctioning body, but it works with sanctioning organizations like the WBA, WBC and IBF to ensure that the new federal regulations are followed.

Sirb said the next televised boxing events in which the State Athletic Commission will be involved are scheduled for August 12 on the USA Network from Philadelphia, and September 5 on ESPN from the Bryce Jordan Center at Penn State.

Sirb lives in Harrisburg with his wife Malorie (also an Edinboro graduate), their six-year-old daughter Madison and six-month-old son Raleigh.



June 26, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO'S GEORJ LEWIS RECEIVES ACHIEVER AWARD

Georj Lewis, coordinator of minority recruiting at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, has been selected for the 1997 Black Achiever in Business and Industry Awards program. Lewis is a 1989 graduate of Connellsville High School, and a 1993 graduate of Edinboro University where he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting.

Sponsored by the Erie County Glenwood Park YMCA, the program is designed to help African-American youth develop life-coping skills and educational goals. Lewis is one of 22 people selected from the Erie area who will act as mentors to at-risk high school students. Lewis will volunteer 40 hours of community service during the 1997-98 academic year to the program.

The overall purpose of the program is to help the students set and pursue higher education and career goals. It seeks to raise their academic standards, expose students to diverse career options, and recognize and promote excellence.

Lewis came to Edinboro from Connellsville on a football scholarship and a Board of Governors tuition waiver. He played defensive back for the Fighting Scots for four years and was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. He is now scholarship coordinator for its Kappa Beta Lambda graduate chapter and is studying for a master's degree in student personnel services.

Lewis lives in Erie with his wife, Anchelle, and son, Miles.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BRUCE GALLERY HOSTS GRADUATE STUDENT SHOWS THIS SUMMER

The Bruce Art Gallery at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania is hosting a series of Master of Fine Arts thesis exhibitions by graduate student artists this summer. The series began in early June with the Graduate Student Art Exhibit, and continued with "Prefaces," a collection of paintings by Julie Thurn. Thurn's work included "Six Years," an oil painting done on wooden doors. She said the work is "intended to entice the viewer to open the doors to reveal additional images."

The series continues July 1-12 with "Issues of Gender," a thought-provoking showing of oil paintings by Richard Sayer that focus on the figure. Sayer said he uses the figure as a confrontational element in his paintings that stares directly back at the viewer. "They are meant to engage the viewers to consider their own thoughts on the subject at hand," he said. "I am interested in challenging pre-conceived ideas that we have about gender and gender roles."

Artist Carol Werder's exhibition of painting and mixed media "Extra-Ordinary" runs July 15-26. The subjects for her large, three-dimensional paintings are people in the community she knows personally. "I paint to explore and interpret the identity of people I know," said Werder, "through layered, cut-out portraits that place the person amid personal symbols and in a context that describes aspects of who they are. I want to depict the sacredness found in the ordinary individual."

The summer series will conclude with "Emergent Evolution," ceramic sculpture by Paul Frazer, July 29-August 9. The visually stunning life-size sculpted works are based on what Frazer calls an unwavering need to address the many questions of human origin and our future.

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"In creating my ceramic sculptures I wish to gain a better understanding of what it means to be human, and hopefully obtain the ability to communicate the unique vitality and power of simply being alive," he said.

Each show is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are 2 to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call Bruce Gallery at (814) 732-2513.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY DEGREES AWARDED TO AREA GRADS

Approximately 639 undergraduate and graduate students received degrees at Edinboro University's recent spring commencement exercises. The students represented twelve states which included Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, and Pennsylvania.

Among area students to receive diplomas were:

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Note: Names have been arranged alphabetically according to city.