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A newsletter from President Frank Pogue, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
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Student Publication Wins National Award

Edinboro University's award-winning journal of literature and art, *Chimera*, has won two new awards for Volume II. The AIGA 100, a regional award, and the Great Design Show, a national award, were added to the list of previous honors bestowed upon the journal. Additional awards received by *Chimera* include the winner of design for the National Program Directors' Prizes for Undergraduate Literary Magazines, HOW Design Student Merit Award, AIGA Pittsburgh 100 Merit Award, UCDA Merit Award and Juror's Award, and Erie Addy Award.

Completed in less than one year by members of the student art league, graphic design club and literary club, the second volume of *Chimera* was created under the supervision of art professors John Lysak and Shelle Barron, along with Robert Hass from English and theatre arts. The project is supported by the Student Government Association.

Shirley L. Roth Nursing Scholarships Established with \$417,000 Gift

Edinboro University and Penn State Behrend are the beneficiaries of more than \$417,000 each from the estate of the late Shirley L. Roth of Erie. Neither school had known of Roth prior to her gift.

It was Ms. Roth's wish to create a scholarship for nursing students, especially those with financial need. Her gift will not only provide financial assistance, it will encourage a commitment to nursing and compassion for helping others. The Shirley L. Roth Nursing Scholarship will be a significant benefit to the University's nursing students.

The nursing scholarships will be awarded to full-time students who have a financial need. The first scholarship is expected to be awarded during the 2006-2007 academic year.

Penn State Behrend created The Shirley L. Roth Trustee Scholarship that gives preference to engineering students.

Shirley Roth graduated from Academy High School in 1946, started working at the former Pennsylvania Telephone Co. shortly thereafter, and stayed until her retirement in 1981. "She was a methods analyst, which meant that she wrote procedures for the rest of the company to follow," Joan Nathal, a former co-worker, said of her long-time friend. "She met with salesmen, and did buying of materials. Shirley was very meticulous, very methodical, and very smart."

Roth never married and had no children. She and her brother, Herman, a technician at Biley Electric Co. who also remained single throughout his life, lived together in a home on Melrose Avenue until his death in 1994.

Roth's friends surmise that she made the gifts to the universities as a way to honor her brother. As an electrical technician and amateur radio enthusiast, Herman would have supported the idea of educating future engineers, said Peggy Tarr, who, along with Roth and Nathal, was a member of an informal "girls' club" of women who had worked for the telephone company in downtown Erie during the 1950s and 60s. The idea for nursing scholarships "probably came about when her brother was very sick and needed hospice care," Tarr said. "Those caring occupations interested her."

Mark your Calendar: Upcoming Accreditation Visits

The University is engaged in a number of accreditation efforts. Some involve the pursuit of new accreditations; others are accreditation renewals. Both types of initiatives are very important to the University and are directly related to our goals and those of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. The entire campus community should be aware of the visit dates in order to assist with accommodating the review teams and their needs as requested. The following site visits will occur during the months of March and April:

March 27-29 – Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

April 2-5 – National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)

April 9-12 – National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)

April 20-21 – Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) (BSW Program)

In addition to these visits, the National College Athletic Association (NCAA) will conduct a Division II Compliance Blueprint Review site visit March 6-9.

Students Place in PR Competition

The Edinboro University of Pennsylvania chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) was awarded second place in the 2005 Holiday Challenge, sponsored by the Pittsburgh chapter of the Public Relations

Society of America (PRSA). Contest participants were asked to design a public relations campaign aimed at dissuading Santa Claus from retirement. While the competition included a dose of holiday humor, judges scored the entrants on several public relations criteria, including strategy, creative tactics and measurement.

“This was apparently a more significant achievement than we had originally realized, since the competition was also open to professional public relations firms throughout the Pittsburgh region,” said Tony Peyronel, faculty advisor for the University’s PRSSA chapter. “In fact, it was a professional firm who took first place, so I think this was a real accomplishment for our students to be in that kind of company.”

Five Edinboro University PRSSA members were involved in designing the campaign, which was titled “Since You’ve Been Gone.” They are senior Geoff Groves from Erie; graduate student Ron Raymond from Edinboro; sophomore John Voelmler from Hershey; sophomore Dakota Walters from Meadville; and senior Rebecca Zeigler from Union City. Groves, Raymond and Zeigler presented the campaign at PRSA Pittsburgh’s Holiday Party at the Trilogy Restaurant. The students received a \$100 gift certificate for their second place finish and will also be given a special award of merit at the 2005 Renaissance Awards Ceremony in Pittsburgh on January 26.

PRSSA is a pre-professional organization designed to build positive relations between public relations professionals and students who are studying public relations. Created by its parent group PRSA in 1968, PRSSA provides member students with a variety of professional development opportunities as well as scholarships, award programs and other regional and national activities. Edinboro University was awarded its PRSSA charter in 2003 – recognition that Edinboro is among colleges and universities nationally that “offer substantial programs for public relations at the undergraduate level,” according to PRSA.

2006 MLK Honorees



Edinboro President Dr. Frank Pogue congratulates the 2006 honorees at the 10th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Awards Luncheon held February 3. From left are Bruce Morton Wright, Mary Alice Brown, President Pogue, and the Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Schoolfield. They were chosen to receive the award for their dedication to the principles of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. **Join us for Black History Month – www.edinboro.edu, keyword: BHM.**

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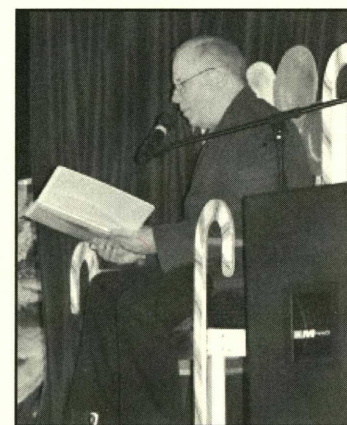
- ❖ **President Frank G. Pogue** agreed to serve on an advisory panel being created by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) to address accreditation issues related to “affiliated” candidate and accredited institutions. These are institutions that are affiliated with and controlled, directly or indirectly, by corporate parents, system offices, or funding sponsors. The MSCHE has experienced an increase in the number of affiliated institutions seeking candidacy and initial accreditation.
- ❖ Alpha Epsilon Lambda, Alpha Nu Chapter, the honor society of graduate and professional school students, held its initiation ceremony for new members on December 8, 2005. Inductees were **Aaron Atkins, Saeed Bhatti, Erin Buseck, Lori Cammarata, David Curry, Rafi-Ud-Dowla, Maureen Flynn, Nicole Hill, Anne Hull, Raihan Jamil, Shawn Myers, Amy Rushin, James Santo, Lori Shine, Andrea Somogie, and Martha Swick**. Certificates were presented by Mary C. Piper, Alpha Epsilon Lambda President, and Amy Grainger, member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Chapter Advisor is Dr. Kenneth Adams, Professional Studies Chairperson.
- ❖ **Suzanne Amendolara, Catherine Butler and Cappy Counard**, *Art*, had their works chosen for the show “METALisms: Signature Works in Jewelry and Metalsmithing.” The show opened February 2 at the Center for Visual Art at the Metropolitan State College of Denver. It features the work of 64 metalsmiths from across the nation. Amendolara’s work was chosen for both the cover and inside panel of the show’s poster. Their works were also the subject of an exhibition titled: “Prints and Metals by the Faculty of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania,” held in January at the South Gallery of the Florida Community College of Jacksonville. Other Edinboro Art faculty featured in this show were **John Lysak, William Mathie, and Franz Spohn**. The exhibition was assembled at the request of **Steven Heywood**, an MFA graduate of Edinboro who is now a professor at Florida Community College.
- ❖ The **Alumni Association** sponsored an alumni event on January 20-21 at Splash Lagoon in Erie. More than 150 alumni and their families from Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Buffalo attended this two-day fun-filled event.
- ❖ **Dr. Wendy Warren Austin**, *English and Theatre Arts*, published a review of the 2004 book *Writing New Media: Theory and Applications for Expanding the Teaching of Composition*, by Anne Frances Wysocki, Johndan Johnson-Eilola, Cynthia L. Selfe, and Geoffrey Sirc. The review appears as an “Online Exclusive” in Issue 33.2 of the academic journal *Composition Studies* for Fall 2005. *Composition Studies*, available in print and online (<http://www.compositionstudies.tcu.edu/index.html>), boasts its journal as the oldest independent periodical in the field of rhetoric and composition.
- ❖ Congratulations to graduate **Dave Filoni** who finished directing *Avatar* for Nickelodeon and has now moved to

San Francisco where he took a job as supervising director of Lucasfilm's new animation division at Skywalker Ranch. His first job is to oversee the creation of the new *Star Wars* animation series.

- ❖ **Nola Garrett**, *English and Theatre Arts emeritus*, continues with her writing. Last year her essays and poems appeared in *Arts & Letters*, *Christian Century*, *Christianity and Literature*, *Crab Orchard Review*, and *Sewanee Theological Review*. A third poem is forthcoming in *Tampa Review*.
- ❖ **Mike Genz**, *Art*, had two proposals accepted for presentation at the International Conference on the Arts in Society in Edinburgh, Scotland, in August. His presentations are titled: "Dialogical animation and its future" and "Gathering circles: Using art to counsel domestically abused youth."
- ❖ Congratulations to all faculty in the **Dr. Gerald P. Jackson Department of Academic Support Services** who counseled 795 students in 2,375 sessions during the fall semester helping them achieve academic success.
- ❖ **Dr. Laura Miller**, *Health and Physical Education*, presented "Body mass index (BMI) assessments in children" at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference for the American College of Sports Medicine in Harrisburg. A second presentation, "Availability and usage of emergency contraception in college health centers," was made at the Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance State Convention in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
- ❖ **Dr. Michael Mogavero**, *Vice President for Enrollment Services and University Planning*, and **Dr. Erinn Lake**, *Assistant Vice President for Planning, Research and Continuous Improvement*, will be presenting a session, "Collaborative strategic planning in a student-centered environment," at the National Consortium for Continuous Improvement in Higher Education Annual Conference.
- ❖ Nursing seniors **Natalie Murphy** and **Emily Steele** worked as volunteers with the Greater Erie Community Action Committee (GECAC) last semester to develop an Employee Health Policy and a seasonal newsletter. They are continuing to work with GECAC staff on future seasonal newsletters on health promotion/illness prevention topics.
- ❖ Congratulations to Edinboro alumnus **Roger E. Nick**, '73, on his recent election and swearing in as the new Chief Clerk of the State House. Nick began work in the house right after graduation and in his career has served as a committee executive director, legislative liaison for PennDOT, chief of staff to the late speaker of the house Matt Ryan and government relations representative for PHEAA before returning to the State House.
- ❖ **Dr. John Ongley**, *Philosophy*, gave a talk on "Anti-psychologism and early analytic philosophy" at the American Philosophical Association in New York during the semester break. He also published a review essay, "What is analysis?," in the most recent *Russell Society*

Quarterly. The essay surveys types of philosophical analysis used throughout the history of philosophy.

- ❖ **John Repp**, *English and Theatre Arts*, had an essay titled "Faith and testimony" accepted for publication in *SLAB*, a literary magazine produced by Slippery Rock University's writing program. The essay contemplates teaching, the Socratic Method, aesthetic mastery, and a poetic fragment attributed to the ancient Greek lyric poet, Sappho.
- ❖ **Dr. Robert Rhodes**, *Political Science and Criminal Justice emeritus*, participated in the panel discussion titled "Security vs. freedoms: National security, electronic surveillance, and the Patriot Act" at Mercyhurst College on January 28.
- ❖ The Order of Rho Lambda is an honorary organization formed to recognize fraternity women accepted into a social Greek letter organization that maintain the highest standards of academic achievement. Congratulations to the October inductees: **Angela Barone, Stephanie Feronti, Kathleen Haas, Katherine Ludlow, Danielle Schultz, Jenna Simenic, Rachel Solomon, Ashley Stage, Leanna Waldsmith**, and **Jennifer Weaver**.
- ❖ Assistant Wrestling Coach **Lou Rosselli**, *Athletics*, was named the USA Wrestling World Team Coach for 2006. This puts him on the short list for the 2008 or 2012 Olympic Team Coach.
- ❖ As part of Erie's Martin Luther King holiday celebration, **Kahan Sablo**, *Dean of Student Life*, served as one of the conductors of the Martin Luther King Interdenominational Community Choir concert on January 15. Sablo serves as the host Minister of Music for this choral ensemble that is made up of choristers from Erie's African American church community. Under the direction of Ms. McClaudia Nolley, the ensemble has performed on campus several times as part of the University's Harry T. Burleigh celebrations.
- ❖ **Franz Spohn**, *Art*, created a 6' x 8' gumball mural for the King Kennedy Community Center in Ravenna, Ohio, as a permanent tribute to Rosa Parks. The mural will move to Kent State University for display during Black History Month. Spohn has created 60 gumball murals.
- ❖ **David Weinkauf**, *Art emeritus*, served as the guest narrator for the Lake Erie Dance/Artists Incorporated presentation of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* at the Louis C. Cole Auditorium on December 9. Dave was asked to serve as guest narrator because of his relationship to the late Chuck Jones who directed the animated film by the same name.



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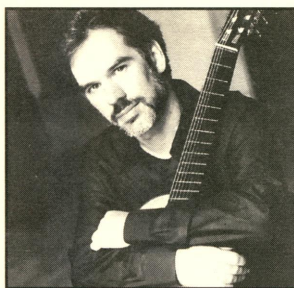
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Louis C. Cole Auditorium – Memorial Hall

Admission is \$15 for Adults; \$10 for Senior Citizens;
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faculty and staff with valid ID.

**2006 "Of the Year"
Call for Nominations**

Nominations are now being accepted for:

2006 Educator of the Year
Advisor of the Year
Researcher/Creative Scholar of the Year
Staff Member of the Year

Nomination forms and criteria are available online at
www.edinboro.edu, keyword: nominate

Awards will be presented at the Spring Convocation
on Friday, April 7, 2006.

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