

December 1, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**HIGHLAND AMBASSADORS ASSIST WITH
RECRUITING AND RETENTION AT EDINBORO**

When Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Frank Pogue announced last year that enrollment and retention were the University's top priorities and that every member of the University community would become involved in activities to support these priorities, he meant *everyone*...including current students.

One group that played a major role in the University's efforts to attract new students and keep the ones currently enrolled is the Highland Ambassadors. The Ambassadors are a new student organization which was introduced to the campus last spring. They were selected by a panel of faculty, staff and students who were looking for qualities that best represent the standards and character of model University citizens. "The Ambassadors are students first – so they must maintain a good grade point average," said President Pogue. "We also look for a demonstrated commitment to community service and pride in the University. While the responsibilities of a Highland Ambassador are extensive, they allow for interesting and important networking and personal development opportunities, as well as meaningful involvement in the life of the University."

"I wanted to be an Ambassador because I was looking for a way to share my pride in Edinboro University," said Kisha White, a senior nursing major from Pittsburgh. "I wanted to give something back to Edinboro, because it has given me so much in my four years here."

Since they were appointed last May, the Ambassadors have assisted with Freshman Orientation, Opening of School activities, Family Weekend, Homecoming and the week-long Inauguration and 140th Anniversary events which culminated with the Inauguration Ceremony on September 12th. "All of these activities are designed to create a supportive and just campus

community,” said Pogue. “And the involvement of student leaders like the Highland Ambassadors is critical to the success and value of our University-wide events.”

The Highland Ambassadors serve as greeters, guides, event facilitators and are generally available to help campus and external community members feel welcome and accommodated. They are also trained to answer a variety of questions that visitors to the campus may have.

“One parent asked me the question, ‘What do college students do when they are not in class?’” said Jan Lewis, a non-traditional student majoring in psychology. “This kind of question helps me realize how much of a mystery college is to some people, especially considering the fact that many of our students are first-generation college students. I am happy to do what I can to help in the education process for our parents and families.”

The Ambassadors are also directly involved in the University’s strategic recruiting and retention efforts. They conduct tours of the University for prospective students and families, and they are involved in several letter-writing campaigns designed to enhance contacts with prospects and provide advice and assistance to current undergraduates.

Cecil Ho, an international student from Malaysia majoring in nuclear medicine technology, sees his role as an Ambassador as that of bridging relationships among University constituencies. “I see the Highland Ambassadors as the catalyst in a chain of reactions that brings together three elements – the town of Edinboro, the University and the students. These three elements form a bond that is positively charged,” said Ho.

The University’s fall enrollment reflects stabilization in the five-year enrollment decline. (The decline is partially attributed to increased costs to out-of-state students.) The freshman class numbers are strong (1,293 new freshmen) and exceeded projections for the fall semester. “What is most encouraging,” said Pogue, “is that our returning freshman, sophomore and junior level persistence rates have increased this fall. This is a sign that our campus-wide efforts are on the right track. The entire Edinboro Family has accomplished these successes together,” he said.

“I think we are making a very positive impact on the community,” said Highland Ambassador co-advisor Janet Bowker, who also serves the University as director of alumni affairs. “The Ambassadors are proud to represent the University and we are proud of them. We want them to graduate from Edinboro knowing that they have made a difference for current and future students.”



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EDINBORO UNIVERSITY RECEIVES EISENHOWER GRANT

Dr. Dale Hunter, professor of biology at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, has received a 1997-98 grant of \$95,124 from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Program which is federally funded and administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Hunter's proposal was ranked No. 1 in the Commonwealth.

The funds from this grant will be used to continue the work of Edinboro EQUALS which provides K-12 mathematics and science teachers with professional development programs. The workshops are designed to encourage the participation and achievement of all students in mathematics and science. In addition, the workshops pay particular attention to groups such as females and minorities who have had historically low participation in mathematics and science careers. Teachers receive a wide variety of resources, materials, and activities which not only increase their content knowledge but also, when applied in their classrooms, result in lasting change in their teaching as well as in student learning.

Edinboro EQUALS has provided professional development directly to 163 teachers from northeastern, central and western Pennsylvania and indirectly impacts over 7,300 students. Hunter has also taught workshops in EQUALS Family Math and Family Science to teachers in California, Delaware, Florida, Oregon and, most recently, Texas.

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EDINBORO UNIVERSITY AWARDS ANIMATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Animation students Christy Brunner and Kim Burkholder are the first recipients of the George H. Nicholas Scholarship at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Brunner is a junior from Smithton, Pa., and Burkholder is a junior from McKees Rocks, Pa.

The award was presented at a special ceremony by Nicholas' daughter Donna Nicholas, who is a retired Edinboro University art professor. The event coincided with an appearance at Edinboro by legendary animator Chuck Jones.

Nicholas' 50-year career as a character animator included 22 years with Walt Disney where he received credit for his work on *Cinderella*, *Lady and the Tramp*, *One Hundred and One Dalmations*, and *Sleeping Beauty*.

Following the death of his wife, Nicholas came to Edinboro in 1992 to live with his daughter until he passed away on November 23, 1996.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ADONIZIO NAMED DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION RELATIONS

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Dr. Frank G. Pogue has announced the appointment of Mary Lou Adonizio as director of corporate and foundation relations. Prior to her appointment Adonizio was director of the University's Institute for Research and Community Services.

Adonizio said in her new position she will investigate and seek funding sources that will be a match for Edinboro's programs. Specifically, she will develop relationships with foundations and corporations for the support of University priorities, programs and special projects. She will be directly involved with the planning and executing of the University's fundraising efforts. The new position reports to the Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Dr. Tom Hartig.

Recently, Adonizio served as Edinboro's loaned executive to the United Way of Erie County. She commented that while this experience was extremely rewarding to her personally, it also served as an opportunity to be introduced to many corporate and business executives within the Erie community, something which she believes will be beneficial to her in her new role at Edinboro.

Adonizio is a native of Pittston, Pa., and a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania where she earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in adult and community education. She served as Indiana's director of business, industry and labor for 11 years before coming to Edinboro in 1992.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOCAL STUDENT INDUCTED INTO HONORARY SOCIETY

Kristen McHenry of Saegertown, a student at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, was recently inducted into Psi Chi, the National Psychology Honorary Society. Administered by the American Psychological Association, the honorary society recognizes students for their outstanding academic achievement in psychology coursework.

Kristen is the daughter of Darlene Victor, Mark McHenry and Randy Pertl.

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Jacqueline Straw, a student at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, was recently inducted into Psi Chi, the National Psychology Honorary Society. Administered by the American Psychological Association, the honorary society recognizes students for their outstanding academic achievement in psychology coursework.

Jacqueline is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Straw of Erie.

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Glenda Roskowski of Cambridge Springs, a student at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, was recently inducted into Psi Chi, the National Psychology Honorary Society. Administered by the American Psychological Association, the honorary society recognizes students for their outstanding academic achievement in psychology coursework.

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Ben Riley, a student at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, was recently inducted into Psi Chi, the National Psychology Honorary Society. Administered by the American Psychological Association, the honorary society recognizes students for their outstanding academic achievement in psychology coursework.

Ben is a member of the Psychology Club and Phi Sigma Pi honor fraternity. He is the son of Gerald Riley of Transfer and Donna Riley of Greenville.

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Lauren Murphy, a student at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, was recently inducted into Psi Chi, the National Psychology Honorary Society. Administered by the American Psychological Association, the honorary society recognizes students for their outstanding academic achievement in psychology coursework.

Lauren is a member of the Bioacoustic Research Team, the Psychology Club, and Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority. She is the daughter of Robert and Lauren Murphy of Wickliffe.

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LOCAL STUDENT INDUCTED INTO HONORARY SOCIETY

Erin Madigan, a student at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, was recently inducted into Psi Chi, the National Psychology Honorary Society. Administered by the American Psychological Association, the honorary society recognizes students for their outstanding academic achievement in psychology coursework.

Erin is also a member of Phi Sigma Pi honorary fraternity and the Psychology Club and is a peer mentor. She is the daughter of Michael Madigan of Gibsonia.

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LOCAL STUDENT INDUCTED INTO HONORARY SOCIETY

Courtney Kirkpatrick, a student at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, was recently inducted into Psi Chi, the National Psychology Honorary Society. Administered by the American Psychological Association, the honorary society recognizes students for their outstanding academic achievement in psychology coursework.

Courtney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kirkpatrick of North Huntingdon.

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Dorothy Jordan Feidler, a student at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, was recently inducted into Psi Chi, the National Psychology Honorary Society. Administered by the American Psychological Association, the honorary society recognizes students for their outstanding academic achievement in psychology coursework.

Dorothy is also a member of Alpha Chi honor society and was a participant in the western Pennsylvania undergraduate research conference in the spring of 1997. She is the daughter of Clarence R. Jordan of Erie and the late Marion D. Jordan.

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LOCAL STUDENT INDUCTED INTO HONORARY SOCIETY

Robert Bearfield, a student at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, was recently inducted into Psi Chi, the National Psychology Honorary Society. Administered by the American Psychological Association, the honorary society recognizes students for their outstanding academic achievement in psychology coursework.

Robert is also a member of the Bioacoustic Research Team. He is the son of LouAnne Bearfield of Meadville.

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LOCAL STUDENT INDUCTED INTO HONORARY SOCIETY

Christina Beam, a student at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, was recently inducted into Psi Chi, the National Psychology Honorary Society. Administered by the American Psychological Association, the honorary society recognizes students for their outstanding academic achievement in psychology coursework.

Christina is also a member of the Psychology Club and the Bioacoustic Research Team. She is the daughter of George Beam of Irwin.

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LOCAL STUDENT INDUCTED INTO HONORARY SOCIETY

Jean Anderson, a student at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, was recently inducted into Psi Chi, the National Psychology Honorary Society. Administered by the American Psychological Association, the honorary society recognizes students for their outstanding academic achievement in psychology coursework.

Jean is also a member of Chi Alpha Epsilon. She is the daughter of Joseph and Anna Yalenty of Conneaut Lake.

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MEMO TO: Ms. Patti Loomis
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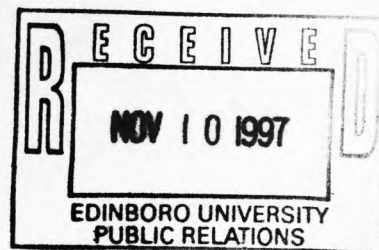
DATE: November 5, 1997

SUBJECT: **Request for publicity for students to be inducted into Psi Chi, the National Psychology Honorary Society**

Please send out releases to local & hometown papers for the following students who have been selected for induction into Psi Chi. The Edinboro University Chapter of Psi Chi was established in 1971. This Honorary Society which is administered by the American Psychological Association recognizes students for outstanding academic achievements in psychology coursework.

I have listed the students local papers, and their parents names and addresses for your releases. In addition, I have included any other activities in which they cite participation. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Enclosure



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December 3, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO, GENERAL MCLANE SIGN ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and the General McLane School District have signed an articulation agreement that will allow General McLane students to receive Edinboro credits for accelerated and advanced placement level courses in English, mathematics and science if they enroll at Edinboro within two years of graduation. The General McLane students will receive credit for Edinboro courses in college writing skills, precalculus, and principles of biology.

Signing the agreement for Edinboro were President Frank G. Pogue and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Robert C. Weber. Signing for General McLane were Superintendent Dr. Therese Walter and Principal Donald Ickes.

President Pogue said it was an exciting development to have two very excellent institutions come together to make this agreement possible. He told the General McLane students witnessing the signing that it will "give you a head start on completing your degree."

Ickes said "It's a really great opportunity for our kids in our own backyard. They can earn 11 credits before they ever start college. And Edinboro can attract more of our top-notch kids."

Ickes pointed out that the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school will be an incentive for the students to take General McLane's accelerated courses.

Dr. Jerry Kiel, Edinboro's associate vice president for enrollment, management and retention, said the agreement creates the opportunity for area students to get a head start on their college degree.

"To offer nearly a full semester of credits to qualified honors students is a great advantage to an individual," said Kiel. "This agreement magnifies an already strong relationship between the two institutions and also confirms the respect level Edinboro University has for the curriculum offered at General McLane High School."



Edinboro University Provost Dr. Robert C. Weber, President Frank G. Pogue and General McLane School District Superintendent Dr. Therese Walter sign an articulation agreement at the General McLane High School Library. The agreement will allow McLane students to earn Edinboro credits by taking accelerated courses while in high school

December 9, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EDINBORO UNIVERSITY AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP
TO TOP HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has awarded an Alumni Association Admissions Grant scholarship to Gretchen Vought of Garrett. Based on high school curriculum, grades, overall grade point average, class rank, college board scores, extra-curricular activities, and leadership qualities, the annual scholarship is renewable for up to four years.

A graduate of Meyersdale Area High School, Gretchen participated in band, FFA, Library Club, Math Club, chorus, track, student council, and National Honor Society. She is the daughter of P. Timothy Vought and Shirley Vought, and plans to major in special education at Edinboro.

The scholarship program was created by Edinboro University's Alumni Association Board of Directors as part of a three-year plan to augment the student scholarship program. Funded with alumni gifts, the program is designed to attract the brightest high school students. Recipients must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average while enrolled at Edinboro to be eligible to have their scholarship renewed each year.

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December 9, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO STUDY FINDS SPIRITUAL NEED AMONG THE HOMELESS

A study by social work students at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania indicates homeless people have spiritual needs as great as their needs for food, clothing and shelter.

In the spring of this year, students of social work professor Dr. Michael Paulus conducted a needs assessment of the clients of the City Mission in Erie. They interviewed nearly 100 needy and homeless men and women ranging in age from 16 to 90. The study focused on six areas of need that are addressed by services provided by the City Mission: physical, emotional, spiritual, shelter, social and case management.

"The study confirmed our assumptions of a great need for shelter, food and clothing," said Paulus, "but we also found a need for spirituality."

Most of the people interviewed responded strongly to such spiritual needs as: "learn how to trust God in my daily life," and "develop an understanding of how the teachings of the Bible can guide my life." Specifically, they expressed a desire to develop a mentoring relationship with other Christians and a local church.

The study noted that although the City Mission works hard to provide services both spiritually and physically, the same is not true elsewhere: "The identified spiritual need of the study participants is not readily met or addressed by other human service agencies in the community."

Among the other findings of the study were the need of the homeless to:

- See a doctor and get prescriptions for existing illnesses.
- Talk to someone about how sad they feel and to set goals for their lives.
- Get food to eat and get clean clothing.
- Develop a source of income and find transportation.
- Develop a positive attitude toward others.

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Chris Tombaugh, director of development for the Mission, said they initiated the study to learn if they were meeting the needs of their clients. "We are really pleased with the report," said Tombaugh. "We learned that many of our clients just need someone to talk to. We are using it to help write new programs for the future."

Paulus said the project was a good lesson for his class to make research come to life, learning through application. "It's a nice mix of reality and research as students interviewed the clients, coded the data, analyzed the results and contemplated the findings."

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December 10, 1997

NEWS ADVISORY

Three graduating seniors from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will be commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army in a ceremony on Sunday, December 14 at 10 a.m. in the University Center Atrium.

Brooke (Barton) Dennis of Erie will be commissioned as a nurse in the Army Nurse Corps. Damyan Graves of Erie will be commissioned in the Army Reserves. Troy Sarria of Bethel Park will be commissioned as a Military Intelligence officer detailed to Field Artillery.

Guest speaker Lt. Col., USA, (Ret.) William A. Reed, Jr., special assistant to the president of Edinboro University for community relations, will make an address on the value of ROTC.

For further information, contact Maj. T.J. Jemetz at 732-2562.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

PATRICK REIDER FIRST EDINBORO STUDENT TO STUDY IN ZIBO, CHINA

Patrick Reider, a senior art major at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, will become the first student from the school to study at Edinboro's sister institution in China, Zibo Teachers College.

A native of Saint Marys, Pa., Reider will graduate from Edinboro on December 14 with a bachelor of fine arts degree in painting and begin his graduate career at Zibo in February. Edinboro has had a linkage with Zibo Teacher's College for a decade and several students have visited there briefly. But Reider will be the first to spend a full semester. He credits his deep interests in art and Asia for his decision to commit six months of his life to living there.

"Ever since I was young I was interested in Asia," explained Reider. "As I grew up I continued to read about its philosophy and culture. By the time I came to Edinboro I realized the only way I would get a mature sense of what the Asian culture is like is by going there."

Reider is a veteran traveler. The honors student has been to Europe three times thanks to scholarships from Edinboro. He went to Rome, Oxford and New Castle, England, and spent several weeks roaming through western Europe.

"In Europe it was fairly easy to adapt because there is that underlying theme of western culture. But when you go to Asia there is a new set of rules. I find that personally challenging. The first thing you learn about when you travel is yourself. The opportunity to spend five months learning about myself – having a mature understanding of myself – it will feed into my artwork. To me, that's the key of being a mature person, of being a mature painter."

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Reider said he has three goals in going to Zibo: learn traditional Chinese painting, particularly brush painting; become conversant in the Mandarin Chinese language; and study traditional martial arts, which he has been doing for the past 12 years.

“What attracts me the most is that many of their students have had several years of English. They are very interested in being able to speak English clearly because as their economic system grows, they have more ties with the outside world. That’s going to be a good starting point for me because its going to give me the chance to be with people that do speak English and hopefully help me with my Chinese skills. While I’m there I’m going to offer myself as a tutor at night. I hope I can contribute and in that way meet people, make contacts and hopefully build up my Chinese skills.”

Reider plans to make good use of his extended stay in China by seeing as much of the country as possible, especially its educational institutions. “I would like to make it possible for other Edinboro students to feel free to visit these places. When I come back I want to be able to demonstrate that I got an opportunity to meet other artists throughout the country, that it wasn’t just a centralized experience in Zibo.”

Patrick is the youngest child of Carl and Sandy Reider of Saint Marys. He plans to arrive in China by February 7 to be ready for the start of classes a week later. The semester ends on July 15.



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EDINBORO GRADUATES 684 IN WINTER CEREMONY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Frank G. Pogue conferred master's, bachelor's and associate degrees upon 684 new graduates during winter 1997 Commencement ceremonies at the University's McComb Fieldhouse on Sunday.

The newest alumni join 667 May 1997 graduates for a total of 1,351 Edinboro University degrees awarded during the 1997 calendar year.

In his remarks to the graduating class, Pogue welcomed the Fieldhouse audience of more than 3,000 and expressed appreciation to the graduates for establishing an academic and personal bonding with the University, its cultures, values and beliefs.

"In reaching this milestone," he said, "each of our graduates has had assistance from many people. And for each of you, there are people you want to thank: parents, spouses, children, brothers and sisters, friends, faculty"

"I hope Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, one of the 14 public universities in the State System of Higher Education, has lived up to the public trust and that we have provided access to an exceptionally high-quality education at a reasonable cost;" he continued, "that our learning community has been student centered; that your experience has forged the internalization of the skills and high moral and ethical values as foundation for citizenship and a hunger for further education; that we have provided adequate opportunities for you, our students, to evaluate the effectiveness of our teaching, service and administration; that we have recognized and responded to the changing needs, in terms of technology, of the demographics of our student body; and that your university has connected with external communities to maximize and assure that you will be successful securing a professional career or graduate opportunities commensurate with your aspirations."

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In closing, Pogue asked the graduates to "continue to lead others by making the people we serve discover the good things about themselves that they didn't know were there. Let's spread our concept of community and family to larger communities in our state, nation and the world. Let's stay in touch."

Carrying the ceremonial mace and leading the academic procession as the Grand Marshal at the ceremony was Dr. Richard J. Gromen.

Gromen earned a bachelor's degree in history in 1953, a master's degree in history in 1961, and a Ph.D. in history in 1969, all from Western Reserve University. His teaching career began at Brunswick School where he taught history and mathematics from 1960 to 1964. He joined the Edinboro staff in 1964 as an assistant professor in social sciences. During his tenure he served in a number of administrative capacities, including chairperson and dean. He returned to the classroom full time in 1987.

During his career at Edinboro, Gromen was involved in the development of several programs, including counseling, history, psychology, social science, and speech pathology and audiology at the master's level; and the baccalaureate programs in criminal justice, economics/business, history, social work, and industrial and trade leadership.

During the ceremony, President Pogue presented two honorary doctorates, Doctor of Public Service (*doctor beneficiorum publicorum, honoris causa*). The first went to Paul H. O'Neill, who has served as chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Aluminum Company of America (Alcoa) since 1987.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, he received a bachelor of arts degree in economics from Fresno State College and a master's degree in public administration from Indiana University. Additionally, he participated in graduate study programs in economics at Claremont Graduate School and George Washington University.

The citation for O'Neill's award read: In recognition of your leadership in the cause of civic and social responsibility, which has had positive and profound effects on the lives of individuals and institutions; for your commitment to the economic development and stability of America as we approach the millennium; for your emphasis on excellence and education as engines for individual and societal achievement; and for your willingness to undertake the role of public servant and statesman in the broader context of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Also receiving an honorary doctorate during the ceremony was Edinboro graduate Michael M. Zahorchak. A native of Aliquippa, Pa., Zahorchak attended Aliquippa High School and earned a bachelor of science in secondary education (science and social studies) from Edinboro State Teachers College in 1937. He received a master's degree in secondary education and educational administration from the University of Pittsburgh in 1942.

He joined the Edinboro staff as associate professor of education and supervisor of student teaching in 1969 and served the University until his retirement in 1978.

Zahorchak has been a member of the Edinboro University Alumni Association's Board of Directors since 1955 and has served that board as both its president and vice president. In 1979 he was selected by the Association as a distinguished alumnus and subsequently was accorded honorary lifetime membership as a director emeritus. He is one of only three people ever to be recognized with life membership.

The citation for Zahorchak read: In recognition of your leadership in education, which has had positive and profound effects upon the lives of both individuals and institutions; for your commitment to the achievement of all who would try to reach the fulfillment of their potential; for your lifelong focus on human learning in its multiple forms and myriad stages; for the devotion you have shown your alma mater and the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education; and for your tireless service on behalf of your community and its citizens.

Special guests included representatives from Cambridge Springs and Iroquois high schools.

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EDINBORO PROFESSOR VISITS NICARAGUAN HOSPITALS

It will be a long time before Debra Kubinski forgets her visit to the hospitals of Nicaragua. The nursing professor from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania was part of an American delegation which went to the capital city of Managua this fall to educate Nicaraguan nurses.

"The conditions in the hospitals are like I've never seen before," said Kubinski. "It's incredibly hot and there's no air conditioning. You can walk in and smell the infection."

But these are the conditions Nicaraguan nurses and doctors face every day in a city of one million people where most live in houses made of cardboard and plastic.

Kubinski was part of a delegation sponsored by Duquesne University and made up of nursing students from Duquesne, Gannon University and the University of Pittsburgh. She was the only doctoral student on the trip and is studying cognitive development with an emphasis on nursing education.

Working primarily in Managua, the delegation put in 12-hour days. Speaking through an interpreter, Kubinski taught classes in the morning on topics such as cardiac electrophysiology and dysrhythmia identification and treatment, and spent the afternoons in the hospitals and barrio.

Much of her time in the hospitals was in the critical care units working directly with patients and nurses. "In the course of caring for the patients the nurses would watch what I was doing and ask questions. I did direct care, wound care, and turning and repositioning patients.

"I noticed while we were there the quality of patient care improved. The first day the patients were disheveled, and not positioned well in bed. They don't have much linen so the patients aren't typically covered very well. Each day it was striking to me that the patients would

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be better positioned, cleaned up and maybe covered a little bit more. They were turning them more – maybe every hour or every two hours – and protecting their heels and bony areas more. So I felt they were really observing and that we were making a difference.”

Kubinski was selected for the trip by Dusquesne’s dean of nursing, Dr. Mary de Chesnay. Leading the group was Duquesne professor Carl Ross, who was making his sixth trip to Nicaragua. Despite having only one interpreter on the trip, Kubinski was amazed how they were able to get along in a country where English is seldom spoken.

Kubinski was highly impressed by the attitude of the nurses.

“They would pitch right in and help me with the peroxide, saline and dressing applications. I really felt a rapport, a sense of community and connection with them. There really is a universality to nursing that transcends language. I do believe that nurses care about patients, and that comes through even if you don’t understand what they are saying.”

That dedication is even more remarkable given the social and economic situation in Nicaragua which makes it difficult for any nurse to perform his or her job.

One of the most serious problems is fighting infection in the hospitals. Kubinski said antibiotics are scarce and very expensive. Most patients develop infections and must pay for the antibiotics themselves. If they are unable to pay an otherwise treatable disease becomes a virtual death sentence.

A second problem is the uneven availability of supplies. “Some things were very accessible and other things weren’t,” explained Kubinski. “They would have the latest technology in IV infusers and ventilators, but they wouldn’t have the proper tubing to go with them. They had basics like peroxide and dressing materials, but we had to hunt to find them. And it was not clear why they would have some things and not others.”

A third factor is the low pay nurses receive. Tuition to attend the school of nursing at the University is just \$35 a month, but their pay is only \$50 a month, and that money is often needed at home by others. Kubinski said the younger nurses were asked why they didn’t return to the University to continue their education. They said in Nicaragua they live in extended families. It is rare for one nuclear family to live alone. The money earned by the nurses would be shared by many.

In a city of 1 million people, the unemployment rate is 60-70 percent. The rich only make about \$1,000 a month. Professionals like doctors and nurses are in the middle level and the majority of the population lives in poverty in the barrio.

The result is a severe nursing shortage. At one hospital there were only six nurses for 300 patients. They simply aren't able to attract the caring and qualified people needed to the nursing profession.

Kubinski said the trip was rewarding because it gave the people of Nicaragua better knowledge to care for themselves. "It is important for us to empower others," said Kubinski.

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EDINBORO STUDENTS TO SPEND NEW YEAR IN MOROCCO

A group of students from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will welcome the new year in Morocco as part of the school's study abroad program. The eight students will leave December 28 for a two-week travel and study tour of Morocco and its cities of Casablanca, Rabat and Marrakesh. Leading the tour group will be Edinboro philosophy professor James Munro.

Edinboro has had an academic linkage to Morocco since 1993. Arrangements for the tour of Morocco were made through Association Ribat al Fath, the country's cultural, social and economic development ministry, and Abdellatif Kriem, advisor to Morocco's King Hassan. Kriem was instrumental in forging the linkage and came to Edinboro to lecture and sign the agreement.

The focus of the tour will be Morocco's unique blend of French, Muslim, Berber, and African cultures. Students will visit museums, mosques, tombs and palaces, and the magnificent Mosque Hassan II, one of the tallest structures in Africa. The students said they are making the trip as an opportunity to travel and to learn about a different culture.

Dr. Janusz Czejdo, Edinboro's director of international studies, said the students will enjoy Morocco's mix of culture and cuisine while staying in the country's best hotels. They will be able to take a one-credit independent study course on topics relevant to the Arab and Muslim world.

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GRADUATE VOLUNTEERS IN ISTANBUL**

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Celio earned a bachelor's degree from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in 1963. He and his wife, Mary, recently spent two weeks volunteering at a children's summer camp. The experience gave them an upclose and personal glimpse at the people and culture of this country that bridges Asia and Europe.

Working with young adult leaders, the Celios taught English and chaperoned field trips to museums and cultural sites in this ancient city that once was the capital of both the Byzantine and Ottoman empires. The summer children's program is aimed at showing underprivileged youths the rich diversity of Turkish culture.

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**EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
STUDENT CROWNED 1998 MISS BUTLER COUNTY**

Jennifer Cuffman, a senior majoring in speech and communication studies at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, captured the title of 1998 Miss Butler County-USA on November 23, 1997.

Twenty-two women participated in the area competition, and contestants competed in personal interview, swimsuit and evening gown categories. Judging was based on poise, personality and beauty.

Cuffman, who won an assortment of prizes from area businesses, will compete at the Miss Pennsylvania USA finals to be held on March 21 and 22 in Monroeville.

After graduation, Jennifer plans to move to Atlanta and hopes to work at a television station as an anchor or a script writer.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

NEW EDINBORO SYSTEM EASES STUDENT RED TAPE

Students at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania who have access to the World Wide Web can now check on their grades, look up class schedules, verify their financial aid and more thanks to an innovative computerized system called SCOTS. The new system allows students to check on their records anytime of the day or night without leaving their residence hall or home.

In the past, only University staff could check on student records. Now students can do the same thing through the Web using their own computers or from terminals on campus. Faculty can use the system to check class rosters and look up information about the students they advise. SCOTS also enables faculty to transform rosters into mailing lists or gradebooks. In the future, students may be able to register for classes using SCOTS.

Edinboro's associate vice president for technology and communications Dr. Andrew Lawlor said the major benefit of SCOTS is convenience for students. It eliminates going from professor to professor to check grades. Lawlor also expects that it will eventually reduce the number of calls from students asking about information that is now available through SCOTS.

The new system saves money by eliminating the University's plan to install expensive kiosks in the lobby of Hamilton Hall, the new one-stop-service center for students. Instead of going to the kiosks, students can get their information from any computer with access to the World Wide Web.

SCOTS was developed over a six-month period by the office of Technology and Communications in consultation with the office of Enrollment Management and Retention. It debuted at the opening of the Student Services Center in October.

Edinboro officials believe there is only one other school in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education with a student record system accessible via the Web.



December 17, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO RECEIVES GRANT FOR MLK, JR., DAY OF SERVICE

The Corporation for National Service has awarded \$1,775 to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania for its Martin Luther King, Jr., Service Day Initiative. The grant will support the University's Metropolitan Erie Intervention Program (MEIP) and will allow 15 minority students to attend Edinboro's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Awards Luncheon on January 15.

MEIP is an educational program geared toward minority and disadvantaged elementary/secondary school students from the city of Erie. MEIP's activities, which are administered by the University, are held at the JFK Community Center. They are designed to motivate students to consistently do their best to build a positive self concept. Community volunteers are enlisted to assist in directing and encouraging the children.

Lisa Brown, Edinboro's director of intercultural relations, said the program has several goals including improvement of academic performance, development of multicultural understanding, and creation of a positive self-image.

"Our goal is to address, through community involvement and service-learning, the motivation of students toward higher education," said Brown. "We plan to provide academic and cultural enrichment programming which meets the needs and aspirations of Erie's minority community. Through our support within the community, we want the children to view college as a natural progression; and social justice as a personal obligation for all American citizens."

The MEIP program provides eight hours per week of after-school supplementary educational support for 36 weeks during the school year.

Only three other proposals from Pennsylvania were funded by the Corporation National Service for its 1998 MLK Awards; two were from Philadelphia and one was from Pittsburgh.

Also participating in the program along with Edinboro and the JFK Center are the Booker T. Washington Center and the Martin Luther King Center.



December 22, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY ACQUIRES RACHMANINOFF PIANO

Christmas has come early to the music department at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in the form of a Steinway grand piano. This is no ordinary Steinway – it is signed by the legendary Russian pianist, composer and conductor Sergei Rachmaninoff. You can see his name faintly etched into the cast-iron plate of the instrument.

Rachmaninoff personally selected this piano for its original owner. Until it was purchased this month by Edinboro, the piano had been owned by only one family for 60 years. When the family put it up for sale recently, Edinboro used part of a grant from the State System of Higher Education (SSHE) to purchase the instrument.

How the piano came into Edinboro's possession is a story in itself. Edinboro music professor Dr. Kristine Denton, who joined the faculty just this semester, was attending a conference of the Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association when she saw an ad in a Pittsburgh paper for the piano.

"The family could have sold it much more quickly to other buyers," said Denton, "but they wanted someone who played and would appreciate it."

Denton said the piano was built by Steinway in October of 1936. In the 1920s and '30s it was common for Steinway to sponsor a tour by a pianist to cities like Buffalo or Cleveland. While on tour the pianist would often stop in at the local Steinway dealership and meet the public. It was at such a dealership that a member of the family approached Rachmaninoff and asked him to help choose a fine piano.

"This is the one he chose for them," said Denton. "He played it and that's why we have his signature."

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Rachmaninoff was considered by many to be the greatest pianist of his time. He was born in Czarist Russia in 1873 and left after the Russian Revolution of 1917. In his native country he was noted primarily as a composer. He died in 1943 – just seven years after signing the Edinboro piano.

Because the piano stayed in one family for 60 years it is in excellent condition. Only the hammers have been replaced. “The ivories are original, that’s what is exciting – Rachmaninoff’s hands touched this piano,” explained Denton.

This Steinway is a model M which means it is 5 ft., 7 in. long – not as big as the nine-foot model D concert grand piano – but is the perfect size for a music office.

It is the sound that makes this piano special. “It is uncanny,” said Denton. “The sound hangs in the air for a very long time. That’s what pianists listen for – what we call the bloom in the sound. People who hear it say it has to be bigger. It has a very mellow quality but it has a lot of power. It’s so inspiring. When the kids come in for lessons their eyes get big.”

The piano has been a big attraction in the music department since it was moved in during the last week of classes for the semester. Denton said having a piano of this quality is like the hearth in a home in the way it draws people to listen to it. She will use it to teach Edinboro music majors.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY TO REMEMBER MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will again celebrate the memory and living legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Second Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Luncheon on Thursday, January 15, 1998, noon, in the Van Houten South Dining Hall.

In addition to the special program that will honor Dr. King's accomplishments, Edinboro University President Dr. Frank G. Pogue will present President's Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards to three prominent community members: Reuben Butler, Celestine Bell Davis and Dr. Vincent Jenco. The three were selected by the President's Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Board, the 11-member committee appointed by Pogue last year and chaired by Edinboro history professor Umeme Sababu.

Reuben Zachary Butler, Jr. is the social services/resident initiative coordinator for the City of Erie Housing Authority. Butler earned two degrees at Edinboro University: a bachelor's in criminal justice in 1985 and a master's in rehabilitation counseling in 1993. While obtaining his master's degree, he interned in Erie County's Juvenile Probation Office and also worked for the Greater Erie Community Action Committee's drug and alcohol intervention program. The son of a career military officer and himself a former Marine, in 1993 Butler formed Boy Scout Troop 66 for young men on Erie's East Side around the Harbor Homes housing project and served as its scoutmaster. He currently serves both on the board and as a foster parent for Harborcreek Youth Services, and recently developed a special program he calls Rite of Passage for African-Americans.

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Community activist, historian, educator, wife and mother Celestine Bell Davis holds a special place in Erie history. After months of effort in 1970, she convinced the Erie School Board to declare Jan. 15, 1971, a free, "no attendance" day in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday. It was the Erie School District's first observance of the day, years before it was declared a national holiday in 1986. After returning to college at age 42, she earned a bachelor's degree in English and taught in Erie public schools. Taking an early retirement from teaching after 17 years, she continues her work in the community and her church, performing as a storyteller and poet for local cultural, theatrical and civic organizations, as well as mobilizing the educational enrichment and enhancement of youth through consultation services.

Vincent L. Jenco, D.O., is the president of the Board of Directors and co-founder of St. Paul's Neighborhood Free Clinic, an incorporated free medical and dental clinic operated by a volunteer working board whose mission is to provide free medical and dental care to the indigent of Erie County through volunteer health providers. Through the Clinic, Jenco has built a mechanism by which citizens can access basic services and privileges necessary for health, welfare, survival and dignity. He has practiced medicine in the Erie community for more than 35 years and is a past medical director for the Erie School District and past chair of the OB Department at Metro Health Center. Among his many awards are two national honors, the Jackie Kennedy Onassis Public Service Award and the Jefferson Award for Community Service, both presented in Washington, D.C., in 1996. He currently serves as a director for the Erie County Board of Health and as a board member for the Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Center.

According to Pogue, the awards were created to acknowledge individuals who exemplify the spirit and ideals of Dr. King. The event is held to bring people together to celebrate cooperation, selflessness and optimism, Pogue said.

"Last year's event was a great success," said Pogue, "and we hope to make this year's another fitting tribute to this extraordinary man as we honor his uncommon commitment to the right of all people to a life without discrimination, bigotry and violence."

At last year's inaugural awards luncheon, the first President's Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards were presented to deputy director of the John F. Kennedy Center and Erie attorney Larry Meredith and Bayfront NATO/Martin Luther King Center executive director Fred L. Williams for their accomplishments in the Erie community.

Edinboro University will continue to remember Dr. King's significant work and contributions by honoring the national Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on Jan. 19. All university offices will be closed and no classes will be held that day.

For additional information about the Second Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Awards Luncheon, please contact the Office of the President at 732-2711.

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NEWS RELEASE

November 18, 1997

The 1998 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES will include the names of 82 students from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students from more than 1,900 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Students named this year from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania are: (See attached list)

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1. Ms. Carol A. Acquaviva
2. Ms. Laurene L. Adams
3. Ms. Jodie Jean Altman
4. Ms. Vickie Lynn Babcock
5. Ms. Tracy L. Barefoot
6. Ms. Tonya N. Bercik
7. Mr. Chad J. Bernotas
8. Ms. Tina M. Bowlen
9. Ms. Kelly L. Brant
10. Ms. Joan G. Breese
11. Ms. Shannon M. Breese
12. Mr. Marc Allen Brown
13. Ms. Susan Ann Burton
14. Ms. Jill Elizabeth Caruso
15. Ms. Debbie Jo Catalfu
16. Ms. Denise Mikaela Cone-Habib
17. Ms. Lori Alison Cordell
18. Ms. Diann M. Cremeans
19. Ms. Lisa A. Denk
20. Ms. Michele L. Dodson
21. Mr. Jon W. Dykes
22. Mr. Brian W. Earley
23. Mr. Dennis James Earley
24. Ms. Karen L. Engell
25. Ms. Christine L. Evans
26. Ms. Allison K. Ewig
27. Ms. Bethany L. Finger
28. Ms. Amy Renee Godfrey
29. Ms. Jennifer B. Gorzynski
30. Ms. Denise N. Green
31. Ms. Heather A. Gross
32. Mr. Ryan Hagerman
33. Ms. Shawna Ann Hamilton
34. Ms. Brenda Lee Harper
35. Mr. Brent A. Johnson
36. Ms. Marlene M. Jones
37. Ms. Karen Lee Kelmickis
38. Ms. Jennifer Elaine Kemp
39. Ms. Heather I. Kensill
40. Ms. Kimberly S. Knickerbocker
41. Mr. Scott P. Knoebel
42. Ms. Monica A. Laskowski
43. Ms. Erica L. Lynch
44. Ms. Julie Lynn Marhefka
45. Ms. Jennifer Lyn Mason
46. Ms. Heather Renee McConnell
47. Mr. Kevin G. Menser
48. Ms. Barbara Jean Miller
49. Ms. Colleen R. Miller
50. Ms. Katherine Suzanne Milligan

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51. Ms. Donna J. Mook
52. Mr. David T. Ohmer
53. Ms. Denise M. Oshall
54. Ms. Tammy Sue Pahls
55. Ms. Brooke A. Parker
56. Ms. Lisa Marie Pearson
57. Mr. Garrett K. Pfadt
58. Mr. Andrew M. Pitrone
59. Ms. Yvonne Alice Remick
60. Mr. John V. Rodriguez
61. Ms. Nancy J. Rubin
62. Ms. Rebekah Joy Ruhling
63. Ms. Brenda S. Saxton
64. Ms. Linda S. Sekeres
65. Ms. Shanon L. Shuffstall
66. Mr. Paul K. Smeal
67. Ms. Jennifer A. Snider
68. Ms. Anna C. Soennecken
69. Ms. Sandra E. Sweet
70. Ms. Ellen C. Tafel
71. Ms. Brenda R. Telesz
72. Ms. Yvonne Louise Thayer
73. Ms. Elizabeth A. Torr
74. Ms. Nancy E. Wagner
75. Ms. Rebecca Ann Wasiela
76. Mr. Edmund S. Waskiewicz
77. Ms. April J. Watkins
78. Ms. Jessica M. Woods
79. Mr. Brian Paul Wyman
80. Ms. Janet L. Zurawski
81. Ms. Rochele Marie Laughlin
82. Ms. Renee L. Stouffer



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Imani L. Boyd, 2054 Lindsay Road, Pittsburgh, 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.

Imani is the son of Joyce M. Boyd. He is a psychology major at Edinboro.

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