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LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Christopher Johns, RD 1, Glen Campbell, was recently named the recipient of a Dean Richard I. Weller Award.

This award is offered annually to a currently enrolled student who is majoring in a health science and who has exhibited outstanding academic achievement. It was established by the Lake Erie Health and Education Center and Dr. Richard I. Weller who was dean of science and mathematics at Edinboro from 1970 until his retirement in 1980.

Christopher is the son of Judi A. Johns and Duane R. Johns. He is a medical technology major and a graduate of Punxsutawney Area High School.

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LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Vera L. Newell, 1615 Fairmont Pkwy., Erie, was recently named the recipient of a Dr. Glenda M. Lawhorn Scholarship.

This scholarship is offered annually to a full-time Edinboro University minority student entering his/her senior year who is an active participant in co-curricular activities, has a minimum quality point average of 3.00 and has no record of disciplinary offenses.

Funds for this award have been made available by the Edinboro University Student Government association to honor Dr. Glenda M. Lawhorn, dean of student services.

Vera is the daughter of Mrs. Laura Carthon and the late J. C. Carthon. She is a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School in Cleveland, Ohio, and a speech communications major at Edinboro.

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Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Jennifer C. Stull, 8191 Clark Rd. Ext., Erie, was recently named the recipient of a Pre-Healing Arts Book Stipend.

The Edinboro University Alumni Association established this stipend to help one outstanding junior and one outstanding senior enrolled in a pre-healing arts curriculum to afford the cost of books. These stipends are awarded annually to students with Q.P.A.'s of 3.30 or higher.

Jennifer is the daughter of Molly and Larry Stull. She is a graduate of Harbor Creek High School and a biology pre-med major at Edinboro.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO STUDENTS RETAKE DEPRESSION ERA PHOTOGRAPHS

If you want to learn the history of a town, the best person to ask may be the town barber. That's what a group of students from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania discovered when they set out to re-shoot historical photographs taken during the 1930s and 40s.

The students are taking part in a year-long project to find the exact locations where numerous photographs were taken by government photographers during the depression. The original project resulted in more than 200,000 images of America, many of which depicted the lives of common people - especially the poor and downtrodden.

Edinboro art professor Suzanne Winterberger obtained a faculty senate research grant in 1994 to go to the Library of Congress where the photos are stored. Realizing it would take too long to go through all 200,000 images, she narrowed her search to just photos of Pennsylvania. She learned the photographers concentrated mostly in the coal mining towns of eastern Pennsylvania, the steel mill towns of western Pennsylvania, and the farming communities in the middle of the state.

This past spring, Winterberger received another faculty senate grant that allowed her and the six students - Bill Pohl, Vince Marangoni, Susan Protin, Melissa Garcia, Thomasina Berdine and Heather Kadar - to begin a tour of Aliquippa, Beaver Falls, Rochester and Midland. In Midland they stopped at the shop of barber Leslie Roach, who at the age of 86, may be the oldest working barber in the country. Not only did Roach have nearly a century of memories which he gladly shared, he had dozens of his own photographs dating back to the turn of the century.

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“Leslie and his customers in the shop were full of stories about the steel mill and were eager to tell them,” said Winterberger. “The mill is gone now, but they were able to tell us exactly where it stood.”

Thanks to Roach and others, they were able to locate many of the exact sites the earlier photographers had used. It quickly became apparent to Winterberger and the students that most of the photographs from the 1930s and 40s had been taken from automobiles. “They took a lot of photos of people in the mills and mines and in their homes, but when they took pictures of the town itself they didn’t make much effort to get out of their cars and walk around,” said Winterberger. “They stayed close to the main roads and seldom ventured far into the neighborhoods.”

With a professional development grant from the State System of Higher Education, Winterberger took the group to the coal mining areas of eastern Pennsylvania over the Memorial Day weekend. They visited Pottsville, Shenandoah, Jim Thorpe and towns in between. There they discovered two problems – many of the sites were obscured by leaves, and the landscape itself had been radically altered by refuse piles from the mines. Even these piles had trees growing on them.

During their tour they visited the coal mining museum in Lansford and had long discussions with the barber and former fire chief in Shenandoah. Like his counterpart in Midland, the Lansford barber had a large collection of old photos.

A summer trip to Pittsburgh’s neighborhoods of Mt. Washington, Polish Hill, and the strip district was cut short because of heat.

This fall the group plans to visit State College, DuBois, and Chaneyville. Ironically, there were very few pictures taken of nearby Erie. The only photo Winterberger was able to locate at the Library of Congress was taken in a trailer park less than a mile away from the General Electric plant. It shows no landmarks to indicate its exact location today.

The purpose of the project is to produce a traveling exhibition that would visit the towns where the photographs were taken. Winterberger hopes to display 40 old photos side-by-side with 40 new photos taken at the same locations. A slide show will accompany the event.



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EDINBORO HOSTS COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT FOR ADULT LEARNERS

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will hold a college information night for adults on Tuesday, November 7, 6-8 p.m., at Edinboro's Porreco Extension Center in Erie (2951 West 38th Street).

University representatives will be available to discuss how adult students can start (or restart) an Edinboro education in both day and evening classes at the convenient setting of the Porreco Extension Center located just minutes from the heart of downtown Erie and the Millcreek Mall.

Presentations will offer information on the admissions process, financial aid options, special services for adult students, academic majors, alternative forms of credit, and labor markets.

For more information, call the Porreco Extension Center at 814-838-7815 or the Office of Adult Students Informational Services (OASIS) at 814-732-2701.

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Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Foster F. Diebold (right) and Zhang Guangxing, president of Zibo Teachers' College in China, renew the "sister school" academic linkage agreement that has operated between the two schools since 1987. Edinboro's linkage is an outgrowth of the 1985 "sister city" agreement between the cities of Erie and Zibo to promote cooperation and exchange in the fields of business, science, technology and education. Diebold was the education representative on the 1985 U. S. delegation to China, headed by the late Louis Tullio, who was then mayor of Erie.

The latest pact signed by Diebold and Zhang extends the sister school agreement until 1999, and calls for additional exchanges of students, teachers, scholars, and staff experts, as well as scholarly articles and research papers.

City of Erie officials and their Zibo counterparts recently held ceremonies in Erie to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the sister city relationship.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO TO HOST COLLEGE BOARD WORKSHOP

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will be the host site for a workshop for high school guidance counselors presented by the Middle States Regional Office of the College Board.

The workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Edinboro University's Porreco Extension Center in Erie (2951 West 38th Street).

Martha Gagnon, a College Board consultant, will conduct the workshop and will cover topics such as new approaches to explaining SAT scores to students, parents, administrators and the public (school boards, media); admissions testing; technology and college guidance; disability testing; an ExPAN software demonstration; and other important updates on College Board programs.

Most notably, Dr. Gagnon will present information and clarification of the recent "re-centering" of the SAT, the focus of much debate and controversy throughout the education community.

The Middle States Regional Office of the College Board, based in Philadelphia, provides educational programs and services to students, school personnel and college administrators in the Middle States region, which includes Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. The workshop at Edinboro University is one of 28 being presented by the College Board this fall in the Middle States region of the U.S.

For more information, call Edinboro University's Admissions Office, 814-732-2761 or 800-626-2203.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO TO HOST MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION VIDEOCONFERENCE

The Center for Excellence in Teaching at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will be the site for an interactive videoconference on multicultural education, Friday, November 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. This live videoconference, "Multicultural Education Valuing Diversity in the Classroom," will be held in 143-144 Miller Research Learning Center.

The event will discuss the theories behind multicultural education, tools and strategies for implementing the multicultural education process, the skills needed to teach ethnic content, and the skills needed to work in an increasingly diverse classroom.

Moderated by reporter Kelly Wright, the videoconference will feature speakers Robin A. Butterfield, the Indian education/civil rights specialist for the Oregon department of education; Carlos E. Cortes, former history professor and author of several books on race and multiculturalism; Maureen D. Gillette, education professor involved with multicultural education and author of numerous publications on the topic; Carl A. Grant, education professor at the University of Wisconsin and president of the National Association for Multicultural Education; and Valerie O. Pang, teacher education professor at San Diego State University, and a multicultural consultant for the Asian American Advisory Board of the Children's Television Workshop's *Sesame Street* series.

The videoconference is designed for educators, administrators and students to learn about the history and development of multicultural education, myths and misconceptions about the theory and practice of multicultural education, and curriculum strategies for multicultural education.

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The event is sponsored by the Darden College of Education and the Academic Television Services of Old Dominion University. Telephone access for call-in questions to the presenters will be available, but seating is limited.

To register for the conference or for more information, contact the Center for Excellence in Teaching, 814-732-2916.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO ANNOUNCES BUSINESS LEAGUE PROGRAM

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania unveiled one of its newest partnership programs, the Edinboro University Business League of Learning, during a recent luncheon meeting with area business leaders at the University's Porreco Extension Center in Erie.

Described as a partnership between Edinboro University and the executive leadership of the area's business and corporate community, the Edinboro Business League will offer programs and services to member businesses as well as access to University resources through its academic programs, facilities, and cultural and recreational activities.

Business League members will in turn offer counsel and support to the school in a variety of ways, some as presenters or observers in seminars and programs created especially for the business community.

Edinboro University President Foster F. Diebold calls the Business League the most important and comprehensive cooperative effort between business and higher education in the region.

"Our hopes for the future rest in many ways with the success of this organization, which brings together the best we have to offer in common purpose," Diebold said. "Area business and corporate leaders are in a strategic position to help shape Edinboro University's future . . . a future that can include an environment favorable to business interests."

John (Jack) E. Martin, Edinboro's associate vice president for institutional advancement, who conceived the Business League program, said that the personal access of Business League

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members to the resources of business and industry in the greater Erie area will be of great benefit to Edinboro University.

“Edinboro University is the largest resource in northwestern Pennsylvania to create mutually beneficial relationships and partnerships with business and corporate leaders in the service industries, manufacturing and other businesses,” said Martin.

“Through membership in the Business League and personal association with Edinboro students, members also have the best opportunity to identify and recruit the most promising graduates,” Martin said, “and Edinboro graduates have an even greater access to employment opportunities.”

Martin also introduced Michael Redlawsk, president of James Properties, Inc., as the chair of the Edinboro Business League program. Redlawsk, who owns and manages commercial properties in both Edinboro and Erie, said that Edinboro University needs the input of the business community “to keep it a strong university in the future.”

Also speaking was Dr. Michael Mogavero, Edinboro’s new dean of science, management and technologies, who said that he planned to visit each of the Business League members and learn about their organization, its future, and how Edinboro can be a partner in its success.

For more information about the Edinboro University Business League of Learning, call Jack Martin at 814-732-2995.



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October 23, 1995

MEDIA ADVISORY:

U. S. Rep. Phil English (R-21st Dist.) will be on the Edinboro University campus at 10:15 a.m., Monday, October 30, to present a Congressional Award of Merit to Mr. DonPaul Lucas in recognition of his efforts to promote AIDS awareness.

Lucas is an Erie area AIDS activist who has worked with many groups in the fight against AIDS, including the Erie County Department of Health, the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force, and Friends From the Heart, of which he is president.

The presentation, which will take place in the multi-purpose room of Edinboro's University Center student union, will officially begin the University's observance of AIDS Awareness Week, October 30-November 3.

Media coverage of the award presentation, as well as other programs in the week-long series of AIDS awareness events (see our October 30 release for details), is invited.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

POET McHUGH TO READ AT EDINBORO

Poet Heather McHugh will be the second author to read at Edinboro University's 1995-96 Visiting Writers Series. McHugh will share her work Wednesday, November 1, in Reeder Lecture Hall at 7:30 p.m.

The author of *Dangers, A World of Difference, To the Quick* and *Shades*, McHugh's most recent collection of poems, *Hinge & Sign*, was a National Book Award finalist. *Broken English: Poetry and Partiality*, a collection of essays, explores the works of poets from around the world and across the centuries.

McHugh's publications also include translations. Wesleyan University Press will soon publish her latest book of translations, *107 Poems after Paul Celan*.

She has received Guggenheim and National Endowment of the Arts fellowships. McHugh lives in Seattle, where she is Milliman Writer-in-Residence at the University of Washington.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OBSERVES AIDS AWARENESS WEEK

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will observe AIDS Awareness Week, October 30-November 3, with a week-long series of programs at the University Center. Highlighting the event will be an award presentation by Erie Congressman Phil English, and a candlelight vigil.

The founder and coordinator of the Edinboro event, Dr. Jan Kinch, said this will be the University's largest ever observance of AIDS Awareness Week.

English will begin the week by presenting the Congressional Award of Merit to DonPaul Lucas on Monday, October 30, at 10:15 a.m. Lucas is an Erie AIDS activist who has worked with many groups in the fight against AIDS, including the Erie County Department of Health, Friends from the Heart, and the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force.

Other events that day will include a panel of Arabic, Russian and Hispanic caseworkers taking part in a "Panel Discussion HIV/AIDS: Global Issues and Concerns as They Relate to the Local Area," at 2 p.m. Charlene Bushyager and Linda Martin of the NW Pennsylvania Rural AIDS Alliance will present at 3 p.m. "HIV/AIDS and the Community," a discussion and screening of the film *Los Altos*. At 4 p.m. Lucas will present "HIV/AIDS 101: Living With AIDS - A Personal Perspective." Dave Korman, Esq., of PA AIDS E.T.C., will discuss "The Legal Implications of HIV/AIDS: Act 148" at 6 p.m., and Mary Ellen Reitz, M.D., pathology, St. Vincent Health Center, will present an "Overview and History of HIV/AIDS," at 8 p.m.

Tuesday's events will begin at 9:30 when Martin will lead "HIV/AIDS 101: Campus Life." Christopher Rowe, from PA AIDS E.T.C., will talk about "Prejudice and HIV/AIDS," at 11 a.m. Fran Reinsel, R.N., from the Erie County Department of Health and Mary Anne Weiner,

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R.N., from Edinboro's Ghering Health Center, will lecture on "Prevention Counseling" and "HIV/AIDS on the College Campus," at 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m., respectively. Bushyager will lead a discussion on "Women and AIDS," at 3:30 p.m. Rowe will make two presentations – at 5 p.m. on "Youth and HIV/AIDS," and at 6 p.m. on "Psycho-Social Aspects of HIV/AIDS." The evening will conclude at 8 p.m. with a "Brief Overview and History of AIDS," and a screening of the HBO movie *And the Band Played On*.

Sue Kuebler, of the HIV/AIDS outreach ministry of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul, will open Wednesday's program at 10 a.m. with "HIV/AIDS 101: Prevention and Transmission." The film *Time Out*, with Magic Johnson will be screened at 11 a.m. John Schroeck of the Erie County Department of Health will present "HIV/AIDS 101: The Epidemiology of HIV/AIDS: The Disease in Erie County, Pennsylvania, and the Nation," at 1 p.m. The movie *Philadelphia* will be shown at 2 p.m. as part of a presentation on "Social Issues Surrounding AIDS: Prejudice, AIDS and the Workplace, and Legal Concerns." At 5 p.m., Kuebler, Bushyager, Martin and Schroeck will offer personal perspectives as a prelude to the 6 p.m. Candlelight Vigil which will take place at the Gazebo. *Philadelphia* will be shown again at 8 p.m.

Another film, *Common Threads: Stories From the Quilt*, will begin Thursday's events at 8 a.m. Kuebler will lead three of the day's events: "HIV/AIDS 101: World AIDS Day" will take place at 9:30; "The Quilt Goes to Washington: An Icon of Hope, Healing and Remembrance," will begin at 12:30 p.m.; and "The Quilt: A Workshop," will take place at 2 p.m. Kuebler will be joined by Lucas, Karen Moski of Hospice of Metropolitan Erie, and others for "AIDS and the Affected: The Unending Grief – Personal Perspectives," panel discussion at 11 a.m.

On the closing day of AIDS Awareness Week, Lucas and Martin will present "Safer Sex/Prevention Workshop," at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Reinsel will offer "Prevention Counseling" and Schroeck will lead a "Workshop/Questions/Demo Table/Presentation" – both at 10 a.m. Martin will talk about "STDs – Sexually Transmitted Diseases," at 1 p.m. Edinboro's week-long observance will conclude at 3 p.m. with a panel featuring Bushyager, Schroeck and Weiner discussing "Women and HIV/AIDS."

In an upcoming event dealing with HIV/AIDS-related issues, the Erie band One World Tribe will perform Friday, November 10, at the University's After Hours Club, beginning at 9 p.m. Also, World AIDS Day is scheduled for Friday, December 1.

All events during AIDS Awareness Week are free and open to the public. For further information contact Dr. Jan Kinch at 732-2617 or 734-7670.

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Edinboro University and State System of Higher Education officials and guests gathered at the recent conference of the Pennsylvania Association of Councils of Trustees held on the Edinboro campus. From left, Howard J. Smith, president of the PACT Executive Board; James H. McCormick, chancellor of the State System of Higher Education; Edinboro University President Foster F. Diebold; R. Benjamin Wiley, chairman of Edinboro University's Council of Trustees; and the Honorable Richard L. Nygaard, judge of the Third U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, who gave the conference keynote address. PACT is an organization of the 154 State System university trustees dedicated to volunteer service, advocacy and support for public higher education in Pennsylvania. The fall 1995 PACT conference was the first ever held on the Edinboro campus and was titled "The Spirit of Outreach."



Mary Jo Campbell, left, president of the Edinboro University Women's Association, (EUWA) presents a plaque to Patricia Diebold, Edinboro's First Lady, for her many years of service to the EUWA and as an advocate for area children. Diebold is honorary president of EUWA and wife of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Foster F. Diebold, who is retiring in 1996. The presentation was made at the EUWA's membership tea, held in the president's house.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' PLAYS PRODUCED

The Edinboro Showcase of Plays, now in its fifth season, features plays written and acted by Edinboro University of Pennsylvania students. Two short plays are now in rehearsal and preparing for a November 6 premiere.

One Last Time by David Sutor and *Trapped* by Jeanette Bellon were chosen from a university class on playwriting. The class is taught by English and theater arts professor Forest Feighner, who will direct the plays. Bellon will serve as student-director for the production.

"Every other year student-written plays are selected to be produced by Edinboro's Dramatic Activities organization," Feighner said. "The plays are entered in the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival, in the Short Plays Awards Program."

In Bellon's *Trapped*, Brandy Jericho is Vickie, caught in a demeaning relationship with Brad (David Sitler). Annie McDonald and Michael Ehrens play Vickie's friends.

One Last Time deals with a final meeting between a young woman and a popular local guitarist as they come to grips with their failed relationship. Michael Farrand, Pam Brusoski and Matt Stahlman star in Sutor's play.

Feighner says the plays share a common bond of failed relationships, an undeniable theme for young adults. He believes older adults will recall similar experiences, and gain some insight of the difficulties today's young lovers face.

"The actors performing in these plays are eligible for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship," Feighner said. "It's awarded annually through the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival."

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Opening night for the Edinboro Showcase of Plays V is Monday, November 6. The plays will run nightly through November 11 at the University's Center for the Performing Arts at 8:15.

Two or three outstanding productions of short plays from colleges across the nation are considered for presentation at a national festival at the Kennedy Center. Awards for plays performed at the festival include a \$1,000 prize, publication and a catalog listing by Samuel French Inc., and appropriate membership for actors and playwrights in the Dramatist Guild.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY PRESENTS FALL CHORAL CONCERT

The Edinboro University choral ensembles, under the direction of Dr. Peter van den Honert, will present a Fall Choral Concert on Sunday, November 5, at 3:00 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium. Works by Schutz, Duruflé, and Smetana will be performed by the University Women's Ensemble, University Chorale, and University Singers.

The Chorale will perform a set of madrigals by western Pennsylvania composer Douglas Starr, and the featured work of the concert will be the Gloria of John Rutter for choir, brass ensemble, organ, and percussion.

The concert is free and open to the public. For additional information, call the Edinboro University music department at 814-732-2555.

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October 18, 1995

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY HOSTS NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK ACTIVITIES

The Erie Section of the American Chemical Society is again sponsoring National Chemistry Week to be held November 4-11. The event includes a series of hands-on activities and contests for students of all ages and others who are interested in chemistry. Prior to the event, the Society plans to distribute 50,000 *Wonder Science* magazines with entries to a chemistry contest for local grade school classes in Erie and Crawford counties.

On Saturday, November 4, chemistry professors and students from Edinboro University, Allegheny College, Mercyhurst College, Gannon University, Penn State Behrend and various local high schools will present a hands-on activity program, "Kitchen Chemistry," in front of Kaufmann's in the Millcreek Mall. During the week beginning Monday, November 6, grade school classes will compete by answering questions about chemistry to be published in the local newspapers. The six winning classes will be awarded visits from chemists with hands-on activities.

National Chemistry Week will wrap up with an activity, "Kool-Aid Tie Dye," to be presented at the expERIEence Children's Museum on Saturday, November 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Erie Section of the American Chemical Society hopes that this program encourages young students to explore and enjoy the wonders of chemistry in our everyday life. For more information, contact Dr. Theresa Thewes in the chemistry department at Edinboro University at 732-2516.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EDINBORO UNIVERSITY'S BRUCE GALLERY TO HOST "TEXTS AND TEXTILES:
THE ART OF KRISTY DEETZ, PENNY SISTO, AND KIMBERLY VITO"**

"Texts and Textiles," a three-artist exhibition, will open at Edinboro University's Bruce Art Gallery on Wednesday, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m. "Text" in this show refers to the content of the artwork when each piece is visually and mentally processed by the viewer. "Textiles" is a reference to the quilted fabric art of Penny Sisto.

Ms. Sisto, an Indiana-based artist, has exhibited her art internationally as well as nationally – from Africa to England and Japan. Her work is in numerous art collections and she has been extensively written about. She was born and raised on the Orkney Islands, off the northern coast of Scotland. As a Health Officer for the British Ministry of Overseas Development she ran health clinics in Africa for the Kikuyu, Masaai, and LuBukusu tribes. Her artwork is focused on birthing, healing, women's issues, and spirituality.

Nature and the spiritual, emotional and intellectual lives of human beings are the substance of the interconnected patterns represented in the four-foot square carved wood and encaustic pieces of Kristy Deetz. These are visual metaphors based on personal experience and on the question of individual identity – "a dialogue of self-searching, discovery, and understanding."

Deetz currently teaches at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She holds an MFA degree from Ohio State University with a painting concentration.

Kimberly Vito is a printmaker teaching at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. Her art is in a more intimate scale than the two other participating artists; her reliefs and intaglios

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are quiet meditations on birds, animals, flowers and still life. They invite viewer speculation and interpretation. This is the linkage to the work of Penny Sisto and Kristy Deetz. The text in Vito's prints is different for each viewer – a tribute to the forces of nature, perhaps to the generative power of nature.

“Texts and Textiles” can be seen at Bruce Art Gallery in Doucette Hall from Nov. 1 through December 2. Gallery hours are 2-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. For further information, call 814-732-2513 or 2406.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

OFFBEAT ANIMATOR BILL PLYMPTON AT EDINBORO FILM FESTIVAL

Animator Bill Plympton, who has been called the Gary Larson of filmmaking, will visit Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Thursday, November 2, to screen and discuss his films. He will conduct an animation seminar and screen his short films at 3:30 p.m. in G-9 Doucette Hall. His live-action film *J. Lyle* will be screened at 8 p.m. in 119 Doucette.

Since moving to New York City from his native Oregon in 1969, Plympton has been involved in projects ranging from the 1987 Madonna music video *Who's That Girl*, to commercials for Taco Bell, Soloflex, and Nutrasweet, to television shows for Fox and MTV, to several award-winning short films. He is noted for his oblique, off-center sense of the ridiculous in every day life. He has been called an artist of brilliant, razor-sharp humor.

He began his career as an illustrator and cartoonist. His first short film, *Boomtown*, in 1985, won several awards, but it was his 1987 animated short, *Your Face*, which began his rise to fame when it was nominated for an Academy Award for best animation.

Following a string of highly successful short films including *How to Kiss*, *25 Ways to Quit Smoking* and *Push Comes to Shove*, which won the Prix du Jury at the Cannes Film Festival, Plympton needed a new challenge. The result was the 1992 film, *The Tune*, his first full-length movie. It received rave reviews and won the Golden Palm Award at the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival.

After personally drawing and coloring 30,000 cels for *The Tune*, Plympton moved to live action. The result was *J. Lyle*, a wacky, surreal comedy about a sleazy lawyer who meets a magical talking dog that changes his life. *J. Lyle* wants to build a toxic waste dump on the site

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of an apartment building he owns. But first, he must get rid of his tenants. With the aid of his idiot-savant sidekick, J. Lyle scares away almost all the tenants until he meets and falls in love with the last tenant, the beautiful Gwen. Then he meets the magical dog with the power to zap J. Lyle into the bodies of his victims.

When forced to put himself in other people's shoes, he realizes what a selfish and empty life he has led. Through these surreal and outrageous experiences, J. Lyle learns the value of love and empathy.

Plympton's second live-action comedy, *Guns on the Clackamas*, is nearing completion. Plympton calls it a cross between *Spinal Tap* and *Blazing Saddles*. His newest project is another animated feature, *I Married a Strange Person*. Plympton will premiere a new film in New York City a week before his appearance at Edinboro.

In the lead role as J. Lyle is Richard Kuranda, 24, who grew up on the family chicken farm in Carbondale, Pennsylvania. His performing career began as a senior in high school when he joined the debate team. His success in the dramatic interpretation category stimulated him to try out for a part in the local all-girls' college production of *The Mousetrap* where he landed the lead. He went on to study at West Virginia University, then moved to New York where he has appeared in numerous plays.

Plympton's appearance is part of the University's Alternative Film Festival which is funded by Edinboro's Student Government Association and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. Both events are free and open to the public. For more information call 732-2799.





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EDINBORO GRAD HAS DREAM JOB AS CLEVELAND INDIANS ANNOUNCER

In a dream season for a dream team in a dream stadium, Mark Tromba has a dream job. The 1989 graduate of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania is the official public-address announcer for the Cleveland Indians in their new Jacobs Field.

Tromba, who is also the sports director at radio station WELW in Willoughby, Ohio, didn't know he would be the "Voice of the Indians" until just a few days before opening day in 1994.

"My father heard the Indians were looking for a new voice to go along with the new stadium," said Tromba. "So in late March I put together a little audition tape at the radio station and sent it in. Two weeks later they called and said I was one of the 12 finalists chosen out of 150 applicants."

For the audition they had Tromba sit in a conference room and simply read the starting lineups. After cutting the field of candidates to six they had him read the starting lineup again, this time using the stadium's public address system.

"There is no word for how it feels to hear your voice echoing across Jacobs Field," Tromba explained. "It was a real thrill."

After the second tryout several days passed without a call.

"I figured they had chosen someone else, because I hadn't heard from them and the season was starting in a week."

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Then just five days before opening day in 1994, the Indians called him back a third time to tell him it was down to two finalists. This time they had him read a three-page script. When he returned home following the tryout the Indians called and said, "you're the guy."

The first order of business was to have Tromba fitted for a tux. Not only would he be the first announcer in the new ball park, he would be the master of ceremonies down on the field making all of the announcements and introductions – including introducing the President of the United States who would be on hand opening day. He met with secret service agents prior to the game to go over exactly how they would signal Tromba when the President was to be introduced as he stepped from the limousine onto Jacob's Field.

A typical day at the ball park begins when Tromba arrives shortly after 4 p.m. for a game that starts at 7:05. He is given a script for all of the announcements and introductions he will make that evening. The announcer's booth is above the on-deck circle along the first base side which he shares with the sound engineer and the music director. Next door is the control booth for the score board, message board and Jumbotron. "It's a big, full-blown production," he explained.

Tromba believes he was chosen for the announcing position because of his enthusiastic style. Other public address announcers he listened to while growing up were traditional, matter of fact, and – Tromba minces no words when he says it – boring.

"I like to get excited about it," he said. "I'm not yelling like the National Basketball Association announcers, but I'm not dull, either."

So when he introduces the Indians' all-star second baseman he doesn't just say, "At second base, Carlos Baerga!" He says, "At second base, CAAARRRLooooossss Bye-AIRRRRRRRRgaaaa!"

Tromba and all of Cleveland have reason to be excited about the Indians. After a frustrating strike ended the 1994 season prematurely with the Tribe in first place, the 1995 Indians took up where they left off and now have the best record in baseball, nearly 20 games ahead of the second place team. First baseman Eddie Murray passed the 3,000 career hits mark earlier this year, and the team has a chance to become the all-time greatest power hitting squad.

If there are any drawbacks to the job one of them is the number of breaks he can take during a game – none. Not even to visit the restroom. The only game he missed was last June when he took a day off to attend the wedding in Pittsburgh of his Edinboro roommate Matt Rosati ('89). The other drawback may be that it is only a part-time job. He also has his

sports director position at WELW, and he does sports updates on radio station WWWE Sunday mornings prior to Cleveland Browns football games.

So, what does Tromba think his chances are of being the announcer for the first world series game in Cleveland in 40 years? "I don't want to jinx the team," he replied carefully, "but it is a young team with the most potent lineup in baseball."

And, Tromba could have added, one of the most enthusiastic announcers in the game today.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EDINBORO HOSTS FIRST ANNUAL
CONFERENCE ON APPLIED COMMUNICATION**

The O.J. Simpson and Lorena Bobbit trials, Newt Gingrich's Contract With America, and Spike Lee's movie, *Do The Right Thing*, will all be topics of discussion at the first annual Conference on Applied Communication, Saturday, November 4, at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

The title of the inaugural conference is "Communication Competency and the Public Sphere," with particular emphasis on issues in political communication. The primary organizer of the conference, Dr. Andrew R. Smith, said the idea is to bring together business, government and academia to discuss issues of common concern. He said this year's conference will look at issues of ethics, politics and public relations, and will be of special interest to educators, media professionals or anyone in organizational communication who is involved in any kind of "political" work, broadly conceived. "Competent communication doesn't just mean a technical ability to communicate," said Smith. "It also means making ethical and, quite often, political choices."

The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. David C. Kozak, professor of public policy and director of the Institute for Policy and Leadership studies at Gannon University and director of Leadership Erie. He will speak on "The '92 and '94 Campaigns: A Seachange in Political Communication."

The conference is presented by Edinboro's Master of Arts in Communication Studies (MACS) program, the department of continuing education, and the department of speech and

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communication studies. Participating will be faculty as well as graduate and undergraduate students from regional colleges and universities. Among the schools represented will be Allegheny College, California University of Pennsylvania, Clarkson University, Elizabethtown College, LaSalle University, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, the State University of New York – Fredonia, and Titusville High School.

The all-day conference will be held in the University Club in Van Houten Dining Hall on the Edinboro University campus, beginning at 8:30 a.m. with “Mass Media and the Rhetoric of Popular Trials.” The discussion will cover the Silva sexual harassment trial, the Bobbit assault trial, and the Ferguson, Smith and Simpson murder trials.

The second event at 9:40 a.m. will be a discussion of communication in higher education. The Contract With America will be the focus of two presentations at 11 a.m.: “Silencing the Spirit: A Critical Analysis of Newt Gingrich’s ‘Address to the Nation,’” and “The Politics Game: The U.S. House of Representatives Debate on Welfare Reform.”

Dr. Kozak’s luncheon address will take place at 12:15 p.m., followed at 1:50 p.m. with “The Politics of Language Games,” a series of presentations on how language is used in topics ranging from the Smithsonian Institution’s Enola Gay exhibit, to speech codes in public schools, to conflict management in romantic relationships.

“Ethical Issues in Communication Education,” at 3:10 p.m. will address the importance of teaching ethics as part of communication and public relations instruction.

The last event at 4:30 p.m. is “Five Critical Readings of Spike Lee’s *Do The Right Thing*.”

For further information, contact the Institute for Research and Community Services, Taylor House, 139 Meadville Street, Edinboro, PA 16444, or call 814-732-2621 or 800-526-0121.



Army ROTC cadets at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently held a “poncho rafting” training exercise in Mallory Lake on the Edinboro campus. Joining Cadet Rob Wisnom and more than a dozen other cadets was Dr. Andrew Lawlor (right), Edinboro’s associate vice president for academic programs and dean of the University College. Poncho rafting is a floatation technique using two military ponchos tied together to form a device for transporting equipment across fordable waters. Said Lawlor, whose responsibilities at Edinboro include overseeing ROTC training programs, “The water was cold but the experience was invaluable for our young cadets.”



October 11, 1995

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

WOOD PRESENTS CRIME PROGRAM AT BARNES & NOBLE

The Simpson trial is just one of many crimes and trials of the century that have taken place in the 20th century. The Lindbergh kidnapping, the Leopold and Loeb murder case, and the Sam Shepherd murder case were all once dubbed "the crime of the century" by the media. Why did Charles Starkweather's 1950s' murder spree fascinate the media?

What impact on society does the prominence of crime in the media have? Edinboro University of Pennsylvania professor E. Ernest Wood will present "The Public Face of Crime," a history of notorious crimes in America at Barnes & Noble in Erie on Wednesday, October 18, at 7 p.m.

He will present a unique slide program based on a collection of over 1000 magazines that focus on cover stories about crime and criminal justice. Wood's presentation will take the audience through the years and examine the varying impact crime has on society.

Wood, an associate professor of criminal justice and sociology at the University, will discuss the severity of the crimes and the role of the media. The media's role in publicizing crime throughout history will also be discussed.

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CORRECTION:

OIL CITY WOMAN APPOINTED TO UNIVERSITY POST

Oil City native Tracy Zillifro has been named coordinator of Campus Outdoor Recreation Experiences (CORE) at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. As coordinator, she will plan and lead weekend outings such as whitewater rafting, kayaking and rock climbing. Zillifro will also organize instructional workshops and manage outdoor equipment rental.

She received her bachelor's degree in physical education from Kent State University and her master's degree in counseling from Edinboro.

Zillifro's positions in the outdoor recreational field include professional whitewater raft guide on the Youghiogheny River, West Virginia's Cheat River and the Taylor River in Colorado; and an expedition leader in biking, sailing, rafting and hiking in Maine and Nova Scotia. She was also a ski instructor in Crested Butte, Colorado.

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PLEASE NOTE: THE CORRECT SPELLING IS TRACI ZILLIFRO



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LORAIN WOMAN NAMED TO EDINBORO STAFF

Lorain native Harriet A. Alger has been appointed by Edinboro University of Pennsylvania as director of its Miller Research Learning Center. The Center is part of the University's elementary education department.

Alger graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music. She received her master's in elementary education and her Ph.D. in early childhood from Case Western Reserve University. While at Case Western, she was named an EPDA fellow.

Prior to her appointment by Edinboro, Alger was dean of the early childhood division at the State University of New York at Cobleskill.

Alger has three children: Brenda Blair and Melissa Fitzgerald of Berkeley, California; and Jeffery Alger of Redmond, Washington.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO SENIOR HAS HISTORICAL SUMMER

For two brief years – from 1865 to 1867 – the town of Pithole in Venango County was Pennsylvania's El Dorado. The discovery of oil by Colonel Edwin Drake attracted more than 15,000 fortune seekers, resulting in a population explosion that created the historic boomtown.

Pithole's heyday was brief. The oil wells dried up and fires devastated the town's wooden buildings. The fortune seekers vanished, searching for greener pastures. Today, the past is preserved at the Pithole Visitor Center, which was managed last summer by Edinboro University Of Pennsylvania student Ryan Van Dusen.

Van Dusen, a senior history major, served a successful internship under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. He was one of 47 interns chosen in the commission's summer internship program.

"It was a great experience for me," the Linesville resident said. "I loved learning history in a hands-on way, outside of the classroom."

As part of his internship Van Dusen kept a daily journal and worked on his research project. The 78-page project contains a street-by-street compilation of the businesses and residences of Pithole during its boom years of 1864-1865 and its final census in 1869.

Van Dusen's duties as manager of the visitor center included operating admission and tickets to the center, the video "Pithole USA" that narrates the boomtown's history, maintenance and even the gift shop. Attendance at the museum varied from day to day, but he was surprised by the different states and nations from which the center's visitors came.

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"We had visitors from European countries, France and Germany spring to mind," he said. "Canadians and Japanese tourists also visited the center. People from Arkansas, Nevada and California stopped to see where oil was first drilled."

One visitor Van Dusen will always remember was the great-great grandson of Thomas Holmden, who originally owned the homestead that became Pithole.

"He was really surprised by it all," Van Dusen said. "He didn't know about the relationship and the town."

Van Dusen is currently vice president of Edinboro's Student Government Association. He is also vice president of the University's Young Conservatives Club.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS CONCERT

The Edinboro University Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Tim Cordell, will perform a "Pops" concert on Sunday, October 15, 1995, at 8:00 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium on the campus of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. The concert will feature music from the hit movie *Jurassic Park* and the musicals *Miss Saigon* and *West Side Story*.

Soloists for the evening will be Julie Ciarfella and Christie Hudson, students of music professor David Sublette, performing Leroy Anderson's *Clarinet Candy*.

The concert is free and open to the public. For additional information, call the Edinboro University music department at 732-2555.

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October 9, 1995

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MEADVILLE MAN NAMED TO UNIVERSITY POST

Meadville resident James Glatch has been appointed coordinator of recreational activities for students with disabilities at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. The Butler native's duties include coaching the Rolling Scots competition teams, intramurals and all recreational opportunities for students enrolled through the university's Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD).

Glatch graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1984, with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and psychology.

From 1984-1989, he worked in partial hospitalization-therapeutic activities at Meadville Medical Center. He was director of western competition and sports management for Pennsylvania Special Olympics from 1989-1995.

Glatch is married to Sandy Perry, a 1987 Edinboro graduate. They are the parents of one child, Alexander James.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

STANLEY PLUMLY INAUGURATES EDINBORO'S VISITING WRITERS SERIES

Writer Stanley Plumly will read from his works of poetry, Tuesday, October 10, 1995, at 7:30 p.m. in Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's Reeder Hall Lecture Room. Plumly, a member of the English department at the University of Maryland, will read from *Boy on the Step*, *Summer Celestial*, and *Out-of-the-Body Travel*.

His appearance at Edinboro is the first in the University's Visiting Writers Series, which will present four professional poets during the 1995-96 school year. The Series is funded by a grant from the State System of Higher Education.

The *New York Times* said "Reading Stanley Plumly is like having someone whisper in your ear, humming of light, trees, sleep, snow." He was born in Barnesville, Ohio, and grew up in the lumber and farming regions of Virginia and Ohio.

His first collection of poetry, *In the Outer Dark*, received the Delmore Schwartz Memorial Award; his third book, *Out-of-the-Body Travel*, was nominated for the National Book Critics Circle Award. He has received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Ingram-Merrill Foundation.

The poetry reading is free and open to the public.

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October 3, 1995

MEDIA ADVISORY

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY TO HOST MEETING OF STATE SYSTEM TRUSTEES

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will host the fall conference of the Pennsylvania Association of Councils of Trustees on Thursday and Friday, October 5 and 6. The theme of the conference is "The Spirit of Outreach."

Thursday's sessions will be held at Edinboro University's Porreco Extension Center in Erie (2951 West 38th Street). The Honorable Richard L. Nygaard, Judge of the Third U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, will make the keynote address at 2:30 p.m. A recognized expert on international law, Judge Nygaard will speak on the topic, "Where Are All the Americans?"

At 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, State System of Higher Education Chancellor James H. McCormick will provide PACT members with a "State of the State System" report.

Also on Thursday and also at the Porreco Center, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Foster F. Diebold will make welcoming remarks at a dinner scheduled for 6:15 p.m. After-dinner remarks will be delivered by U. S. Rep. Phil English (R-21st Dist.). Congressman English plans to discuss the current state of federal student financial aid programs.

Friday's sessions will be held on the main Edinboro campus and will highlight the University's achievements in distance education, service learning, ethics and values education, and regional outreach activities.

Also on Friday, Clarion University President Diane L. Reinhard and Slippery Rock President Robert N. Aebersold will make a presentation on student volunteerism.

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Other sessions on Friday will feature speakers on the presidential search process and the presidential evaluation process. The conference closes with a business meeting of PACT members.

PACT is an organization of the 154 State System university trustees dedicated to volunteer service, advocacy and support for public higher education in Pennsylvania.

Media coverage of conference events is invited.

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October 2, 1995

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY PRESENTS TECHNOLOGY FAIR

On Saturday, October 14, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will host a Rehabilitation Counselor and Assistive Technology Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in the University's newly-remodeled University Center.

Products will be on display and information will be distributed concerning technologies available with the new guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act. One of the most comprehensive fairs in western Pennsylvania, the event will include information on almost every disability or disabling condition. Caretakers and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend.

The public is invited to attend free of charge. For additional information, contact Mark Baker at 734-3953.

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