



# In Touch . . .

YEAR-END REPORT

A newsletter from President Frank Pogue, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

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*As we close the 2005 calendar year, it is appropriate to pause to reflect on some of the many accomplishments of the past 12 months. In doing so, we celebrate our achievements and service to the students of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and the citizens of this region, state and the world. Congratulations to our faculty, administrators, staff, students, Trustees, alumni and others who have made this celebration possible.*

*Best wishes for health, prosperity and civility in the New Year.*

Frank G. Pogue, President

## Academic Affairs

- ★ Under the direction of **Dr. Suzanne McDevitt**, *Social Work*, we received a \$311,392 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Outreach Partnership Center.
- ★ The collaborative student publication *Chimera* was accepted for inclusion in the American Institute of Graphics Arts (AIGA) Competition, a juried competition for professional designers. *Chimera* was also selected as a winning entry in the University and College Designers Association annual design competition. In addition, *Chimera* won the design award from the Association of Writers & Writing Programs.
- ★ We celebrated the commencement of the largest graduating class in University history in May. Degrees were conferred upon 755 students ranging in age from 19-59.
- ★ The Council on Social Work Education granted initial accreditation to the Master of Social Work (MSW) program through October 2009.
- ★ The Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) granted reaccreditation to the master's program in Speech-Language Pathology for a period of eight years through 2012.
- ★ The **School of Graduate Studies and Research** achieved another enrollment record. Graduate headcount enrollment increased by 130 – more than a 10 percent increase in one year – for an enrollment of 1,168.
- ★ The Board of Governors for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education approved the creation of a new academic program: the **Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies**. This is an interdisciplinary program involving the History and Anthropology, Speech and Communication Studies, Psychology, English and Theatre Arts, Philosophy,

Art, Foreign Languages, Biology and Health Services, Sociology, and Social Work departments.

## Student Affairs and Student Success

- ★ Edinboro University was, once again, named among the nation's top ten most disability-friendly colleges and universities by *New Mobility* magazine.
- ★ The men's basketball team won the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) championship and advanced to the NCAA Division II playoffs for the first time since 1998. Head coach **Greg Walcavich** was named Edinboro University Coach of the Year.
- ★ The wrestling team won the Eastern Wrestling League title and placed 28th of 76 teams at the national championship meet.
- ★ The men's and women's cross country teams both earned PSAC and East Region titles this year. Head coach **Doug Watts** was named NCAA Division II East Region Men's and Women's Coach of the Year.

## Enrollment Services and University Planning

- ★ Uniting for Success, a strategic planning initiative, brought the campus community together to consider the PASSHE performance indicators and new strategies for the University's success.
- ★ Nearly 100 new students joined the Edinboro Family in the Fall of 2005 as a result of articulation agreements with area school districts. The average SAT score of these students is 1094.

## Development and Marketing

- ★ The University's capital campaign, the *Campaign for Excellence*, reached the \$10 million mark, and the goal was increased to \$15 million to correspond with the University's Sesquicentennial Anniversary (\$1 million for every 10 years). We will celebrate the successful conclusion of our campaign in the spring of 2007 as we round out our year-long celebration of 150 years of service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and beyond.
- ★ We welcomed former Supreme Allied Commander of Europe General Wesley Clark as the keynote speaker for the Frank G. Pogue Honors Scholarship Luncheon on February 22.
- ★ Edinboro University was named a College of Distinction, a designation accorded to only 16 colleges and universities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This honor recognizes the University's recruiting process and the innovative learning experiences offered, the quality of teaching, the atmosphere of the campus, and the success of our graduates.

## Finance and Administration

- ★ We completed the renovation of Butterfield Hall and initiated renovation projects at the Baron-Forness Library and Academy Hall.
- ★ For the fourth consecutive year, Edinboro University exceeded its fund-raising goal in the State Employees Combined Appeal (SECA) Campaign and, once again, raised the largest amount of money in the PASSHE. A total of \$43,544 was contributed by 283 faculty, administrators, and staff.

## Technology and Communications

- ★ We transformed the campus to wireless technology, providing wireless access in some 20 campus buildings and facilities.
- ★ We created an electronic student billing and payment system (e-bill) that is expected to save more than \$25,000 annually in postage and printing expenses.

## Edinboro Family Accolades

- ★ **President Frank G. Pogue** was honored by the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education with the Community Service Award and by the Boys and Girls Club of Erie with the Legends of Erie award. In November, he was elected the inaugural chair of the Millennium Leadership Initiative (MLI), a program of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

- ★ **Harry K. Thomas, Esq.**, *Chair, Council of Trustees*, was elected president of the Pennsylvania Association of Councils of Trustees (PACT) which is composed of the 154 members of the 14 Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education university Councils of Trustees.
- ★ **Virginia Lancaster McGarvey**, *Council of Trustees*, was granted an Honorary Doctor of Letters Degree from Thiel College.
- ★ **Dr. Kevin Courtright**, *Political Science and Criminal Justice*, and **Dr. Susan Packard**, *Professional Studies*, had their manuscript, "Testing the rehabilitative ideal among college students" accepted for publication in the peer-reviewed *Criminal Justice Studies: A Critical Journal of Crime, Law and Society*.
- ★ **Dr. Andrew Lawlor**, **D.J. Bradley** and **Cori Dunagan**, *Technology and Communications*, and **Jack Widner**, *Library*, attended the Educause 2005 Conference held in Orlando, Florida. They presented the following sessions: "Will you miss me when I'm gone: Do libraries and information technology centers still need each other?" (Lawlor and Widner); "Stretch your staff with a department liaison program" (Lawlor & Bradley); and "Technology Buffet – Serving up technology in a learning environment" (Lawlor, Bradley & Dunagan).
- ★ **Patricia L. Nosel**, *Nursing*, contributed a chapter, "End of life care and bereavement" in the pediatric nursing text *Child Health Nursing: Partnering with Children and Families* (Prentice-Hall).
- ★ **Dr. Anthony Peyronel**, *Speech and Communication Studies*, published the monograph "Public relations, ethics and gaining a seat at the leadership table" in the Public Relations Society of American Counselors to Higher Education Monograph Series.
- ★ **John Repp**, *English and Theatre Arts*, published *Gratitude*, his third full-length collection of poems (Cherry Grove Collections).
- ★ **Dr. Dawn Snodgrass**, *Professional Studies*, was an invited presenter at the International Conference on Social Science Research. The title of her presentation was "Urban leaders in an era of high performance."
- ★ **Dr. Dale Tshudy**, *Geosciences*, received a Tree of Life Grant from the National Science Foundation to continue his lobster fossil research.
- ★ **Bruce Whitehair**, *Vice President for Development and Marketing*, was awarded the professional designation of Certified Fund Raising Executive by CFRE International.