

# FAMILIES MATTER

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE PARENTS AND FAMILIES ORGANIZATION  
AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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## WELCOME TO THE EDINBORO FAMILY!

### *A message from President Frank G. Pogue*

On behalf of the Parents and Families Organization, please allow me to welcome you and your Edinboro student to the Edinboro Family as we prepare for the start of another stimulating and rewarding academic year. This organization exists to help parents and family members like you become involved in the life of the University.

The University is in the midst of what we call the "Sesquicentennial Years" – the time leading up to the celebration of our 150th anniversary during the 2006-2007 academic year. We are guided by the theme, "Building a prosperous future through academic excellence and civility." The University takes pride in being a student-centered institution, where academic excellence and the principles of civility – fairness, tolerance, collegiality and civic responsibility – are important measures of success.

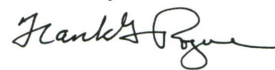
I hope you will be on hand for the many events we have planned for the coming year starting with "Opening Day" on Saturday, August 27, when the residence halls open at 8 a.m. That will be followed by the Ice Cream Social at Sox Harrison Stadium during the Fighting Scots season opener football game against West Virginia Tech at 1:30 p.m. The game and the social are free and open to all members of the Edinboro Family. The day concludes with the Opening Day Picnic and Candle Lighting Ceremony at 6 p.m. at the Baron-Forness Library lawn. Other events that I encourage you to attend are the Performing Arts Series in our wonderful

Louis C. Cole Auditorium, the exhibitions at Bruce Art Gallery, and our many student productions, performances, and athletic competitions. Many of these are listed on the activities calendar at the University website at [www.edinboro.edu](http://www.edinboro.edu).

Please encourage your son or daughter to take advantage of the many cultural events and student activities our campus has to offer. Students who are engaged in such activities in and out of the classroom perform better academically and adjust more readily to the campus environment.

Each year at this time, I like to remind parents and families that we need your help. I encourage you to maintain regular contact with your student and let us know if you suspect that he or she may be encountering difficulty. A call to the Student Life office (814 732-2778), Ghering Health Center (814-732-2743), the University Ombudsperson (814-732-2810) or the Office of the President (814-732-2711) can enable us to help your student with a question or problem before it becomes troublesome. The Opening of School Calendar that is included with this mail package includes a list of phone numbers to which students may refer to find help with a range of issues, interests and needs.

Sincerely,



Frank G. Pogue  
President

**GREETINGS FROM PARENTS AND FAMILIES  
ORGANIZATION CO-CHAIRPERSONS,  
BOBBI AND ALAN CUMO**

We are very honored to serve as co-chairs of the Parents and Families Organization of Edinboro University. We enjoyed our first year as co-chairs as we have been able to meet and talk with many parents and are looking forward to this year.

We encourage you to attend the Family and Legacy Weekend October 21-23 as it is a good way to become familiar with campus activities. During the weekend you can participate in as many or as few activities as you wish. Among the activities are: breakfast buffet with President and Mrs. Pogue, football game, craft fair, musical performances, wheelchair basketball game, planetarium shows, University-wide picnic, family golf outing and more. We also have our Parents and Families Organization informational meeting that we hope you will attend. Registration information will be mailed or you can access registration information at [www.edinboro.edu](http://www.edinboro.edu).

We think you will find that the University staff is very helpful and truly cares for our children/family members. It is wonderful to see Dr. Pogue at most of the campus events, and he is always willing to talk with you.

In case you are not familiar with the PFO we wanted to include the following information:

**Purpose** . . . To promote positive parent and family relations and to provide a forum for parent and family views and suggestions.

**Goals** . . . To provide an advocacy and a communication link between the University, present and future students, and their parents and family members. Members of the Parents and Families Organization should be goodwill ambassadors who are interested in informing other parents and family members about the strengths and needs of the students. Also, as a respected constituency of the Edinboro Family, the University values the input and contributions of parents and family members.

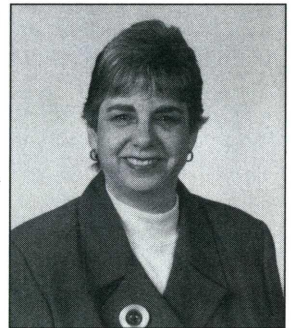
**Who can be members?** All parents and family members of students currently enrolled are automatically members of the organization. Those who continue to show an interest after their family member has graduated may remain a part of the organization.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns or comments that you have at [parents@edinboro.edu](mailto:parents@edinboro.edu). This is an e-mail address that we monitor along with Jon Pulice, Director of Alumni Relations and Executive Director of the Alumni Association, and Kahan Sablo, Dean of Student Life. Rest assured that one of us will get back to you as soon as possible.

We hope to have the chance to meet you in October!

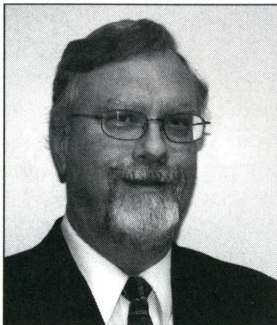
**TWO NEW VICE PRESIDENTS JOIN THE  
EDINBORO FAMILY**

Dr. Pearl W. Bartelt provides leadership for the Academic Affairs division which includes the schools of Liberal Arts; Science, Management and Technology; and Education, as well as Graduate Studies and Research, University Libraries, Performing Arts Series, International Education, the Dr. Robert C. Weber Honors Program, the Highlands Center for Faculty Initiatives, and extension locations in Erie and Meadville.



Prior to coming to Edinboro University, Dr. Bartelt was a Senior Fellow for the Association of American Colleges and Universities and she previously served as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Central Connecticut State University. She can be reached at 814-732-2729 or via e-mail at [pbartelt@edinboro.edu](mailto:pbartelt@edinboro.edu).

Dr. Gerald W. Kiel is the chief Student Affairs officer responsible for student life which includes Residence Life and Housing, Judicial Affairs, Health and Wellness, Multicultural Programs, International Student Services, and Commuter and Non-traditional Services, as well as Student Orientation and Transitions, Athletics, Student Activities, the Student Government Association, and the University's nationally acclaimed Office for Students with Disabilities.



Dr. Kiel was most recently employed at Cleveland State University where he served as vice provost for enrollment management and services and as articulation transfer coordinator.

He can be reached at 814-732-2313 or via e-mail at [gkiel@edinboro.edu](mailto:gkiel@edinboro.edu).

## HOMEcomings 2005 SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1

Come one, come all to this year's Homecoming celebration! This year's theme is "Video Games," which is sure to provide for some great parade floats. Weekend activities will include the 14th Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Outing, the Tartan 1 Mile Fun Run, "Brunch on the Lawn" (hosted by President and Mrs. Pogue), our traditional Homecoming Parade, a women's soccer match, and the football game vs. Clarion University.

For more information visit our website at [www.edinboro.edu](http://www.edinboro.edu), keyword: *homecoming*.

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# *The Edinboro University* **Parents and Families Organization** *is proud to sponsor its annual* **Hotline for Edinboro's Loving Parents SESSION**

**Join us for a conference call to get your last minute questions answered.**

Various University offices will be represented.

*Tuesday, August 22, 2005 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.*

*Dial (814) 732-1900*

*Password: 195375#*

*(Please call back if you receive a busy signal.)*

*If you are unable to join us that evening or if this newsletter reached you late,  
you may also send your questions to: [Parents@edinboro.edu](mailto:Parents@edinboro.edu).*

## A "MAJOR" CHANGE

Whether your Edinboro student is a first-semester freshman or a second-semester junior – unless a student is planning to graduate in December, there could be a chance that a change of academic major looms in the future. On average, college students change majors 1.5 times during the typical undergraduate academic career.

While changing a major is not uncommon, it is, nevertheless, a very important decision. Simply put, a student should not make a change to the academic major without consulting with several people. We encourage parents and families to make the following suggestions if their student is considering changing his or her major:

- First: Students considering making a change to the academic major should consult with the assigned academic advisor. A student's academic advisor is typically a person within the academic subject area of the student's current major. Advisors can help students evaluate whether a major change is necessary or, possibly, whether tutoring or other services may be a better route.
- Second: Visit Career Services. Students sometimes know that they want to change the major, but they don't know which major might be best for them. Career Services can help students to evaluate their strengths and weaknesses and match those characteristics with academic subject areas.
- Third: Talk with other students in the new major you are considering.
- Fourth: Talk with Edinboro alumni – people working in the careers that are served by the major(s) under consideration. The Alumni Office can help students to connect with alumni in virtually any career field.

It should be very clear to students and families that the process of changing a major becomes more complex as students progress in their academic career. Many courses can apply to several majors; however, some are not applicable across disciplines. Academic advisors, in addition to staff in Career Services, Records and Registration, Scheduling, Student Affairs and Alumni Affairs can help students to make choices that will help them to achieve their academic and personal goals while minimizing the effects of a change of major on the eventual graduation date.

## GREEK FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

The 2004-2005 academic year gave our social Greek organizations the opportunity to give back to the Erie and Edinboro Community. Through individual and group efforts, our 17 social fraternities and sororities raised over \$17,000 in donations. Some of the larger contributions raised by the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council went to: Relay for Life \$4080.50; Tsunami Victims Relief \$ 336.50; Cystic Fibrosis Assoc. of Erie County \$920.00; Make-A-Wish Foundation of Erie County \$4398.00; St. Jude's (Miracle Mile) \$1715.00 and the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation \$1900.00. Zeta Tau Alpha was the social sorority with the largest individual fundraiser with "Big Man on Campus" raising the \$1900 for the Susan G. Koman Foundation. Sigma Tau Gamma and Theta Xi each raised \$400 for their individual philanthropies for the social fraternities.

Countless hours went into these major events including the Date Auction, Annual Dance-a-thon, American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and the Miracle Mile. All of these events were coordinated by the executive boards of the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils. Their awards program was held May 4th and the checks were presented to a number of these organizations at that time.

