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NEWS ADVISORY:

U.S. Rep. Phil English (R-21st Dist.) will visit the Edinboro University campus on Sunday, May 4, to present awards to winners and participants from his 21st Congressional Art Competition, a nationwide contest for high school students sponsored by members of Congress.

More than 40 entries from 16 schools in Congressman English's four-county district were featured in the week-long exhibition.

Sunday's award ceremonies are scheduled from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Edinboro's University Center multi-purpose room.

Congressman English and Edinboro University President Dr. Frank G. Pogue will be available for comment before and after the formal ceremonies.

Media coverage is invited.

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EDINBORO STUDENT QUALIFIES FOR NATIONAL FORENSICS TOURNAMENT

Sarah Glessner, a freshman at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, competed in the National Forensic Association National Championship Tournament, held April 17-21 at Ball State University. Glessner, from Punxsutawney, qualified for the tournament by placing second in prose interpretation at the Ohio State Generic Forensics Tournament.

Glessner is a member of the Edinboro forensics team which was formed just this semester. Dr. Kathleen Golden, who accompanied Glessner to the national tournament, said: "This is certainly a great accomplishment for someone who is a well-seasoned competitor, but as a freshman, with no previous competitive experience, it is extremely impressive."

Edinboro's 15-member forensics team has attended only three tournaments so far. At the Pennsylvania State Individual Events tournament, Glessner took fifth place in dramatic interpretation. In the second tournament, held in Muskingum College, Jim Fawcett of Boothwyn, Pa., placed sixth in informative speaking. Both Fawcett and Glessner are majoring in speech and communications studies.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EDINBORO ANNOUNCES NEW MASTERS PROGRAM
IN MIDDLE AND SECONDARY INSTRUCTION**

Citing the number of new teachers being hired in the region and the growing demand for advanced teacher education, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Frank G. Pogue has announced the creation of a new Master of Education degree program. The master's degree in middle and secondary instruction will be the only program of its kind in northwestern Pennsylvania designed specifically for teachers in middle and secondary schools. The program has been approved by the State System of Higher Education Board of Governors.

Dr. Susan Criswell, chair of the educational services department, said the 36 credit-hour program will focus on the adult learner. The courses will be offered in the evening throughout the school year as well as during the summer. More than half of the program will be available at the University's Porreco Center. "The program provides an opportunity for those teachers who seek to become a master level teacher," said Criswell.

The program is designed to combine teaching practices, research, foundations of education, and computer literacy with the teacher's subject specialty area. Initially, those areas will include biology, English, geosciences, mathematics, health, and social studies.

Edinboro now offers master's degrees in elementary education, special education, guidance and counseling, reading, and educational administration. None of these programs offers teachers at the middle school and secondary levels the opportunity to focus on enhancing their instructional skills in their subject area.

The program is open to any graduate of a secondary education program and is especially designed for teachers now working in their profession.

For further information on the Master of Education degree in middle and secondary instruction, contact the Edinboro University Office of Graduate Studies at (814) 732-2856.

May 5, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

FIFTEENTH MEMBER OF GHERING FAMILY TO GRADUATE FROM EDINBORO

When Rachel Mesmer of Warren, Pa. graduates from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania on Mother's Day, May 11, it will have been 90 years since her great-grandparents, Dr. Harold A. Ghering and Eleonora Helff Ghering, graduated from Edinboro in 1907; 80 years since her great, great aunt, Luceil Darrow Ghering, graduated in 1917; and 60 years since her grandmother, Eleonora Ghering Sandblade, graduated from the school in 1937.

Mesmer will become the 15th descendant of professor Jeremiah Link Ghering to receive her diploma from Edinboro. Jeremiah taught Latin and Greek at Edinboro from 1906 to 1910. His two sons, Harold and Dr. Boyd W. Ghering, became college physicians at Edinboro. Harold served from 1928 to 1953, and Boyd, a 1915 Edinboro grad, served from 1953 to 1959. The University's Ghering Health Center is named for the Ghering family.

Edinboro President Frank G. Pogue has invited Boyd's widow, Luceil Darrow Ghering, who is nearing her 100th birthday, to attend the Commencement Ceremony and watch her great, great niece graduate. Luceil lives on Darrow Road, which marks the southern boundary of the Edinboro campus.

Others of the Ghering clan to earn a degree at Edinboro are Harold's sister, Mabel Ghering Granquist, class of 1910, and his wife's sister, Viola Lillie Helff, class of '08. Jerry Lee Ghering, the son of Boyd and Luceil, graduated in 1958. In addition to Sandblade, Harold and Eleonora had two other children who graduated from Edinboro: Elaine Ghering Uht, class of 1941; and Harold A. Ghering, Jr., class of 1949. Sandblade's daughter-in-law, Jackie Maneval Sandblade, earned degrees from Edinboro in 1968 and 1971. Uht's daughter, Bonnie Borland Langill, graduated in 1971 and earned a master's degree in 1974. Harold Jr.'s wife, Priscilla Worster Ghering, graduated in 1961. Their grandson, Tom Dimperio, earned his diploma in 1994.

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Mesmer is the daughter of Christina Sandblade Mesmer and the late Dr. Roger Mesmer of Warren. Her mother broke the Edinboro tradition by attending Penn State University. Rachel herself started out at Carlow College in Pittsburgh majoring in psychology and art, but after taking a course in social work, transferred to Edinboro and enrolled in its social work program.

Rachel has been active in a number of theatrical and social activities during high school and college. She performed in high school productions of *Grease* and *West Side Story*, participated in several plays while at Carlow, and wrote and directed a murder mystery for the Warren Historical Society. At Edinboro she is a member of Delta Zeta sorority, served on Pan Hellenic Council and was a member of its honors society, Rho Lambda.

This semester Mesmer is performing field work at Hamot Medical Center in its child and youth inpatient unit. Following graduation she will attend graduate school in social work at the University of Pittsburgh.

Mesmer will likely not be the last of the Ghering clan to graduate from Edinboro. Her cousin, Katy Thompson, is a sophomore at the University.





May 6, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO ARTIST WINS AWARD IN ERIE

Rachael Harper started the spring season with a flourish by winning the Northwestern Pennsylvania Artists Association Award at the Erie Art Museum's 74th Annual Spring Show. The Edinboro University of Pennsylvania art professor won with her oil on canvas painting, "The Mimic."

The Spring show marks the start of a busy spring and summer for Harper. She had one painting in the group show "Networking Art Exhibition" in Pittsburgh, one accepted in the prestigious 61st Annual Midyear Exhibition at the Butler Institute of American Art, and will have a one-person exhibition at Gallery 937 in Pittsburgh beginning May 31.

More important for Harper is an invitation to exhibit in the "Teacher/Student Exhibition" to be held at Glass Growers Gallery in Erie from June 19 through September 9. She and three of her students will show one painting each.

"This show will demonstrate the correlation, inspiration and respect developed between teacher and student," said Gallery director Debbie Vahanian, "besides emphasizing the results of continuing education."

Harper chose Carol Werder, a graduate painting student; Melissa Eddings Spurgeon, who earned her MFA from Edinboro and Michael Long, an undergraduate art student, for the exhibition.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

NEWS ADVISORY

The Edinboro McDonald's restaurant and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will present a \$500 check to the Erie HIV/AIDS Food Pantry on Wednesday, May 7, at 11 a.m. at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul, 134 West 7th Street in Erie.

McDonald's will present the \$500 check on behalf of Lambda Chi for winning a competition among Edinboro University fraternities and sororities for spending the most money at the restaurant during Greek Week. The charity Lambda Chi Alpha chose for the award is the Erie HIV/AIDS Food Pantry. Sue Kuebler, who will accept the check, said the Food Pantry is able to provide \$17 of food for every \$1 donated. Thus the McDonald's gift will provide \$8,500 in food for the needy.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**KENT STATE EDUCATOR TO SPEAK
AT EDINBORO CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

Dr. Carol Bersani, coordinator of early childhood education at Kent State University, will be the keynote speaker at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's 13th annual Early Childhood Education Conference, May 13-14. Her address, "The Project Approach to Early Childhood Education: Inspirations from Reggio Emilia and the U.S.," will be delivered at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 13.

Bersani is an associate professor at Kent State and director of its Paul H. Jones Child Development Center. She is co-author of the *Ohio Early Childhood Curriculum Guide*. Her current research interest is in staff development utilizing principles from the Reggio approach. For the past two summers she has co-taught a workshop on early childhood curriculum inspired by the Reggio approach. In her lecture she will describe an American adaptation of this philosophy with particular attention to the role of projects in the curriculum.

The theme of this year's conference is "Kaleidoscope: Many Pieces, One Vision." It will focus one day on preschool and kindergarten, and the second day on kindergarten and primary grades.

More than 250 educators from western Pennsylvania are expected to attend the event which will offer nearly 30 workshops ranging from assessment and reading to statistics and writing.

The annual conference is sponsored by Edinboro's elementary education department in conjunction with the Center for Excellence in Teaching and the Institute for Research and Community Services.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

JENNIFER EARLY WINS CHEMISTRY AWARD AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Jennifer M. Early, the daughter of Charles and Helen Early of Mt. Lebanon, received the Chemical Rubber Corporation's Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. The award was made at the University's Celebration of Excellence ceremony where she was also recognized as a Presidential Honors Scholarship recipient and a member of the Dean's List. She also received an award from the local chapter of the American Chemical Society. She was an honors student at the University during her freshman year and held the position of assistant production manager at the campus cable television station.

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May 9, 1997

MEDIA ADVISORY:

On Sunday, May 11, Pennsylvania First Lady Michele Ridge will address the 1997 graduating class in spring Commencement ceremonies at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

Ceremonies will begin promptly at 1 p.m. in the University's McComb Fieldhouse.

Edinboro University President Frank G. Pogue will confer degrees on 667 students during the ceremonies. With the December 1996 graduating class of 743 students, Edinboro will grant 1,410 associate, bachelor's and master's degrees during the 1996-97 academic year.

Media representatives desiring interviews with Mrs. Ridge and Dr. Pogue should be IN THE FIELDHOUSE not later than 12:45 p.m., as neither will be available once the academic procession begins promptly at 1 p.m.

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May 9, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO ROTC COMMISSIONS FIVE OFFICERS

Five graduating seniors from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's ROTC program were commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army in a commissioning ceremony held Sunday morning, May 11, in the University Center. The five students were then graduated from the University that afternoon in commencement ceremonies held at McComb Fieldhouse.

Sean M. Bratton of Bethel Park graduated with a degree in math and will be assigned to the signal corps in the army on active duty. Christopher J. Buzard of Ellwood City graduated with a degree in criminal justice and will be assigned to the Army's armor branch on active duty. Heath L. McCormick of Shelby, Ohio, graduated with a degree in business administration and will be assigned to the Army's infantry branch on active duty. Scott Mohnkern of Franklin, Pa., graduated with a degree in criminal justice and will be assigned to military intelligence in the Army reserves. Jeremy L. Peifer of Herndon also graduated with a degree in criminal justice and will be assigned to active duty in the Army's infantry branch.

May 11, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO GRADUATES 667 IN SPRING CEREMONY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Frank G. Pogue conferred master's, bachelor's and associate degrees upon 667 new graduates during spring 1997 Commencement ceremonies at the University's McComb Fieldhouse on Sunday.

The newest alumni join 743 December 1996 graduates for a total of 1,410 Edinboro University degrees awarded during the 1996-97 academic year.

In his remarks to the graduating class, Pogue told the Fieldhouse audience of more than 3,000 that Torch Night – a symbolic event held prior to the Commencement ceremony – was an opportunity to transition the graduating class to another stage in their professional careers; establish an academic and personal bonding with the University, its cultures, values and beliefs throughout the alumni years; and to pass on the class leadership to the next graduating class.

“It provided an opportunity,” Pogue said, “to thank you for the faith you had in us; the many hours you have spent volunteering time on and off campus for community and professional service; your presence on student conduct committees, serving as residence assistants and work study students; your involvement in campus student organizations, special participation with disabled students, minority students, women students, international, non-traditional and other students; participation in the choir, band, student newspaper, television and radio stations; extensive and effective participation in athletic activities and cheerleading; and the years of outstanding service as leaders in student government.”

On behalf of the University and the State System of Higher Education, Pogue said he hopes that “we have provided access to an exceptionally high quality education at a reasonable cost; that our learning community has been student-centered; that the 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 in securing a professional career or graduate opportunities commensurate with your aspirations.”

In closing, Pogue reminded the graduates that serving others is the true test of an educated citizen. “As the tennis great Arthur Ashe said, ‘True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass others at whatever cost, but to serve others at whatever cost.’”

Mrs. Michele Ridge, First Lady of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, served as featured speaker for the spring ceremony. She acknowledged the significance of this Edinboro Commencement ceremony, since the Governor’s sister received her diploma in that same fieldhouse exactly 25 years ago.

“It has been said that today’s preparation determines tomorrow’s achievement,” said the First Lady as she addressed the graduates. “And with the education you complete today comes a responsibility to make a meaningful contribution to your community . . . And I would stress to each and every one of you that the interests of childhood and youth are the interests of us all. We need to care about the healthy development of all of Pennsylvania’s children - not just our own.”

Mrs. Ridge spoke of the Governor’s Community Partnership for Safe Children, a community-based initiative designed to reduce violence by and against children, and how the graduates can help this cause. “Each of you has special talents and ideas that can make a positive difference in your communities,” she said. “The Governor and I ask that you use your knowledge to benefit your community, your state and your country, and that you act upon that knowledge. We encourage each of you to fulfill the promises you have made to your parents, to yourselves, and to your community.

“In doing so, you will learn that there is no substitute for the rewards offered by community service. In fact, community service is a great legacy we must pass on to future generations.”

During the ceremony, Pogue presented Mrs. Ridge with a framed printer’s plate of the front page of the March 28 edition of the *Erie Daily Times*. The lead story that day featured Edinboro student Sabrina Ray who participated in the University’s Alternative Spring Break

Project. Ray, and 13 other students, volunteered a week of their time to serve the community at several sites in Erie and Edinboro including the Emmaus Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen, the Booker T. Washington Community Center, Community Shelter Services of Erie, Emerson Gridley Elementary School, and Interfaith Ministries of Edinboro. The gift was "a symbol of our appreciation for your being here today and for your compassion for *all* of the citizens of Pennsylvania," said Pogue.

Also offering greetings at the ceremony were R. Benjamin Wiley, vice chair of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education and chair of the Edinboro University Council of Trustees; Edward P. Kelley, Jr., vice chancellor for employees and labor relations for the State System; David Irlbacher ('73), president of the Edinboro Alumni Association; and Cynthia J. Hope, bachelor's degree candidate.

Special guests included representatives from Meadville and East high schools, and members of the Ghering family (for whom the University's health center is named) who were on hand for the graduation of Rachel Mesmer, the 15th descendant of professor Jeremiah Link Ghering to receive her diploma from Edinboro.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO SOPHOMORE WINS FINDLEY LAKE FLAG DESIGN CONTEST

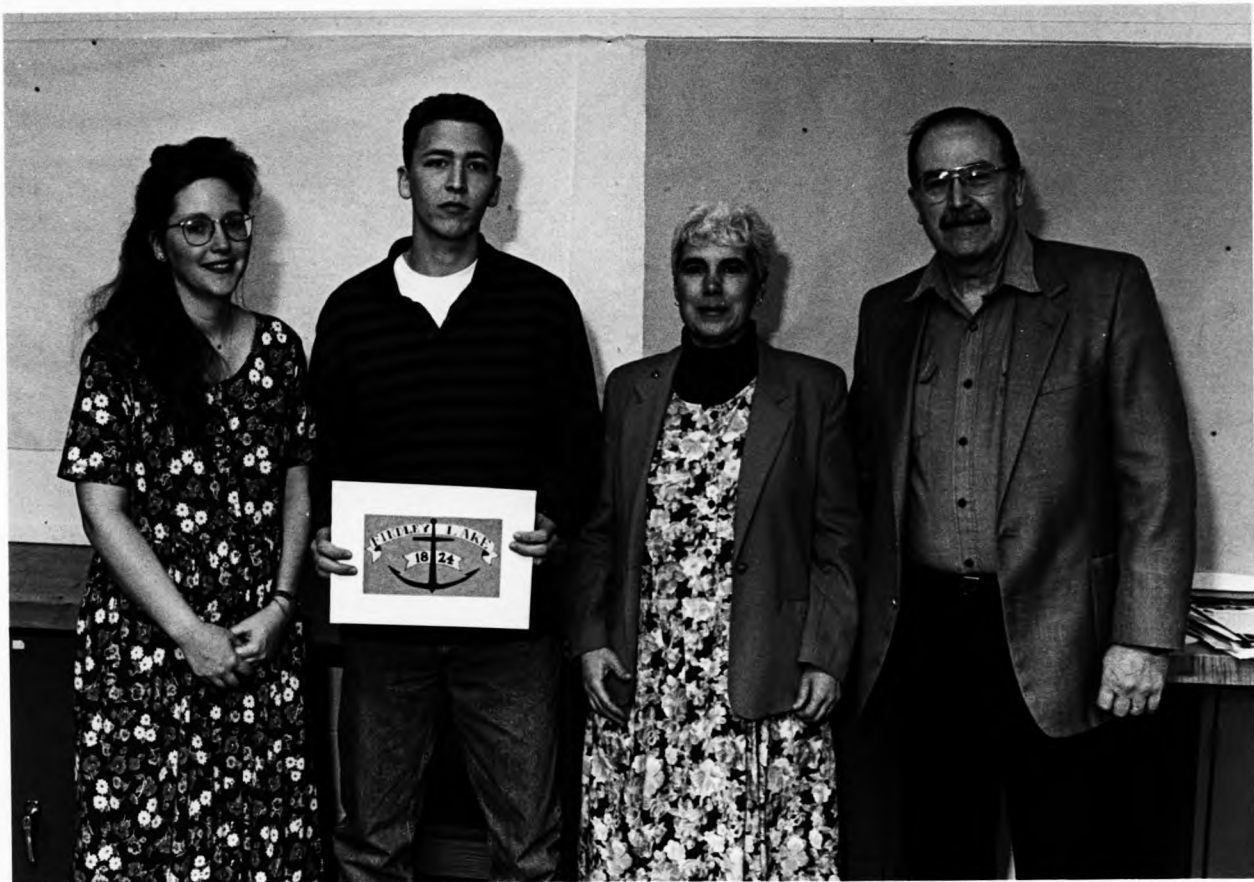
A flag designed by Edinboro University of Pennsylvania sophomore Jason Eyer was selected as the community flag for the village of Findley Lake, New York. His design was submitted as part of a contest sponsored by the Findley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.

The judges received 60 entries, including 16 from the communications graphics design class of Edinboro professor Diane Crandall. Eyer's creation features a yellow seal with an anchor and the words "Findley Lake Est. 1824" on a field of blue. The flag will be raised on the town's new flag pole in a ceremony on Memorial Day, May 26, following the annual parade.

Judges for the contest were artists Max and Juliana Dugaw of Mayville, New York; Dennis M. Luce, a retired teacher from Iroquois High School and owner of the Sunset Gallery and Frame Shop in Findley Lake; and Donna Beth Luce, vice president of the Findley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. The Luces are both graduates of Edinboro University. The judges said Eyer's entry was chosen because of its clean design, historical elements and artistic appropriateness.

Crandall said the University encourages its students to get involved in service learning projects that benefit themselves as well as their clients and the community. She likes to have her students work on projects taken from the real world to give them experience in dealing with real clients and their challenges.

Eyer is a sophomore from East Smithfield in Bradford County majoring in applied media arts with a concentration in animation. His ambition is to be an animator, following in the footsteps of several other Edinboro graduates who have become animators for Disney, Warner Bros. and other major studios. Eyer said he chose the blue and yellow colors for their compatibility, and the classical style of lettering for its historical feel.



Jason Eyer holds his winning design for the Findley Lake, NY, flag design contest. Eyer is a student of communication graphics professor Diane Crandall, left, at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Representing Findley Lake are Donna Beth Luce, vice president of the Findley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, and Dennis M. Luce, owner of the Sunset Gallery and Frame Shop in Findley Lake.



Edinboro University President Frank G. Pogue (far left) and the University's Council of Trustees present certificates of recognition to four Edinboro employees who constructed and wired the new circular conference table the trustees now use at their meetings. Employees recognized (front, from left, holding certificates) were Terry Gebhardt, Noel Reyes and John Kutz of the maintenance department and Joseph Pyrdek of instructional technology. Looking on (from left) were trustees Ellen Sass (student), Frank Jakovac, Susan Hagen, C. Richard Johnston, R. Benjamin Wiley (chairperson), Harry Thomas, William Schulz, Ben Miceli, and Edwin Dombrowski.

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NEWS ADVISORY

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY, ERIE SCHOOLS TO SIGN PROJECT ECHO AGREEMENT

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and the School District of the City of Erie will initiate Project ECHO with a signing ceremony on Monday, May 19, at 9 a.m. at the Porreco Center, 2951 West 38th Street, Erie. On hand to authorize the historical agreement will be Edinboro President Frank G. Pogue and Erie Superintendent Dr. James E. Barker.

Project ECHO – Edinboro University Connection for High School Opportunities – is a three-part program designed to bring Edinboro and local school districts closer together through technology. Erie is the first partner in a model program that Edinboro hopes other school districts will also use.

The main thrust of ECHO is the Early Start program which allows qualified high school students to take credit-bearing University courses. Students who participate in the program will have a head start on completing an associate or baccalaureate program at Edinboro or another institution.

Other parts of ECHO are a five-part video series on preparing for the college experience and a teacher development program.

The Early Start program will deliver courses through on-site instruction at a school district location or the Porreco Center, or interactive video conferencing instruction transmitted to a school district location.

Media are invited to attend the event. For further information contact Dr. Andrew C. Lawlor, Edinboro's associate vice president for technology and communications at 732-2931; or Joe Sulkowski, Erie's coordinator of instructional technology at 871-6463.

May 14, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO OFFERS COLLEGE COURSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

High school students in northwestern Pennsylvania will be able to take up to six college credits this summer as the result of a new program at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. The Early Advantage Program allows students in 10th, 11th and 12th grades to choose from among many beginning-level courses offered through Edinboro's Summer School, beginning May 28.

The Early Advantage Program gives high school students a head start on completing their college studies, whether at Edinboro or elsewhere. The courses will be taught on campus by Edinboro University faculty who can provide more individual assistance due to generally smaller class sizes during the summer.

The Edinboro Summer schedule is divided into three sessions: May 28-June 13, June 17-July 25, and July 29-August 14. Students may attend any or all of the sessions. They will be admitted to the University as special students with the written recommendation of their high school guidance counselors and/or principals.

Interested students should contact the Edinboro Admissions Office at 732-2761 for additional information and an application.

May 16, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO PROFESSORS PRESENT PAPER AT PHILOSOPHY CONVENTION

Professors Edmund Abegg and Richard Double of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania read "New-Wave Moral Realism and Worlds-without-Values Skepticism" to the Central Division convention of the American Philosophical Association on April 26 in Pittsburgh. Abegg's and Double's paper on moral theory was commented on by Geoffrey Sayre-McCord of the University of North Carolina and Stephen Darwall of the University of Michigan.

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June 3, 1997

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.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**MEADVILLE EXCHANGE STUDENT WINS
CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION**

Inese Silina, an exchange student from Latvia attending Meadville Area High School, was recently named grand prize winner of the 1997 Congressional Art Competition and Exhibition sponsored at Edinboro University by U. S. Rep. Phil English (R-21st Dist.).

"An Artistic Discovery 1997" was open to high school students in English's 21st Congressional District. The week-long art exhibit and closing reception for the student artists and their families was held at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, which has hosted the event for the past 15 years.

Silina's winning entry, an oil painting titled "Sea Scene," was judged best among the 45 entries submitted by students in English's four-county district. The judges were Edinboro University art professors Shelle Barron, Ben Gibson and John Lysak.

Second place went to Elisa Abercrombie of Fort LeBoeuf High School and third place to Na-Hee Ahn of Villa Maria Academy. All three received cash awards from Edinboro University and U. S. Savings Bonds from PNC Bank. Additional prizes were provided by First National Bank of Pennsylvania, Mellon Bank, National Bank of North East, and National City Bank.

Honorable mentions were awarded to John Aymong of McDowell High School; Michael Hanel of Erie City Vo-Tech; Luke Schenck of Cathedral Prep; Lakevius Tate of Erie City Vo-Tech; and Andrew Young of Lakeview High School. All five received cash awards from Edinboro University.

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In addition, three "Jurors' Discretion" awards were presented to Rebecca Downing, Iroquois High School; Douglas Johnson, Commodore Perry High School; and Lea Zoltowski, Fort LeBoeuf High School.

Silina, 19, is the daughter of John and Maya Silina. While attending high school in the United States, she lives in Meadville with her aunt and uncle, Cindy and Ilmars Liepins. He is a French teacher at Meadville Area High School.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO PROGRAM HELPING DISABLED TO COMMUNICATE

Over the past 25 years Carol Caler has taught thousands of students in health and physical education classes at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. For the last 13 of those years she has also taught one very special person, Shanda, her daughter, who has Down's syndrome.

For many people like Shanda, having Down's syndrome means having difficulty in communicating, both verbally and in writing. Part of Shanda's problem is her slowness in speaking. Her disability makes it difficult to form words quickly. The result is a conversation that tends to be very brief. It is simply too hard to keep the conversation going.

"There is a big gap between her comprehension and her expressive ability," said Caler. "She can read, but her speech planning process doesn't work."

But now, thanks to some high-tech computer equipment and an innovative program at Edinboro University, Shanda is greatly improving her communication skills.

She is a sixth grader in the Cambridge Springs Elementary School. More than three years ago Caler and her husband, Gerard, and the Penncrest School District began the long process of obtaining a talking keyboard. For the people who use them, keyboards mean the difference between having useful and productive lives and living in total dependence.

The keyboard Penncrest bought for Shanda's use is a Delta Talker – a combination computer, speech synthesizer and keyboard. Known by some as simply a "talker," the keyboard uses pictures instead of letters to represent language. Pictures are easier to communicate with because they can have multiple meanings.

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The Delta Talker uses visual clues to prompt Shanda to communicate in complete sentences. In the past, Shanda might have said something like "Want milk." The keyboard, however, requires her to be more precise – "I want milk." When she types a sentence, the talker will speak the sentence out loud and display it on an LCD screen. Thus the talker enables Shanda to type the message, see it, hear it, and even repeat it.

"It all reinforces the sentence structure," said Caler.

Shanda is the first student in her school to have a talker, which she got at the start of the school year. With its carrying case, teaching program, battery charger and adapter, the total cost came to \$5,000.

Having a gadget like the Delta Talker is clearly a big help. But it would do Shanda little good if she didn't have the proper training to use it. That's where a new program at Edinboro University helps out. Professor John Boylan and the staff at the Assistive Technology Center in the University's Leader Clinic created the Augmentative and Alternative Communication Camp to bring together people to show them how to communicate with their devices in a variety of settings. Also coordinating the training is Katya Hill of the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit.

The two-day camp uses songs, arts and crafts as opportunities to improve communication skills. It provides situations which encourage participants to use their speech synthesizers. Shanda also participated in some of the Clinic's half-day camps in preparation for the intensive two-day camp.

Caler said the camp allowed Shanda to become immersed in using the device. She wants Shanda to use her Delta Talker more and more on a daily basis. She has seen a lot of improvement in her daughter in the nine months since she got the talker. Shanda is even keeping a journal which she types on a computer at school.

The workshop has made Caler more aware of the uses for the device, and she is convinced the Delta Talker is the right device for Shanda.

"She is becoming more independent by learning more," said Caler. "The more she learns, the more independent she will become. For a person with a disability, it has been proven that 80 percent of job success depends on good communication skills."





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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY AWARDED NEWCOMBE FOUNDATION GRANT

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Dr. Frank G. Pogue has announced that the prestigious Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation of Princeton, N.J., will award a \$14,000 scholarship grant to Edinboro University in the 1997-98 academic year for financial aid to students with disabilities.

The grant is Edinboro's seventeenth in 17 years, bringing the total awarded to \$285,000.

Edinboro is one of nine colleges and universities in the northeastern United States to share \$218,000 in Newcombe Foundation scholarships in 1997-98, an increase of \$35,000 over funding made available last year. More than half of the increase was awarded in matching challenge grants to five institutions, including Edinboro, which requested participation in the Foundation's new Endowed Scholarship Funds program.

"Edinboro's request for a challenge has been accepted by the Foundation, with enthusiasm," said Newcombe Foundation Executive Director, Janet A. Fearon, in a letter notifying Pogue of the award. "Accordingly, up to \$2,000 of the total grant of \$14,000 may be placed in a new endowed fund to be matched by gifts from other donors."

Fearon said also that the Newcombe Foundation trustees had made the grants to Edinboro over the years in recognition of the excellent supportive services provided by the University to students with disabilities and of the competent administration of previous Newcombe Scholarship grants.

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Singled out for special recognition by Fearon and the Newcombe trustees was Edinboro's Dr. Robert McConnell for "his caring and attentive administration of Newcombe scholarships." McConnell is the assistant director of the University's Office for Students with Disabilities.

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HOYT INSTITUTE OF ART TO HOST WORKS BY SUSAN JOYCE WEIMER

The Hoyt Institute of Art in New Castle will host "New Images," an exhibition of paintings by Susan Joyce Weimer, June 1-26. Weimer is a professor of art at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. The exhibition includes "Courtroom Scenes," works created by Weimer as a courtroom artist. The show will begin with an opening reception on Sunday, June 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Hoyt Institute of Art is located at 124 East Leasure Avenue in New Castle.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

McCORMICK NAMED EDINBORO'S TOP ROTC CADET

Cadet Lt. Col. Heath McCormick, a native of Shelby, Ohio, has been named winner of the 1996-97 Edinboro University President's Award, presented annually to the outstanding ROTC cadet in the University's "Fighting Scots" Battalion.

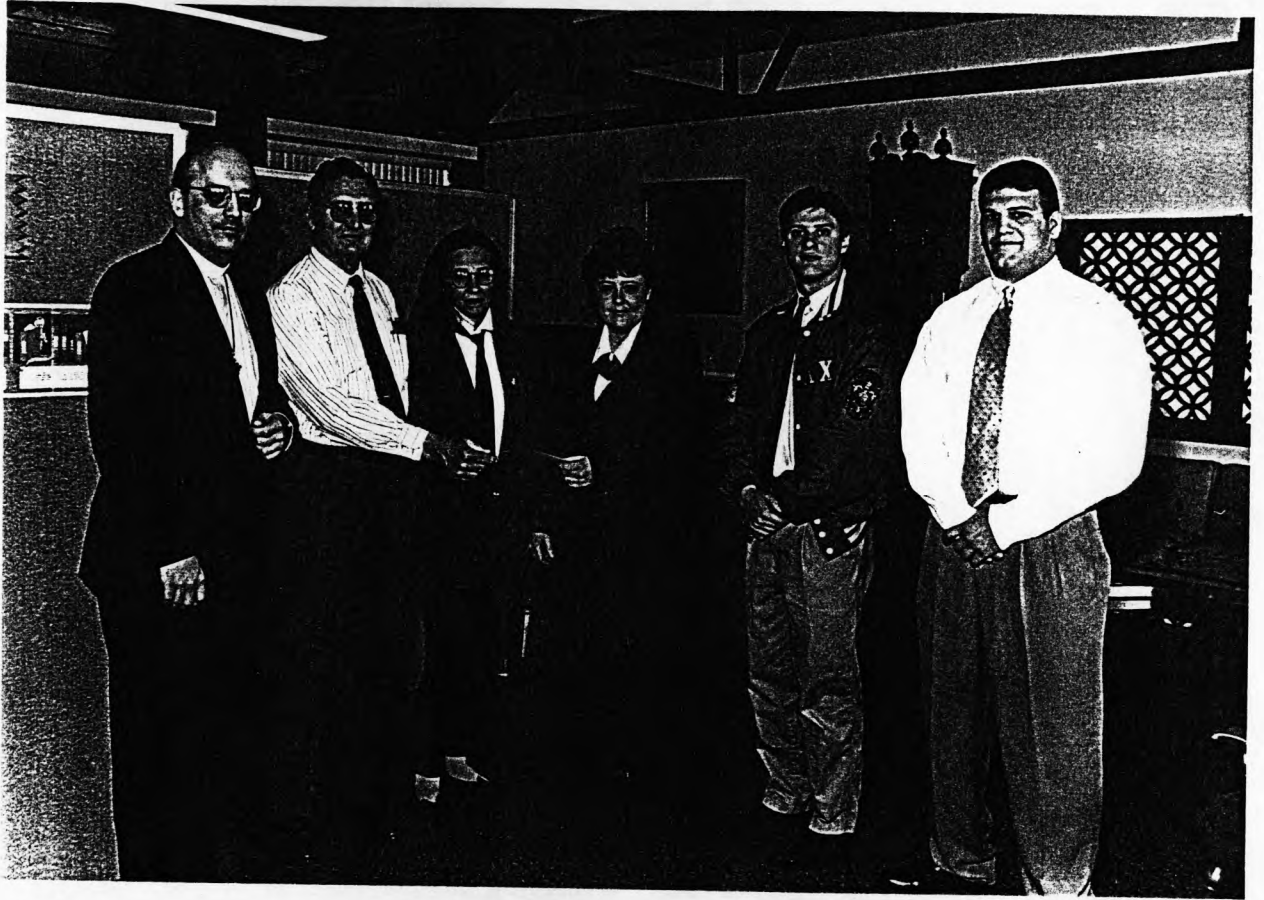
The award, which is signified by a traditional officer's saber, was presented to McCormick by Edinboro University President Dr. Frank G. Pogue during a recent campus ceremony.

The President's Award marks the culmination of McCormick's distinguished record of academic and ROTC honors at Edinboro. He was the cadet battalion commander of Edinboro's ROTC Extension Center and was the Advanced Camp Regimental Honor Graduate - number one among 300 cadets - and was the local recipient of the prestigious George C. Marshall Award as the top cadet among all cadets at Edinboro and Gannon universities and Allegheny and Mercyhurst colleges. As the top local cadet, McCormick represented all four institutions at the George C. Marshall seminar in Virginia.

McCormick graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in business administration at Edinboro University's spring commencement and was commissioned a 2nd. Lt. of Infantry at the University's pre-commencement commissioning ceremony.

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Candy Colera, assistant manager of the McDonald's restaurant in Edinboro, presents a \$500 check to Don Stolz of the HIV/AIDS Food Pantry, located in the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul in Erie. The donation was made in the name of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, which won a contest sponsored by McDonald's. The fraternity chose the Food Pantry to receive the \$500 donation. On hand for the check presentation ceremony were, from left, the very Reverend John P. Downey, dean of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul; Stolz; Sue B. Kuebler, chairperson of the HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry; Colera; Bill Protz and Chris Marchetti, vice president and president of Lambda Chi Alpha.





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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH TO VISIT ERIE AREA IN JULY FOR BBC

Distinguished BBC broadcaster Sir David Attenborough will visit the Erie area in early July to film a segment for the BBC series "The Life of Birds." The focus of Attenborough's visit will be the purple martin and the Edinboro-based Purple Martin Conservation Association (PMCA).

According to PMCA director James R. Hill III, Attenborough and his crew will film purple martin colonies the weekend of July 5 and 6 on location in Conneautville, Edinboro, Girard, McKean, and North East in Pennsylvania; Conneaut, Ohio; and at the Chautauqua Institution in New York.

The PMCA is affiliated with Edinboro University of Pennsylvania through the Institute for Research and Community Services. Hill graduated from Edinboro in 1974 and established the PMCA in 1987.

Attenborough has been in broadcasting for more than 40 years. He joined the BBC in 1952 and launched the first of his famous "Zoo Quest" series which, over the next 10 years, took him to the wilder parts of the world. In 1965 he was controller of BBC-2 and became responsible for the introduction of color television into Britain. In 1969 he was appointed Director of Programmes with editorial responsibility for both the BBC's television networks. He resigned in 1973 to return to making such programs as "Eastwards with Attenborough," a natural history series set in South East Asia, and "The Tribal Eye," examining tribal art.

In 1979 he wrote and presented the 13-part series, "Life on Earth." He created its sequel "The Living Planet," in 1984, and "The Trials of Life," in 1990. He also wrote and presented

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two shorter series, "The First Eden" on the Mediterranean and "Lost Worlds, Vanished Lives" about fossils. In 1993, he presented the spectacular "Life in the Freezer," a celebration of Antarctica. During the past two years he created "The Private Life of Plants," and "Attenborough in Paradise," a special film about the elusive but beautiful birds of paradise.

Knighthood in 1985, Attenborough is now president of the Royal Society for Nature Conservation and is a trustee of the British Museum. He was also a trustee for the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

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Cutline

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Frank G. Pogue (left) ^{recently} hosts a meeting with the executive directors of area higher education councils. With Pogue are Judith Schadt of the Warren/Forest Higher Education Council, Scott Eckert of the Clarion/Venango Educational Resources Alliance, Helene Nawrocki of the Potter County Educational Council, Steven Bishop of the Corry Higher Education Council, Kris Kronenwetter of the Community Education Council of Elk and Cameron Counties, and Dr. Robert N. Aebersold, president of Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania. The group is exploring ways for the State System of Higher Education to deliver education programs to areas outside of Edinboro.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOCAL STUDENT INDUCTED INTO EDINBORO HONOR SOCIETY

Dr. Robert W. Holderer, English and Theatre Arts department, has been inducted into the Beta Pi chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, the international foreign language honor society at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

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Brian P. Wyman, RD 2, New Bethlehem, has been inducted into the Beta Pi chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, the international foreign language honor society at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Brian is a junior at Edinboro majoring in political science with a minor in Spanish. He is the son of Donald and Janet Wyman.

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Heather A. Strelecki, 3564 Hershey Rd., Erie, has been inducted into the Beta Pi chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, the international foreign language honor society at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Heather is a senior at Edinboro majoring in art history with a minor in German. She is the daughter of Lou and Liz Strelecki.

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Handrick L. Retamar, 1613 Eshelman Hill Rd., Willow Street, has been inducted into the Beta Pi chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, the international foreign language honor society at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Handrick is a junior at Edinboro majoring in accounting with a minor in Spanish. She is the daughter of Lourdes Padilla.

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Erica M. Opegard, 134 Crawford Rd., West Finley, has been inducted into the Beta Pi chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, the international foreign language honor society at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Erica is a senior at Edinboro majoring in English with a minor in French. She is the daughter of Gary and Patti Gildow.

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David B. Morgan, 2106 McMinn St., Aliquippa, has been inducted into the Beta Pi chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, the international foreign language honor society at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. David is a junior at Edinboro majoring in secondary education with a minor in German. He is the son of Bruce and Holly Morgan.

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Clarice L. Sundberg, 11007 Cross Station Rd., Girard, has been inducted into the Beta Pi chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, the international foreign language honor society at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Clarice is a junior at Edinboro majoring in Spanish. She is the daughter of Anshelm and Carolyn Sundberg.

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Troy H. Sarria, 5824 GlenBrook Dr., Bethel Park, has been inducted into the Beta Pi chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, the international foreign language honor society at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Troy is a senior at Edinboro majoring in business administration with a minor in Spanish. He is the son of Joseph and Sue Sarria.

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Aaron R. Peck, 75 Elm Street, Corry, has been inducted into the Beta Pi chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, the international foreign language honor society at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Aaron is a sophomore at Edinboro majoring in fine arts with a minor in French. He is the son of Lynn and Crystal Peck.

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Tischann M. Nye, RD 2, 36 Reo Drive, Palmyra, has been inducted into the Beta Pi chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, the international foreign language honor society at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Tischann is a May 1997 graduate of Edinboro. She majored in art education with a minor in Spanish. She is the daughter of Cynthia J. Nye.

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Marissa H. Lorenz, P. O. Box 697, Dillon, Colorado, has been inducted into the Beta Pi chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, the international foreign language honor society at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Marissa is a sophomore at Edinboro majoring in humanities/foreign language. She is the daughter of JoAnna M. Givens.

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Megan L. Horn, 332 Meadville St., Edinboro, has been inducted into the Beta Pi chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, the international foreign language honor society at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Megan is a senior at Edinboro working on a teaching certificate in Spanish. She is the wife of Robert Green.

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Jeffrey A. Fiedler, 10878 Woodman St., Conneaut Lake, has been inducted into the Beta Pi chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, the international foreign language honor society at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Jeffrey is a senior at Edinboro majoring in criminal justice with a minor in German. He is the husband of Dorothy Fiedler.

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Kenneth L. Carver II, RD 3, Titusville, has been inducted into the Beta Pi chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, the international foreign language honor society at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Kenneth is a sophomore at Edinboro majoring in secondary education with a minor in Spanish. He is the son of Kenneth and Catherine Carver.

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Kimberly S. Knickerbocker, 302 Erie Street, Edinboro, has been inducted into the Beta Pi chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, the international foreign language honor society at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Kimberly is a senior at Edinboro majoring in communications with a minor in German. She is the daughter of Vic and Mary Hanko and David Knickerbocker.

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Jennifer B. Gorzynski, 5410 Colonial Avenue, Erie, has been inducted into the Beta Pi chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, the international foreign language honor society at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Jennifer is a junior at Edinboro majoring in elementary education with a minor in Spanish. She is the daughter of Richard and Beth Gorzynski.

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Wendy L. DiGregorio has been inducted into the Beta Pi chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, the international foreign language honor society at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Wendy is a May 1997 graduate of Edinboro. She majored in psychology with a minor in Spanish. She is the daughter of Lawrence and Patricia Leskovac of Greenville.

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Krista B. Baker, 105 Erie Street, Polk, has been inducted into the Beta Pi chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, the international foreign language honor society at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Krista is a junior at Edinboro majoring in criminal justice with a minor in Spanish. She is the daughter of Jonathan and Cheryl Baker.

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Each student's name is accompanied by the following information:

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 any trouble!
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