

May 26, 2000

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has awarded an Alumni Association Admissions Grant Scholarship to Julie Smock, 26319 State Highway 18, Springboro. Based on high school curriculum, grades, overall grade point average, class rank, college board scores, extra-curricular activities, and leadership qualities, the annual scholarship is renewable for up to four years.

Julie is the daughter of Peter Smock and Dorothy Smock. She is a graduate of Conneaut Valley High School and is a computer science major at Edinboro.

The scholarship program was created by Edinboro University's Alumni Association Board of Directors with unrestricted annual fund gifts. It is part of a plan to augment the student scholarship program. Criteria for this award is based upon high school curriculum, grades, overall grad point average, class rank, SAT or ACT scores, extracurricular activities, leadership qualities and other information available to the committee. Financial need is not a criteria, but can be considered by the committee. Students are selected to receive this scholarship based upon exceptional records in the stated criteria.

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Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has awarded an Alumni Association Admissions Grant Scholarship to Sarah J. Sekerak, 14709 Triskett Road, Cleveland. Based on high school curriculum, grades, overall grade point average, class rank, college board scores, extra-curricular activities, and leadership qualities, the annual scholarship is renewable for up to four years.

Sarah is the daughter of Dennis and Susan Sekerak. She is a graduate of St. Augustine Academy and is a speech-language-hearing major at Edinboro.

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### **LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Tina Furnage, 477 Furnace Road, Conneaut, is the recipient of the Robert and Winnifred Zanotti Literacy Education Scholarship.

This scholarship is awarded to an elementary education major with a particular interest in literacy education. This scholarship is renewable one time for recipients who have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours of study during the junior year and continued as an elementary education major with a minimum cumulative 3.20 QPA. Recipients who have accrued more than 96 credits by the end of their initial award term are eligible for scholarship renewal. No student may be awarded the scholarship for more than two years.

Tina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Georgia and she is married to Mr. Rob Furnage. She is a graduate of Conneaut High School and an elementary education major at Edinboro.

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**LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Danielle Green, 410 Lincoln Avenue, Collingdale, was recently named the recipient of a Board of Governors Tuition Waiver.

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

Danielle is the daughter of Caroline Green. She is a nursing major at Edinboro.

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**LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Jermaine L. Hughley, 1017 Kenneth Avenue, New Kensington, was recently named the recipient of a Board of Governors Tuition Waiver.

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Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Christian Oliver, 1723 Letsche Street, Pittsburgh, was recently named the recipient of a Board of Governors Tuition Waiver.

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Christian is a communications major at Edinboro.

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**LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Desiree Pressley, 5942 Latona Street, Philadelphia, was recently named the recipient of a Board of Governors Tuition Waiver.

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

Desiree is the daughter of Loretta and Joseph Pressley. She is a graduate of Overbrook High School and an accounting major at Edinboro.

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### **LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that G. Michael Martin, Arnold, was recently named the recipient of a Board of Governors Tuition Waiver.

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Michael is the son of Kim Joris and Michael Martin. He is a graduate of Valley High School.

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

Zachary is the son of Roy Parker and Frances Parker. He is a graduate of Karns City High School and is an applied media major at Edinboro.

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**MEDIA ADVISORY:**

**LAFAYETTE COMMEMORATIVE DAYS CELEBRATED,  
JUNE 1, 2, IN WATERFORD AND ERIE**

Lafayette Commemorative Days, a *Together 2000* millennium event marking the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the visit of the Marquis de Lafayette to Erie and Waterford in 1825, will be celebrated with special events in both places on June 1 and 2.

Suggested events for best media coverage are:

On Thursday, June 1, 10:15 a.m.: Welcoming ceremonies at the Fort LeBoeuf Historical Museum in Waterford, including a dedication of the beaver trade teaching trunk in memory of history education pioneer and Revolutionary War reenactor Russell McLaughlin.

On Friday, June 2, 9 a.m., at the Erie History Center at Discovery Square on State Street: community reception welcoming the honorary French consul for the Pittsburgh area, Jean-Pierre Collet, and his wife, Madame Helene Collet, who will symbolically represent General Lafayette and the members of his party. Collet, who has been consul since 1979, is vice president international of Pittsburgh Corning Corporation and the current president of the Consular Association of Pittsburgh.

Other events on Thursday, June 1:

9:15 a.m.: Coffee and reception for members of the Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society and community leaders at the Judson House in Waterford.

11:15 a.m.: Wreath laying on the grave of Revolutionary War soldiers, Waterford Cemetery.

Noon: Commemorative luncheon at Waterford's historic Eagle Hotel, limited seating, by reservation only (\$9).

1:15 p.m.: Lecture about French occupation of the region by Robert Emerson, director, Old Fort Niagara, at the Judson House in Waterford.

3:30 p.m.: Boat ride on Presque Isle Bay and Lake Erie sponsored by the Erie Port Authority for visiting dignitaries and speakers, followed by a visit to Dickson's Tavern.

6:00 p.m.: Lafayette Supper and Commemorative Program at the Erie Maritime Museum and Hirt Auditorium. Dinner (\$15) by reservation, with costumed AAUW members assisting as servers; 7:30 p.m. program featuring reenactment of the Lafayette toasts and a lecture ("The Art and Pageantry of the Visit of Lafayette as a Guest of the Nation") by Dr. Marc Miller is free.

Other events on Friday, June 2:

10:00 a.m.: Lecture by Dr. Renata Wolyneć, Fort LeBoeuf Historical Museum director and professor of anthropology at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, on the impact of the American Revolution on Native Americans in the area, in the Orientation Theater of the Erie Maritime Museum.

Lafayette's visit to the area in 1825 was part of a multi-month tour of America taken at the invitation of President John Quincy Adams to acknowledge Lafayette's enormous contribution to the creation of the United States. He was en route from Buffalo to Pittsburgh when he visited Waterford and Erie.

Lafayette Commemorative Days is an official event of *Together 2000*, Erie's community celebration to mark the millennium. The Erie County Millennium Commission, composed of community leaders led by Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Dr. Frank Pogue, is coordinating the city's and county's year-long celebration.

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Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently held a reunion luncheon at Edinboro University in Erie – The Porreco Center for graduates of Edinboro’s former Erie Branch, which was located in the Washington School at 21<sup>st</sup> and Sassafras streets from 1923 to 1931. Four graduates from the Erie Branch years attended, including those who began matriculating there but completed their degrees at the main campus of what was then the Edinboro State Normal School after the Erie Branch closed during the Depression. Shown with Janet Bowker (far left), Edinboro’s director of alumni affairs; and David Obringer (far right), the University’s archivist, who spoke at the luncheon; are the four graduates, from left: Russell McCommons ’25; Veryl Ford Jones ’33; Betty Dunn Rose ’32; and Helen Pogorzelski Nowak ’28.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**ERIE CENTRAL HIGH SENIOR WINS 2000 CONGRESSIONAL  
ART SHOW AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY**

James Czerpak, 18, a senior in the vocational program at Erie Central High School, was named grand prize winner in "An Artistic Discovery 2000," the Congressional art competition and exhibition held annually at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

The event, which is sponsored by U.S. Rep. Phil English, R-21<sup>st</sup> Dist., is open to all high school students in the 21<sup>st</sup> Congressional District.

Edinboro University has hosted the competition, week-long exhibition and closing reception in the 17 years that the event has been held in northwestern Pennsylvania.

Czerpak's winning entry, an oil titled "Still Life with Stripes," was judged best among the 50 entries from 19 schools in English's four-county district.

English will take Czerpak's winning painting to Washington, where it will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol building later this year along with winning works of other student artists from congressional districts across America.

Second prize went to Carolyn Risinger, 17, also a senior at Central High Vo-Tech, and third prize to Justin Fogle, 18, of Seneca Valley High School in Harmony, Pa.

Honorable mentions were awarded to Meghan Buchanon, Erie Central High School; Dan Dill, Mercyhurst Prep; Josh Emery, Lakeview High School; Michael J. Frits, Cathedral Prep; and Katie Scarlett, Mercyhurst Prep.

Judges for the competition were Edinboro University art professors Jesse Amar and Michelle Vitali.

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All eight winners received cash awards from Edinboro University. Presenting the awards with English was Edinboro University President Dr. Frank G. Pogue.

Pogue told the audience of participating students and their families that Edinboro's most popular academic program last year was an art program – applied media arts – which includes studies in animation, graphic design, film and video, and photography.

“More than 500 students were enrolled during the 1999-2000 academic year in applied media arts, outnumbering students in our second and third most popular majors – criminal justice and elementary education – by nearly 200 students,” said Pogue.

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**For Immediate Release**

**FIRST CHUCK JONES FOUNDATION AWARD  
PRESENTED TO EDINBORO UNIVERSITY STUDENT**

Speaking by telephone from his home in California, animation legend Chuck Jones announced the winner of the first ever Chuck Jones Award for Excellence in Student Animation to a standing-room-only audience at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Jones' daughter, Linda Jones Clough, presented the award to Edinboro University senior Joe Gorski.

A native of Bartonsville, Pa., Gorski has demonstrated talent as an animator in both traditional, hand-drawn character animation and in computer animation. He has created several animated projects while a student at Edinboro, some of which can be seen on his Internet website at [www.angelfire.com/pa/greendude](http://www.angelfire.com/pa/greendude). His works and those of other Edinboro students were screened following the scholarship presentation as part of the University's annual show of student film and video animation.

Jones created the foundation that bears his name to recognize, reward, support and inspire continued excellence in art and animation. One of its primary goals is to select one or more student artists who exhibit a great potential to effectively convey character thoughts, feelings, actions and intentions in a believable way through the medium of animation.

As a universally renowned animation director, Jones is responsible for the creation and development of familiar characters such as Wile E. Coyote, the Road Runner, Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Porky Pig, Pepe le Pew, Marvin Martian, Michigan J. Frog, and Elmer Fudd. He has directed over 300 films in his 65-year career.

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Edinboro animation professor David Weinkauf said Gorski is never satisfied with his work. "Joe constantly researches, refines and redoes his projects – always striving for something better, something that attempts to meet his very high standards for his animation. He studies every phase of animation including character development, physics, acting, story development, timing, staging, composition, editing and design."

In the fall of 2000, the Foundation will announce the recipient of a second award, The Chuck Jones Career Animation Award. This award will be bestowed upon an artist in the field of animation whose "ability to evoke life, or bring a personality to life, through a sequence of graphic renditions or drawings was most remarkably demonstrated during the previous year and/or during his or her career."

That event will take place in California with Gorski and faculty from Edinboro's animation program invited to attend.



## Cutlines

Dana Holland of Madison, Ohio, holds the first place poster she designed for Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's Institute for Ethics and Values Education (IEVE) poster contest. Holland, pictured with Edinboro's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert C. Weber, was presented with a \$50 gift certificate from IEVE, sponsor of the poster contest.

Dana Noto of Evans City, Pa., holds the second place poster she designed for Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's Institute for Ethics and Values Education (IEVE) poster contest. Noto, pictured with Edinboro's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert C. Weber, was presented with a gift certificate from IEVE, sponsor of the poster contest.

Allison Church (center) and Tamara Makarowsky (left) of Erie, hold their posters they designed for Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's Institute for Ethics and Values Education (IEVE) poster contest. Makarowsky's poster won third place in the contest and Church's poster took honorable mention. Pictured with Edinboro's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert C. Weber, Makarowsky and Church were presented with gift certificates from IEVE, sponsor of the poster contest.

Michelle Rhodes of Albion, Pa., holds the honorable mention poster she designed for Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's Institute for Ethics and Values Education (IEVE) poster contest. Rhodes, pictured with Edinboro's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert C. Weber, was presented with a gift certificate from IEVE, sponsor of the poster contest.



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**EDINBORO UNIVERSITY'S MATTHEW CUMMINGS  
AWARDED NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP**

Matthew Cummings, a senior speech communications major at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, has been selected as a participant in the Summer Fellowship Program of the New York City-based International Radio and Television Society (IRTS) Foundation. His expenses-paid, nine-week fellowship will be at Westwood One Radio Network in New York City, and will begin on June 5.

Fellows from the program have worked at all four major networks, at local New York radio and television stations, at advertising agencies, cable operations, and other national firms.

Cummings will also be honored with this year's Dick Clark Award, the most prestigious fellowship awarded through the IRTS, named after broadcasting legend Dick Clark. It will be presented on June 10 at the Tenth Annual Mercury Awards Dinner at the Supper Club in New York City. The Mercury Awards are radio's version of the film industry's Oscars or television's Emmys.

Last year, Cummings was the recipient of a radio scholarship award from the prestigious John Bayliss Broadcast Foundation of Carmel, Calif. The \$5,000 scholarship was presented in October at the annual Bayliss Media Roast at the Hotel Pierre in New York City.

At Edinboro, Cummings has been General Manager and program director for the campus radio station, WFSE-FM; an anchor, reporter and producer for E-TV, the student-operated campus television station; and webmaster for *The Spectator* campus newspaper.

The 1996 graduate of Erie's McDowell High School can also be heard on weekends on Erie's WXKC-FM (Classy 100) and WXTA-FM (Country 98).

This fall, while continuing his studies and consulting with campus broadcast and print media, Cummings will serve a public relations internship with the Erie Area Chamber of Commerce.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**SPECIAL FOR "LIFESTYLE" JUNE 2000 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 1** ■ Lafayette returns: Lafayette's visit to Erie and Waterford in 1825 is remembered on Lafayette Commemorative Days through June 3. A Together 2000 millennium event. Call Kitty Felion at (814) 866-0900 or Dr. Renata Wolynech at Edinboro University, (814) 732-2573.
- 9** ■ Welcome back: Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will host three days of activities for graduates this weekend. For more information about the annual Alumni Reunion Weekend call (814) 732-2715.
- 11** ■ Learning to lead: Edinboro University hosts its third annual Latino Leadership Development program, through June 16 to encourage Latino youth to pursue higher education, a Together 2000 millennium event. Call Dr. Jerry Kiel at (814) 732-5555, ext. 236.
- 14** ■ Flying high: Celebrate Flag Day 2000 at Flags of Unity – A Salute to Our Community, at the Anthony Wayne Blockhouse and the Soldiers and Sailors Home. A Together 2000 millennium event sponsored by the Sons of Lake Erie Fishing Club. Call Ed Kissell at (814) 455-0355, or Philomena Gill at Edinboro University, (814) 732-2711.



Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Dr. Frank Pogue (right) talks with Chris Moore, host of WQED-TV13's "Black Horizons" on the show's set at the station's Pittsburgh studios. Pogue spoke of his concept and philosophy of the Edinboro Family, a learner-centered environment where students come first and are an integral part of a caring and supportive campus community. Moore has been a part of the Emmy-nominated "Black Horizons," the longest-running minority affairs program on public television, for 18 years.



Three graduating seniors from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's ROTC program were commissioned as U.S. Army second lieutenants during a commissioning ceremony held at the university prior to its spring 2000 commencement. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Rebekah Henn (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) of Mercer, Pa., graduated with a degree in speech communications and will serve in the Adjutant General Corps. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Michael Wroblewski (center) of Wattsburg, Pa., graduated with a degree in criminal justice and will serve in the Ordnance Corps. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jonathan Preteroti (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) of Canonsburg, Pa., graduated with a criminal justice degree, was commissioned as an Infantry officer, and will begin active duty as the Edinboro ROTC Gold Bar Recruiter. Maj. Gen. Robert L. Nabors (far left), commanding general of the Army's Communications-Electronics Command at Fort Monmouth, N.J., delivered the commissioning address. Maj. William Montgomery III (far right), professor of military science, Edinboro ROTC, administered the oath of office to the three new officers.



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**JIM FISHER AUTHORS BOOK ON AMISH MURDER**

Jim Fisher, former FBI agent and current professor of criminal justice at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, has authored an investigative book on one of the nation's most brutal murders. "Crimson Stain," recounts the slaughter by Edward Gingerich of his wife in their Crawford County home in 1993. He was tried and convicted in March of 1994, becoming the first Amish person ever convicted of homicide.

"Crimson Stain" is being released today in bookstores nationwide.

Fisher is considered one of the world's foremost experts on the kidnapping and murder of Charles Lindbergh, Jr., the son of the famed aviator. His two books on the subject – "The Lindbergh Case" and "The Ghosts of Hopewell: Setting the Record Straight on the Lindbergh Case," are the authoritative works on the crime. He has been nominated for two Edgar Awards, first in 1997 for "Fall Guys," and again in 1999 for "The Ghosts of Hopewell." He has written extensively about writing scams involving phony literary agents, book doctors, and vanity publishers. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University Law School.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EDINBORO GRADUATES 675 IN SPRING COMMENCEMENT**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania held its annual spring commencement ceremony Saturday (May 6), with University President Dr. Frank G. Pogue conferring degrees on 675 new Edinboro alumni.

The graduates hold the distinction of being members of the first class of the new century and millennium to graduate from the 143-year-old university.

With the December 1999 graduating class of 689 students, Edinboro granted 1,364 associate, bachelor's and master's degrees during the 1999-2000 academic year.

In his welcoming remarks to the McComb Fieldhouse audience of more than 4,000, Pogue continued to speak on the theme of civility he introduced at last spring's commencement, saying then that he viewed the ideals of civility as central to the success and well-being of our society.

"On behalf of the Edinboro Family," said Pogue, "I thank you for establishing an academic and personal bonding with the university, its cultures, values and beliefs.

"I thank you for embracing our 'Century of Civility' theme and initiative through which you have demonstrated your commitment to the ideals of civility: fairness, tolerance, collegiality, and civic responsibility. The ultimate manifestation of the university's commitment to civility is its success in preparing you for lifelong learning and achievement in the 21<sup>st</sup> century," he said.

"I hope that Edinboro University has treated all of you with respect, that we have created for you a friendly, trusting and supportive learning environment, and that you will always remember that serving others is the true test of an educated citizen.

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"Let's continue to lead others by making the people we serve discover the good things about themselves that they didn't know were there," said Pogue.

Dr. James Drane, emeritus professor of philosophy and Russell B. Roth Professor of Bioethics at Edinboro University, gave the commencement address. One of America's foremost experts on biomedical ethics, Drane was a member of the Edinboro faculty from 1969 until his retirement in 1991. In 1987, he was named the Roth Professor, and was awarded faculty emeritus status in 1992.

Continuing the theme of civility begun by Pogue, Drane spoke on "A Reflection on Civility: One Final Class Before Graduation."

"The university prepares you to be successful. You now know how to achieve success, economic success, in life, but what you may not know, and what most likely you were not taught at the university, is how to achieve happiness in your life. And yet happiness is not a marginal concern... it is what every human being wants and needs," said Drane.

Drane said that he wanted to spend the last five minutes of the graduates' university experience address the question, how to be happy?

"In five minutes, I'll have to be blunt. To be happy in life, you have to treat other people decently. Don't do hurtful things. Be civil. Avoid incivility. If you didn't learn this in your classes, make a mental note.

"Your education will help you to be successful. As you put it to use, as you work your way through life, as you profit from your success, think about the lesson you learned in the last five minutes at Edinboro: any time you hurt others you make yourself unhappy," Drane concluded.

The graduates were joined by faculty processing in full academic regalia led by Thomas Stanko, professor in the English and theatre arts department, a member of the Edinboro faculty since 1966.

Also participating in the ceremony were Dr. Robert Weber, provost and vice president for academic affairs; the Rev. Dr. John Dietz of Edinboro's First United Presbyterian Church, who delivered the invocation; the Rev. John Scott of Meadville's Grace United Methodist Church, who gave the benediction; new graduate Jody Himrod, who delivered the student address; Alumni Association President Daniel Higham, who brought alumni greetings; and student Jane West, who led the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and the alma mater.



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**EDINBORO TO PRESENT HIGHLAND GAMES AND SCOTTISH FESTIVAL**

The eighth annual Edinboro Highland Games and Scottish Festival, hosted by Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in celebration of its 143-year Scottish heritage, will be held on and around the University campus on Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20.

Friday evening's events in downtown Edinboro begin at 4:30 p.m., and will include an art show opening, high tea, Scottish food, bagpipers, highland dancers, a bonfire welcome ceremony, and music at several locations. Featured musicians Bonnie Rideout, Heirloom, Al Petteway and Amy White will be joined by local bands including Road Apple Big Band, Old Dog Trey, Big Swing Face, and Brokenstraw.

Saturday's events begin at 8:30 a.m. on the Edinboro University campus and will feature competitions in highland dance, heavy athletics, piping and drumming held throughout the day. Scottish clans will gather on site, and a full array of merchants will offer Scottish arts, crafts, and goods. Other events planned for the day include kids' crafts and athletics, Scottish and American foods, Celtic music, highland cattle and Clydesdale horse exhibitions, blacksmith and woodcarver, and Scottish country dancing.

Friday's art show, featuring works by Lee Steadman and Buck Snodgrass from their travels to Scotland last summer, opens at 5 p.m. in Parker's Gallery in Edinboro. A silent art action featuring local and international artists, as well as a student art show, will also run all day Saturday at the University Center.

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The festivities conclude on Saturday evening with a traditional ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) celebration at Nick's Place on Route 99 in Edinboro. The ceilidh includes live music, dinner, Scottish country dancing, haggis ceremony, pub songs and audience participation throughout the event.

Tickets for the festival are \$5. Family passes (carload) are \$15. Ceilidh dinner tickets are \$25. For further information or to purchase tickets in advance, call 814-836-1955 or 1-800-526-0121.

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It's a bird, it's a plane... no, it's U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer Doug Dean (2<sup>nd</sup> left) and his Cobra attack helicopter on the Edinboro campus! Dean, a 1984 Edinboro graduate, along with co-pilot Chief Warrant Officer Paul Heinbach, flew the 10,000-lb., 53-foot, weapons-mounted Cobra from Johnstown, Pa., where they are stationed with the Pa. Army National Guard's 1-104 Helicopter Battalion, to inform Edinboro students about ROTC and ROTC scholarships. Shown with Dean and Heinbach on the Lawrence Towers "landing zone" are Master Sgt. Benjamin Torres (far left) and Capt. E.J. Rusk (far right) of the University's Military Science Department.



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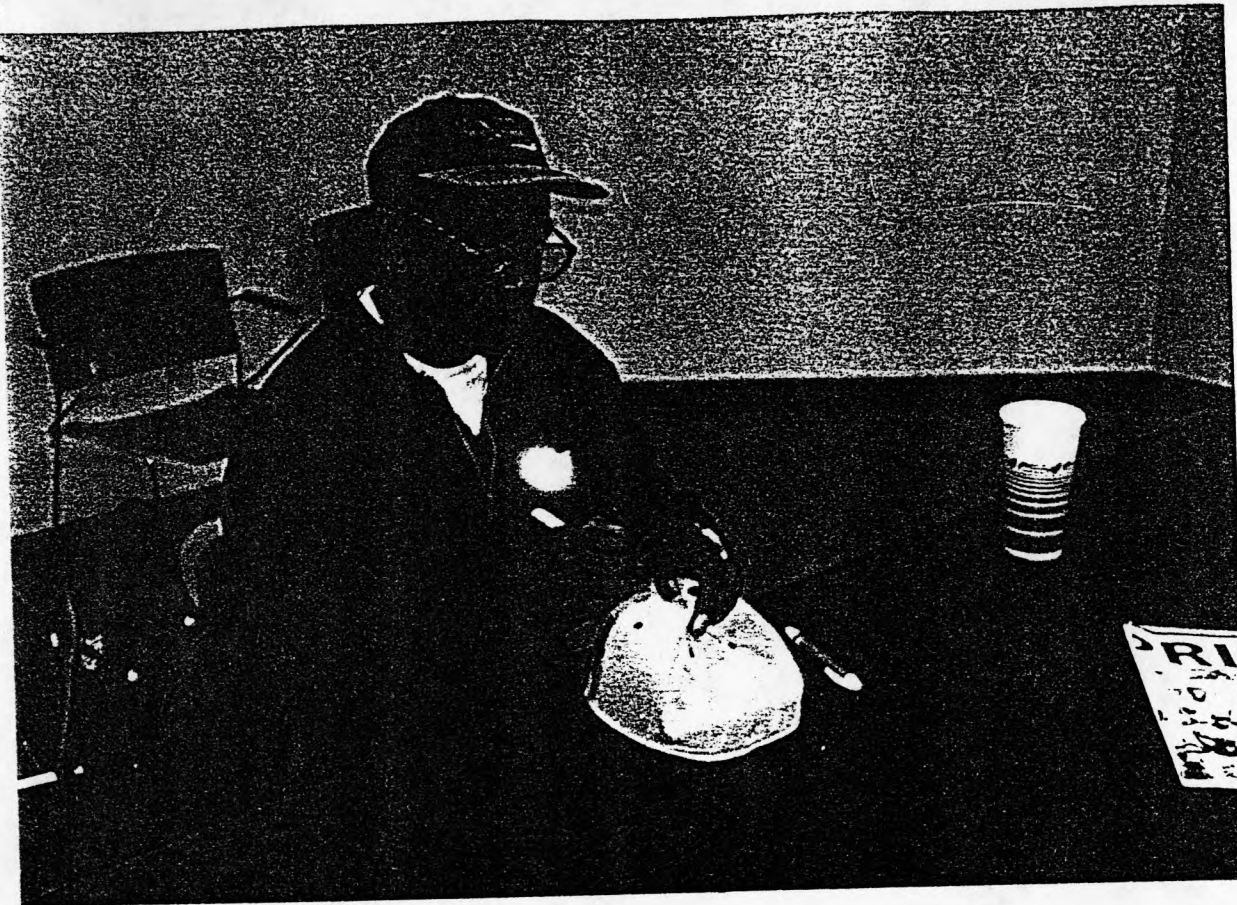




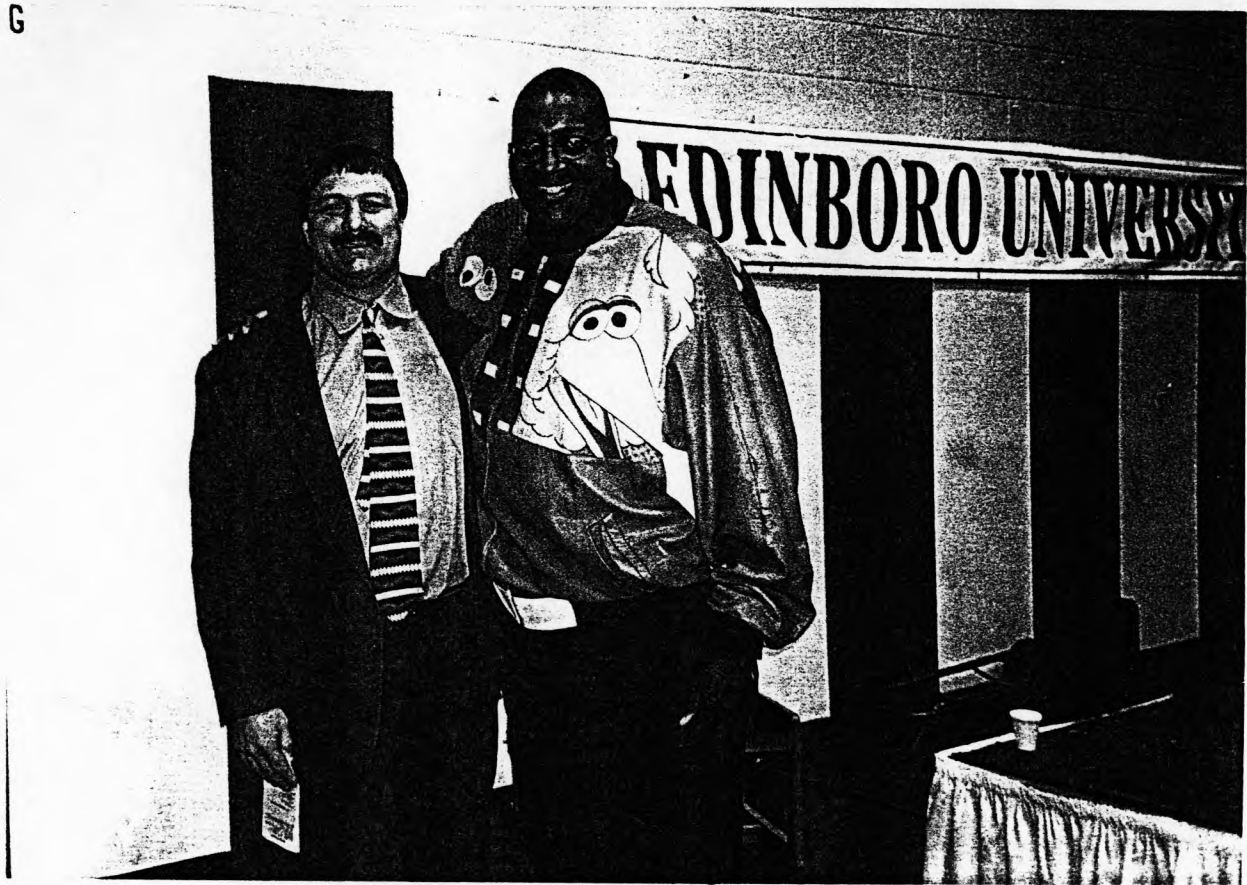
As University faculty and staff and local State Farm insurance employees look on, Edinboro President Dr. Frank Pogue accepts State Farm's gift of \$75,000 in computers from Emily Phillips and Dave Cooper (far left) of the company's home offices in Bloomington, Ill. The 50 Pentium 200 computers, valued at \$1,500 each, are being installed in the University's new Arts and Sciences Center to enhance computer science and other teaching and learning in that state-of-the-art technology and instructional facility, which was dedicated in January. The gift developed from the efforts of Edinboro employees and a Link-to-Learn grant proposal in which State Farm is a business partner. Both State Farm and school officials said they heard good things about one another through Edinboro students doing internships at State Farm.



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Josh Gibson, Jr., son of the late Negro League baseball star, autographs a Homestead Grays cap during his visit to the Edinboro campus for the University's Black History Month celebration. Speaking to an SRO audience of students, faculty and staff, Gibson, Jr. told of his father's legendary playing days with the Negro League's famous Homestead Grays and Pittsburgh Crawfords, as well as his own career as the first black player with the Minor League Youngstown Colts and two years with the Grays. Gibson, Jr. admitted that it was not always easy being the son of a baseball legend: "I would hit a ball to the outfield fence and someone would catch it, and they'd say, 'You know, your daddy would have hit that one out of the park.'"



Edinboro Athletic Director Bruce Baumgartner (left) finally meets up with someone actually bigger than him at the “Drug Free: You and Me 2000” conference hosted by the University recently. Motivational speaker Milton Creagh – who, at 6’7” and 335 pounds, has been described ironically as “one of the best kept secrets in America” – was the afternoon keynote speaker at the annual, all-day event that brought more than 1,500 eighth graders from 20 area schools to McComb Fieldhouse. A radio and TV personality, recording artist, actor, producer, author, entrepreneur and corporate trainer, Creagh has spoken to more than eight million teens over the past decade, along with a who’s who list of athletes, entertainers and politicians. Baumgartner, in his own right, is an equally talented and popular motivational speaker, traveling across the region and state making presentations at schools, hospitals, churches, and community and service organizations.



Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Dr. Frank G. Pogue (center) presents Educator of the Year, Staff Member of the Year, and Adviser of the Year awards to four Edinboro employees at the recent 2000 Spring University-wide Convocation. Professor Sherry Reynolds (left), business administration and economics department, and Dr. Robert McConnell (2<sup>nd</sup> left), director of the University's Office for Students with Disabilities, shared Educator of the Year honors. Sharon Miller (2<sup>nd</sup> right), coordinator of scheduling in the Office of Enrollment Management and Retention, was named Staff Member of the Year, and Bruce Skolnick (far right), Academic Support Services Office, was selected as Adviser of the Year. Pogue created the awards program to recognize faculty and staff members who demonstrate outstanding service to the University, its students, their colleagues, and the neighboring communities.



May 5, 2000

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**EBONY McQUEEN EARNS EDINBORO UNIVERSITY AWARD**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Dr. Frank G. Pogue presents the Provost's Award for International Education to Ebony McQueen, a senior speech communications major from Pittsburgh, at the University's fourth annual Celebration of Excellence in April.

Pogue created the award two years ago to recognize individuals who have "promoted harmony and understanding among cultures, and demonstrated leadership capabilities in fostering an academic climate conducive to such goals."

McQueen is the current president of the Alliance for Racial Identity and Cultural Acceptance (AFRICA), a member of the United Voices of Edinboro choir, and the Student Government Association Congress, as well as a participant on the President's Task Force on Academic Initiatives.

In June, as a participant in an educational and cultural exchange program sponsored by the Urban League of Pittsburgh, McQueen will join students from American universities and schools around the country on a visit to the African nation of Ghana.

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**TRESSA ODDI, DAVID SNYDER SERVE AS STUDENT MARSHALS  
AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY'S CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE**

Two Edinboro University of Pennsylvania honor students, Tressa Oddi and David Snyder, served as student marshals at the University's fourth annual Celebration of Excellence in April. Both will graduate with honors at Edinboro's spring 2000 Commencement on May 6.

Oddi, of Sandy Lake, Pa., graduates *cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in environmental studies/geography and a minor in geology. A participant in the University Honors Program, she was president of Gamma Theta Epsilon International Honors Society for Geographers, a member of Sigma Gamma Upsilon National Honors Society for Geographers, president and vice president of the University's Environmental Studies and Geography Club, and a member of the Earth Science Club. A tutor and peer mentor for the department of academic support services, Oddi plans to attend graduate school.

Snyder, of Clarks Mills, Pa., graduates *summa cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in secondary education/social studies and a minor in history. Also a participant in the University Honors Program, he is a member of Phi Alpha Theta National Honors Society in History, the Honors Student Council, the History Club, and the Student Pennsylvania State Education Association. A volunteer tutor at Cambridge Springs High School, he plans to teach after graduation.

The two will be married in June.

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Family, colleagues and friends of the late Pa. State Trooper Matthew Bond gathered at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's second annual Criminal Justice Day for the presentation of the inaugural Trooper Matthew Bond Memorial Award in Criminal Justice. Diane Trickey (left center, with plaque), a graduating senior from Seneca Castle, N.Y., was named the award's first recipient. Speaking at the day-long event were Pa. Attorney General Michael Fisher (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) and Edinboro University President Frank Pogue (far right). Bond, a 1994 Edinboro alumnus and decorated state trooper, was killed in the line of duty in January. One of the most well-attended events held each year on the Edinboro campus, Criminal Justice Day is sponsored by the University's Political Science and Criminal Justice Department, the Criminal Justice Club, and the Edinboro Chapter of the National Criminal Justice Honor Society. Also making presentations were representatives from the FBI, Secret Service, NSA, Border Patrol, and the Pittsburgh City Police.



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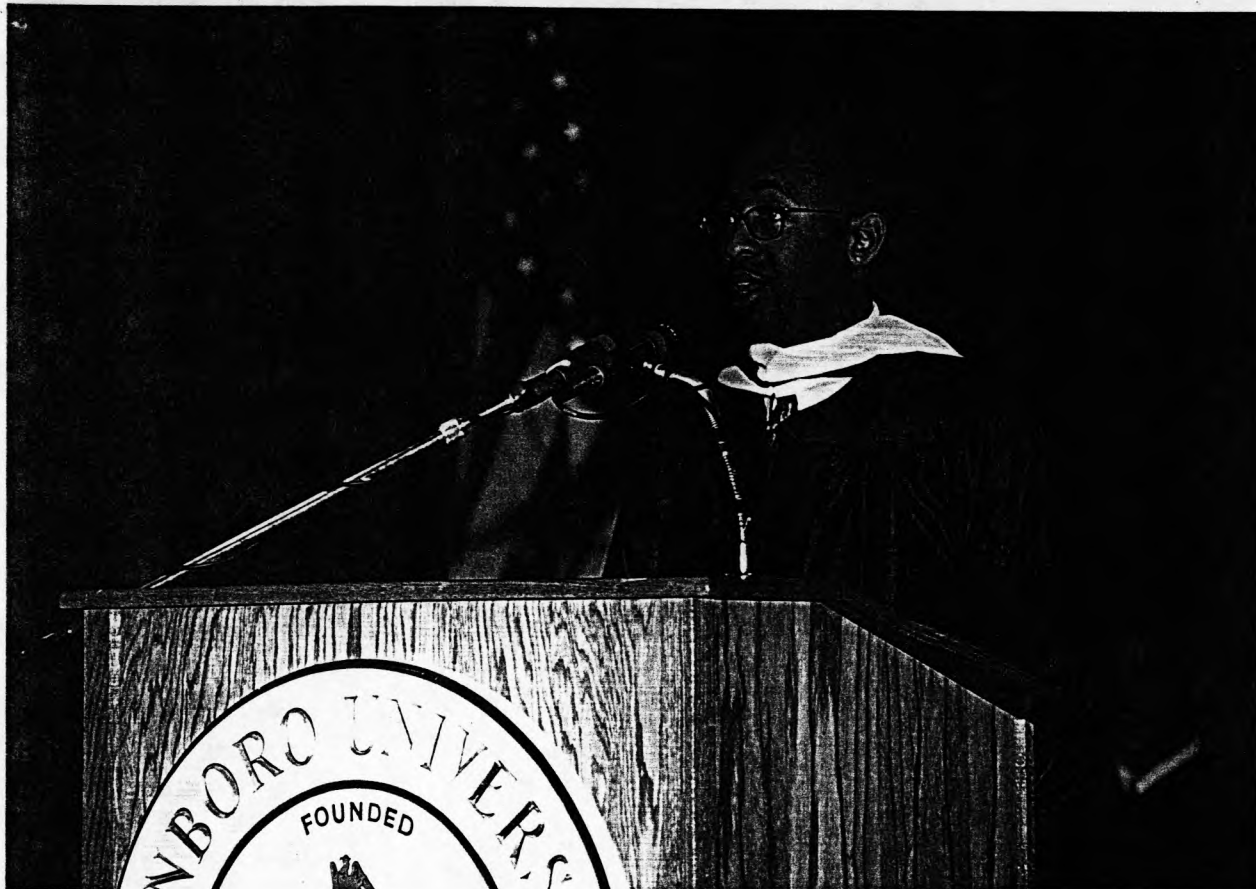
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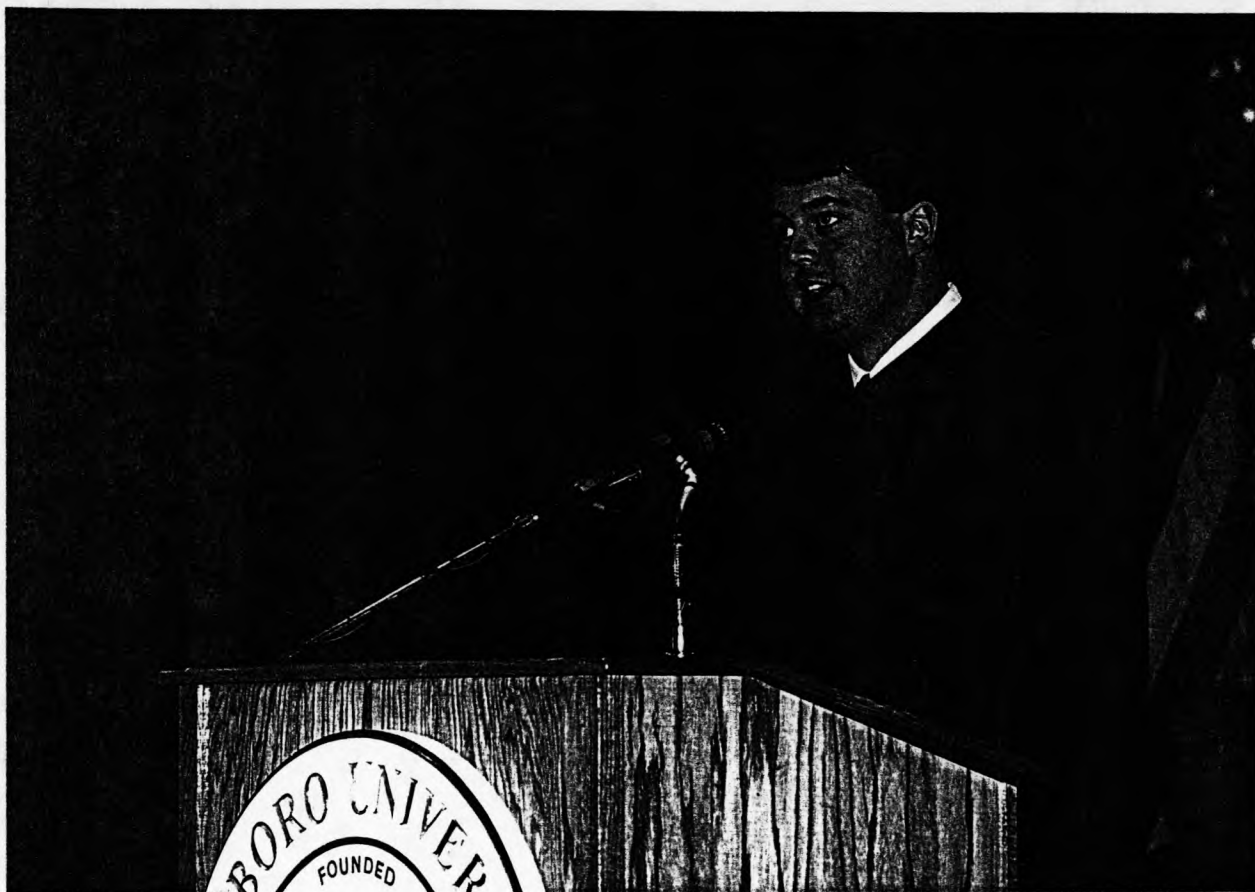
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Georj Lewis, director of multicultural programs at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, was the graduate student speaker at the University's fourth annual Celebration of Excellence in April. Lewis, a native of Connellsville, Pa., holds two Edinboro degrees: a bachelor of science in accounting and a master's in counseling. As an undergraduate, he was a member of the Edinboro Fighting Scots football team, earning the outstanding freshman player award, All-America and All-Conference honors twice, and scholar-athlete recognition three times. He was also a member of Minority Students United, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, and the Student Government Association. His current community service includes involvement with the YMCA Black Achievers Program and the Booker T. Washington Center in Erie, where he serves on its Board of Directors. He is married and the father of three children.



Padraic McGrath, of North East, Pa., was the undergraduate speaker at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's fourth annual Celebration of Excellence in April. McGrath will graduate *summa cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting at Edinboro's spring 2000 Commencement on May 6. He is a member of Sigma Beta Delta Honor Society for Business, Management and Administration, and Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society for Non-Traditional Students. He has held accounting, estimator and treasurer positions in several local businesses, and, in July, will begin a position with a public accounting firm in Pittsburgh. He is married and the father of a son.

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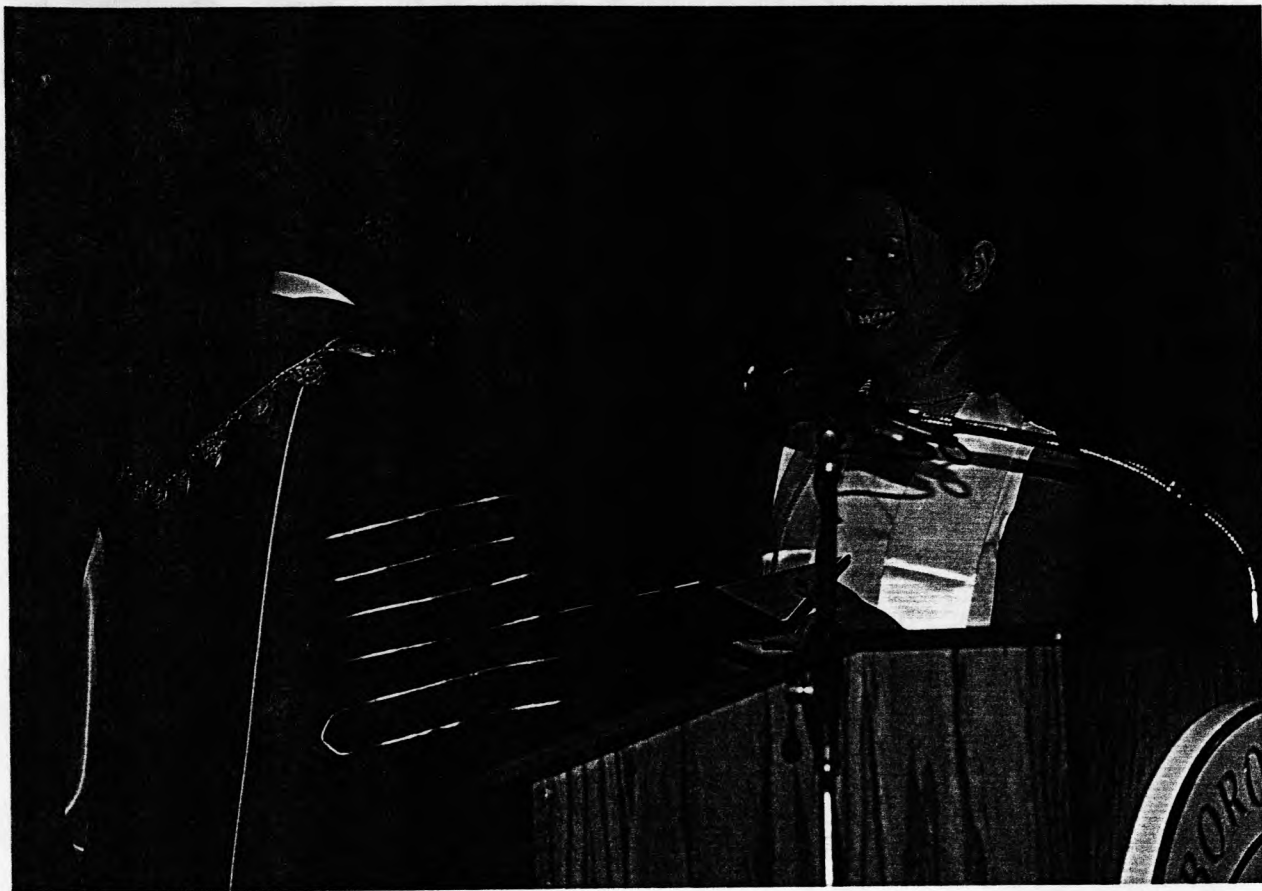
### **MELISSA COSTANTINO EARNS EDINBORO AWARDS**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Dr. Frank G. Pogue presents the second of two special awards to Melissa Mae Costantino, a senior secondary education/mathematics major from Pittsburgh, at the University's fourth annual Celebration of Excellence in April.

Costantino's first award, the Student Government Association Award for Outstanding Student Leader, was for her involvement with the Highland Ambassadors, the Student Government Association Congress, Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, Iota Iota Iota Women's Studies Honor Society, Kappa Delta Phi National Educational Honor Society, the Student Pennsylvania State Education Association, Newman Association, Council for Exceptional Children, and the University Honors Program, where she was the senior class representative and president of the Reeder Hall Honors Dorm. Costantino has also been a volunteer in her community for the American Red Cross Leadership Development Center, and served as its youth director in 1999.

Her second award, the President's Award for Social Responsibility, was created by Pogue three years ago to recognize an Edinboro student who is "willing to cross traditional barriers of class, race, gender, disability and other differences to address issues of human dignity and social justice, and contribute to the creation of a civil community." Among her many other activities, Costantino volunteered numerous service hours for the Leadership Development Center, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Luncheon, March of Dimes Walk America, Juvenile Diabetes Walk for the Cure, and the University's Women's History Month celebration.

Costantino graduates *magna cum laude* at Edinboro's spring 2000 Commencement on May 6.





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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**EDINBORO UNIVERSITY'S SPRING 2000 COMMENCEMENT THIS SATURDAY**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will graduate its first class of the new century and millennium this Saturday (May 6), 1 p.m., in McComb Fieldhouse, as President Frank G. Pogue confers degrees on 675 new Edinboro alumni.

With the December 1999 graduating class of 689 students, Edinboro University granted 1,364 associate, bachelor's and master's degrees during the 1999-2000 academic year.

Carrying the ceremonial mace and leading the academic procession as the Commencement Grand Marshal will be Thomas Stanko, professor in the English and theatre arts department, a member of the Edinboro faculty since 1966.

Giving the Commencement address will be one of America's foremost experts on biomedical ethics, Dr. James Drane, emeritus professor of philosophy and Russell B. Roth professor of Bioethics at Edinboro University. Drane was a member of the Edinboro faculty from 1969 until his retirement in 1991, and was awarded faculty emeritus status in 1992.

Noted worldwide for his research, writing, teaching and speaking, Drane's address is titled, "A Reflection on Civility: One Final Class Before Graduation."

Media coverage of Edinboro University's Spring 2000 Commencement is invited.

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**NEWS ADVISORY**

Former FBI agent Jim Fisher will announce the release of his latest book, "Crimson Stain," at news conferences in Erie and Meadville on Monday, May 8, to coincide with the nationwide release of his book in bookstores. Fisher is a professor of criminal justice at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

"Crimson Stain" recounts the brutal murder by Edward Gingerich of his wife in their Crawford County home in 1993. He was tried and convicted in Crawford County in March of 1994, becoming the first Amish person in history to be convicted of criminal homicide.

The Meadville news conference will take place at 9:30 a.m. at the Crawford County Courthouse. The Erie news conference will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Edinboro University in Erie – The Porreco Center. Copies of his book will be available to the media.

Fisher is a nationally known author and criminal investigator. His acclaimed works have included "The Lindbergh Case," "Fall Guys," and the recently released "The Ghosts of Hopewell: Setting the Record Straight in the Lindbergh Case."

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**THE DEVIL IN EDWARD GINGERICH**  
By Jim Fisher

In March 1994, Edward D. Gingerich, the owner of a Crawford County sawmill a few miles south of Mill Village, Pennsylvania, became the first Amish person in history to be convicted of criminal homicide. A year earlier, the 28-year-old Amish man, with two of his children looking on, stomped his wife to death then gutted her in the kitchen of their farmhouse next to the mill in the tiny Amish enclave called Brownhill.

Gingerich's non-Amish friends and neighbors were stunned by the slaughter. They told reporters and police officials that Ed had recently suffered brushes with mental illness but had never shown any signs of being violent. He was, as far as they knew, an easygoing man devoted to his family.

The Crawford County jury, seated in the court house on the square in Meadville, found Ed Gingerich "Mentally Ill but Guilty of Involuntary Manslaughter," the least serious of the homicide offenses. The judge, keeping with the letter of the law, imposed a sentence of four years. The convicted man had already spent a year in the old Crawford County Jail. In March of 1998, having served his time and still on heavy medication for his paranoid schizophrenia, Ed Gingerich walked out of the minimum security prison near Mercer a free man.

As a criminal justice professor and writer of true crime books with more knowledge of murder than Amish culture, I attended Gingerich's one-week trial hoping to learn why he had killed his wife Katie the way he did. When the trial was over I still didn't have my answer. I still didn't have the foggiest idea why an old-order Amish man under the thumb of a strict bishop would commit such a brutal crime against a woman who had obviously been devoted to him and their three children. Who was this man, Edward Gingerich? Exactly how did his struggle with schizophrenia relate to the crime? Men just don't "flip out" and kill their wives, there had to be more to the story. Did the killing have something to do with him being Amish?

Mental illness, under the right circumstances, might legally excuse criminal homicide, but it never fully explains it. In other words, homicide is not a symptom of mental illness. The disease, like too much alcohol, might release the rage when homicidal people lose their minds. So for me the questions wasn't what made Ed Gingerich mentally ill but what had made him homicidal.

Following the Gingerich trial, in the summer of 1994, I began searching for answers to this and other questions regarding what kind of man Ed Gingerich really was. Due to the cooperation of the victim's mother, the bishop of the Brownhill enclave and others in Gingerich's Amish community, I was able, if not to fully explain the homicide, to tell its story. I now realize there is no single explanation for something as complex as murder. Tragedies like the Gingerich case, like crashes of jetliners, are the products of long chains of unlikely events occurring in the right order. Depending on one's point of view, certain links in the chain will be more causative than others. For this reason, my book on the case, "Crimson Stain," will be controversial and in some circles, condemned. The old-order Amish may object because they are, by design, a private culture. But murder, even among the Amish, is a public affair. Certain practitioners within the criminal justice system might take exception to my view that in this case justice was not entirely served. And finally, those who work in the mental health community might be bothered by the idea that certain people can be sick *and* bad.

Criminal homicide, regardless of who commits it, is evil. They say the devil is in the details, and in my book that is what I've tried to provide. It is up to the reader to determine if the devil was also in Ed Gingerich when he killed his young wife.

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### **EDINBORO ART PROFESSOR CREATES WITH COLORFUL FOOD**

When most people look at food, eating comes to mind. But for Franz Spohn, he sees artwork. Spohn, art professor and assistant chairperson of the art department at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, recently assisted Neason Hill Elementary School create a 6 foot by 8 foot ocean-scene mural out of 14,300 gumballs.

Spohn designed the mural first on the computer, selecting seven ocean creatures from over 100 submitted by the students at Neason Hill. The design was then broken down into tiny color boxes using computer pixels. The students dropped the gumballs one by one into long plastic tubes making this Spohn's 23<sup>rd</sup> gumball mural. Other murals can be found in New York City, Canada, and London.

Spohn was also included "Obsessing," a recent exhibition at the Pacifico Gallery in New York City. He displayed an art sculpture made of jimmys, the colored sprinkles used on cupcakes. Gumball murals are cake to make compared to a sculpture using jimmys. It took Spohn five hours to complete a one-inch square of the 8 ½ inches by 11 inches flat sculpture.





May 3, 2000

**EDINBORO UNIVERSITY, VILLA MARIA ACADEMY SIGN AGREEMENT**

Today's signing of an articulation agreement between Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and the Villa Maria Academy will allow graduates of Villa Maria to receive Edinboro credits for honors level and advanced level courses in English, mathematics, social studies and science. Students must successfully complete the courses with an A or B average to receive the credits and enroll at Edinboro within two years of graduation.

Signing the agreement for Edinboro are President Frank G. Pogue and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert C. Weber. Signing for Villa Maria Academy is Sr. Ann Marie Joint, principal.

The articulation agreement creates an opportunity for Villa Maria students to get a head start on a college education by earning up to 10 college credits while still in high school. The University benefits by attracting bright and dedicated students.

Edinboro has similar agreements with the Conneaut, Corry, Crawford Central, Fairview, General McLane, McDowell, Northwestern, Quaker Valley and Wattsburg school districts.

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