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I can only imagine what must have been going through the minds of the founding fathers of the Edinboro Academy 140 years ago. Who would have thought back in 1857 that the modest beginnings of that private teachers training academy – one building, three instructors and 110 students – would have undergone the transitions from Normal School to State Teachers College to State College to what it has become today: Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, one of the 14 universities in the State System of Higher Education, with more than 7,000 students, over 800 employees (of whom nearly 400 are teaching faculty), some 100 degree programs, and a beautiful 585-acre Edinboro campus housing 46 buildings. Another 27 acres with 11 buildings are located at Edinboro University in Erie, the Porreco Center.

So much for comparisons. The only constant that has remained over the 140-year life of this outstanding institution of higher learning has been our mission to provide a solid educational foundation to our students and the teachers who go forth to teach others. Our proud alumni have responded over the years by assuming leadership roles in their families, communities and societies, making those of us who remain to serve others, proud in turn.

This year, 1997, we will celebrate 140 years of excellence at Edinboro University. As you read this message, the celebration will have begun with a week of activities during September culminating with my inauguration as the 15th president. I intend for this celebration to continue until the year 2007, when we will join together in celebration of 150 years of service to the citizens of Pennsylvania, our nation and the world.

Future issues will detail the continuing celebration. I do hope that you will be able to join us as we share in our pride as being members of the Edinboro Family.

Frank G. Pogue, President
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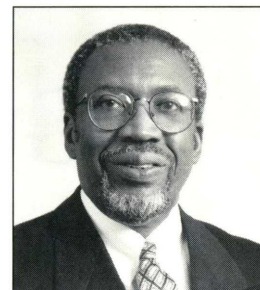
On August 24, Edinboro University welcomed its 141st class of freshmen to the campus. I am sure you remember those days. They are a shining part of our college memories that we treasure. I remember rather vividly my first day at Edinboro 14 years ago. I had my parents up at dawn, loading the car with everything including the kitchen sink. When we arrived it was a free-for-all that included first finding the location of my dormitory, finding a parking place, then hauling all that *stuff* up to my room.

The new generation of Edinboro students still gets the benefit of the moving-in scenario I just described, but they are greeted with more than the help of their parents and siblings. The whole community is on hand to help make that first day a little less chaotic. It's not unusual to see President Pogue carrying boxes and laundry baskets up to a student's room. This year was the second annual ice cream social that provided a haven for weary parents and students to rebuild their energy between runs up the dormitory stairs. I am pleased that the Alumni Association can participate in this event, because it sets the stage to interact with our next generation of alumni and their families.

I had the distinct pleasure of representing the Alumni Association at the second annual Candle Lighting Ceremony on August 25. The service is designed to symbolize the transition from high school to college, as well as the passing of the torch from the sophomore class to the new class of freshmen and transfer students.

I am sure you will agree, that first day as a student begins the journey of becoming an Edinboro graduate. If we want a relationship that is fruitful, it needs to be nurtured. Your Alumni Board is eager to begin building relationships with the next generation of alumni, and we need your help to make our future members welcome.

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By Brian K. Pitzer

EUREKA! GUMBALL KING CREATES TASTEFUL ART

Spohn's career has been one of serendipity to say the least. He was asked to make the Pittsburgh mural because of an exhibition of original drawings for a children's book he illustrated. And he does children's art primarily because of Gina, his 11-year-old daughter.

"She is the main focus of all my work," said Spohn. "I've been separated from her for a number of years. We don't spend as much time together as we would like."

When it comes to creating art with computers, colors and candy, no one may be better than Franz Spohn, an art professor at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Spohn has developed an international reputation as the world's foremost (and perhaps only) gumball artist. His whimsical murals made out of rows and rows of brightly-colored candy have been commissioned by art, science and children's museums in England, Canada and the United States.

Three years ago the Pittsburgh Children's Museum asked Spohn (rhymes with phone) to find some way of making art out of candy for its summer program. Now, using candy as an artistic medium was nothing new for Spohn. Trained as a printmaker, he always had a fascination with candy because of its bright colors. He especially liked gummi candy for its color and elasticity. That let to experimenting with cupcake sprinkles and other decorative confections. One of his earliest notable creations was a portrait of Roy Rogers made out of cake decorations for a solo exhibition at Calgary's Glenbow Museum in 1980.

The Pittsburgh assignment was something different. It had to be large enough for hundreds of children to work on and, of course, it had to be fun and interesting.

"I was just starting to work with computers," said Spohn. "Over the prior winter I had been working with computer images which I had magnified to see the

individual pixels. It was just one of those things where all of a sudden it hit me: pixels—gumballs; gumballs—pixels."

Believing it would work, Spohn got a couple of clear plastic tubes, filled them with gumballs, created a sample image and took it to the museum.

"They thought it was great. They were really excited about making interesting experiences for children. They were willing to take a risk to orchestrate the project. I had never done one before."

It was an immediate hit. The "Great Mural" – Spohn's illustration of circus animals – was 6 feet by 18.5 feet and contained nearly 40,000 donated gumballs.

Spohn's method for designing and assembling the mural was clever but simple. After creating an image on his computer screen he enlarged it to be able to see each individual dot or pixel. He then corrected the colors to match the eight gumball colors – red, blue, yellow, green, orange, pink, black and white. With each dot or pixel representing a gumball, he calculated how many gumballs would be needed. Each vertical row of pixels equaled one tube of 120 gumballs. Each child was assigned to place ten gumballs in a tube. Spohn printed out a "ticket" for every child showing what color went where in the tube. He autographed each ticket as a souvenir which could also be used as a bookmark.

The idea behind the project was to show children what pixels are. But what the mural really showed the kids was what can happen when people work together. "They all really pick up on the idea that even though this is very insignificant by itself, when you see it in the context of the whole thing it's essential. It's the same argument as voting or any community thing and the kids pick up on that immediately."

The overwhelming success of the first mural led to another one for the National Science Museum in London. The BBC came to Spohn's studio in Kent, Ohio, for a news program for kids. Parts of that interview were used in England to advertise for a mural design competition in three age groups. They

designed images of space creatures. The BBC flew Spohn to London to judge the entries and pick the winners. With the winning designs in hand, he returned to the U.S. for a week to assemble and plan the final mural design. He flew back to England and spent the next two and a half weeks working with the children to put it together. The final mural was made of gobstoppers, a British candy which is more than twice as large as American gumballs. The mural was larger too – more than 21 feet in length.

Other murals for the "Gumball King" soon followed. Pittsburgh's First Night celebration in December of 1995 commissioned a 24,000 gumball mural. For the Akron Art Museum in June of 1996 he created Explore and Discover, a 6 feet by 8 feet mural of some 14,000 gumballs. The Pittsburgh Children's Museum and First Night in Pittsburgh invited him back for encore murals.

This year he has already created four murals. The Franklin Institute Science Museum in Philadelphia asked Spohn to design a permanent mural for CyberZone, its interactive computer exhibit. The 18,000 gumball image contains a portrait of Ben Franklin, his well-known kite, and a computer with another image of Franklin on the screen. The Institute chose Spohn's art to demonstrate how grids of colored dots create images.

The Center of Science and Industry in Toledo, Ohio, commissioned his work as did the Westmoreland (Pa.) Arts and Heritage Festival. The mural of red, white and blue circus animals in a parade contained some 20,000 gumballs.

Seventeen years after creating his Roy Rogers image, the Glenbow Museum invited Spohn to return to create a 6 feet by 18 feet mural depicting five Canadian cowboy legends.

Being a gumball artist isn't something one plans on doing. Spohn earned a bachelor's degree in printmaking/drawing and a master's degree in printmaking/sculpture from The Ohio State University. He has taught at Rutgers University, the Art Institute of Philadelphia, Washington State University, Cleveland State

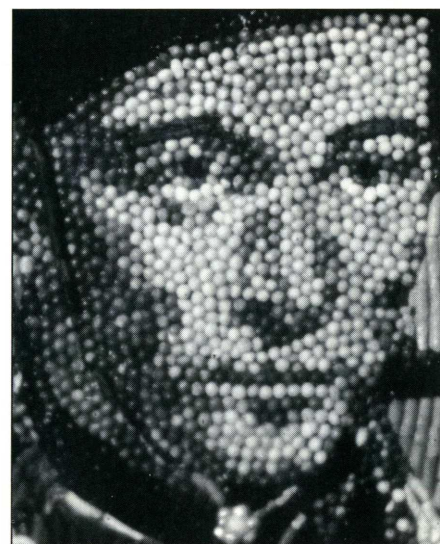
University, Youngstown State University, and most recently Kent State University.

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When Gina started school Spohn discovered there wasn't as much time available to spend with her. So he began illustrating children's books as a way to go to her classroom as a visiting artist. "It's really great because I can see who her friends are, who her teachers are, and when I leave there are usually little traces of me left behind."

To date Spohn has illustrated two children's books for Bantam, Doubleday, and Dell: *Shoeshine Shirley* and *Broadway Banjo Bill*. Because children like to have stories read to them over and over, Spohn puts a lot of hidden jokes in his illustrations so the reader will discover something new each time. In *Shoeshine Shirley* there are Imelda Marcos, alligator shoes, shoe horns, and Franz Schubert. He even has a drawing of himself, his daughter, and one of their friends in the book. He also created 14 cover illustrations for the *High School Help Line* series of books on topics such as rape, depressions and drugs, and he is under contract to illustrate two more books.

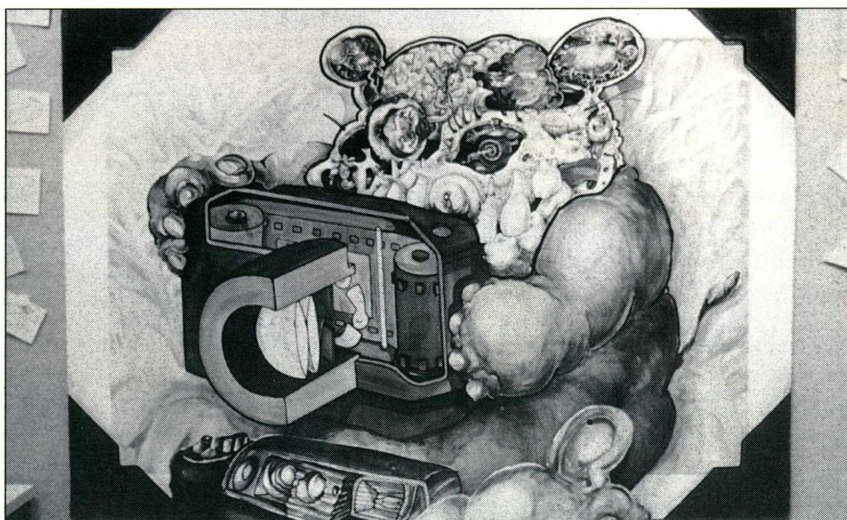
Another bit of serendipity led to his most recent creative outlet – television. While at Kent State Spohn became the host, co-producer and writer for a PBS children's series called *Eureka!* The eight-part video series was first



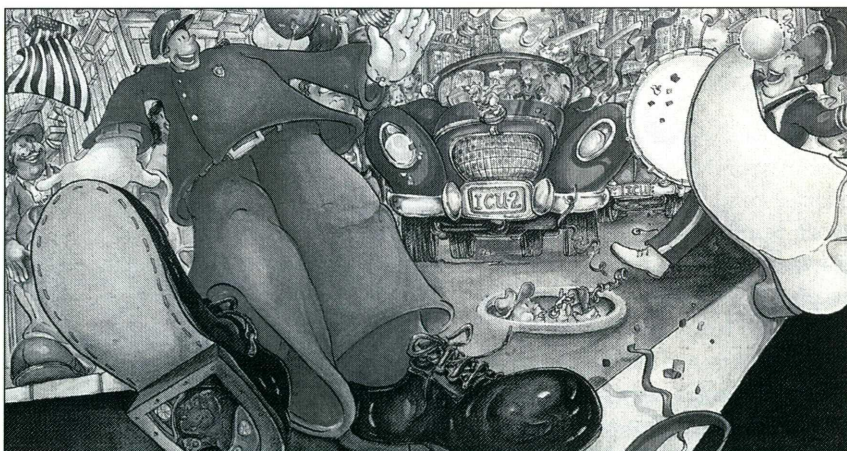
Detail of "Roy Rogers" made with cake decorations.



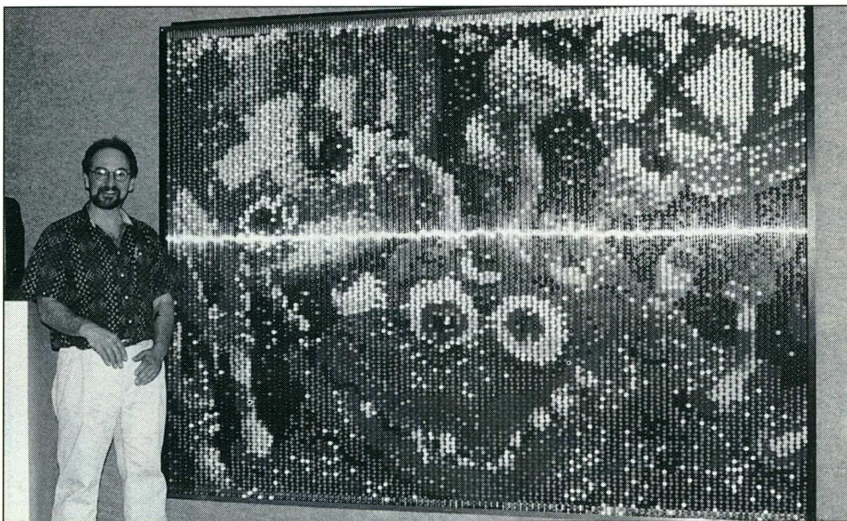
Illustration of Elephant and Monkey.



Puzzle with removable pieces showing how a camera and hippo work.



Spohn drew murals of shoes for an exhibit at the Butler Art Institute.



Spohn and gumball mural for Akron Art Museum.

broadcast on Ohio public television in September of 1995 and aired nationally in the fall of 1996. Now that he has moved to Edinboro, the TV series will move to Edinboro with him. Taping has begun on the second series of eight episodes, with one already completed.

Not only is he the star of the show, Spohn also came up with the projects and the illustrations for the teacher's guide that accompanies the series. In June of this year, the production team from Eureka! was invited to Columbus to participate in a teleproductions seminar at Ohio State. Spohn staged a t-shirt printmaking demonstration while a video crew used a digital camera to capture images that were immediately broadcast on the Internet.

It isn't that Spohn is a talented artist, it's that his talent manifests itself in so many areas. His irrepressible creativity bubbles to the surface of everything he touches. It's as if he were the "King Midas" of art.

For example, at an exhibition of his work at the Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown, Ohio, Spohn painted wall-sized murals of his illustrations from *Shoeshine Shirley* in the halls of the gallery. Viewers exiting from the elevator would see giant feet painted on the walls leading down the corridor to the exhibit. For a photography exhibition in the Butler's children's gallery, Spohn created a large painting of a hippo holding a camera. Viewers could take the cover off the camera and the head off the hippo to reveal the inner workings of the camera and the brain of the hippo.

From printmaking to working with candy as sculpture to cupcake sprinkles to gumball murals to book illustrations to public television and now to teaching at Edinboro University, Spohn's career has been as spontaneous as it has been exciting. But the question remains: with so many outlets for his talents, which one does he enjoy the most?

"Everything!" he replied without hesitation. ☺



It's eight o'clock on Monday morning and Steve Carb [Edinboro University, '80] is meeting with his Hilton Head Brewing Company partners Rob Jordan and Tony Arcuri. The three get together every Monday to discuss management issues for their businesses, The Brew Pub and The Lodge, and to go over the week's "hot list" of things to accomplish.

"With Steve, it's always, 'How can we get it done now?'" said Jordan. "He's always pushing the edge of the envelope in terms of what we can accomplish and how quickly it can be done. In the food and beverage business, that's really important – we need to stay fast-paced, take advantage of trends, keep people entertained."

By 8:45, Carb is out the door and on his way to his "real" job as a full-time realtor at Indigo Run and the Golf Club. He does take advantage of the 15-minute drive to call a t-shirt vendor, to check on an order for Monkey Business and to set up a few meetings for later. Carb spends his morning concentrating on his real estate business, showing property to a number of potential buyers and doing some research for a new listing. Although he owns five different food and beverage businesses, Carb thinks of himself as a professional realtor first.

"My primary job is working for Indigo Run," he said. "Not only do I employ over a hundred people on Hilton Head, but I'm also an employee, and I take that responsibility seriously."

At noon he runs down to Giuseppe's at Shelter Cove to check his mail and meet for a few minutes with partner Jim Loniero. For lunch he gets a "Carboli" to go, a calzone he created when he founded Giuseppe's back in 1982. (And thus the CARBOLI license plate on his red Porsche.) Again, he has a few minutes to get on the cellular and check on next week's *Island Packet* ad and whether the new plans for a courtyard outside Monkey Business have been approved. "Keeping in touch with my key people," he says.

His afternoon is spent dealing with real estate. At 5:30 p.m., Carb is on his way to Monkey Business to meet with managing

IT'S NOT ALL MONKEY BUSINESS

partners Mike Wilson and Tony Kunich. On the way, he stops at Camellia Art to pick up some framed prints for the club. At 6:30, he takes a break to go to the health club to work out. (While he's there, however, he puts up a few posters for the Monkey Business Live concert series.) At 7:30 he meets with marketing director Terry Bergeron at Brick Oven Cafe to discuss upcoming promotions and advertising for all of his businesses – and to brainstorm about some new business opportunities.

"He wants to work nights, weekends, even weekend nights, but he usually buys dinner, so I go along with the schedule," said Bergeron. "But at the same time, the work is enjoyable. I tell people that working with Steve Carb is like being on a wild ride in an amusement park. It takes a lot of energy to hang on, you're never sure what's around the next corner, and sometimes you want to scream – but at the same time, you're having so much fun you don't want to get off."

Monkey Business partner Wilson agrees. "It's never a dull moment around here," he said. "Steve is a master at making miracles happen. He comes up with the ideas and pulls the people together to get it done."

"For instance, we opened Monkey Business seven weeks after buying Wingo's. It was Steve's insistence that we were going to make our deadline that enabled us to do it. He has the team leadership that allows us to exceed our own expectations."

When Carb, who is thirty-something, single and lives alone in a five-bedroom home in Shipyard, finally "retires" for the evening, he usually sits in bed for a few hours reading magazines and catalogs. Meanwhile he surfs

Reprinted with permission from Hilton Head Monthly, March 1997. Photography by Rob Kaufman.



"I've been into being 'the only' lately," said Carb. "[I started] Hilton Head's only brew pub, only cigar bar, only upscale dance nightclub, only wood-fired brick oven. It makes it very clear what the mission and the message are from a marketing perspective."

So what's next for Carb? "I just like starting businesses, but I have only so much time in a day," he said. "So I'm looking for opportunities that will generate the highest possible yield for the amount of time allotted."

In the meantime, he's planning to keep his day job.

the TV channels, watching music videos, talk shows, CNN or commercials for anything that will give him a clue as to the next trend – the next "big idea" – and controls the temptation to call one of his partners, managers or vendors at home to discuss it. Day or night, Carb is rarely seen without his yellow legal pad. He jots down notes, ideas, things to do, observations, overheard comments, unsolicited testimonials.

"Steve is learning all the time. He's always reading, asking questions, trying to educate himself," said Jordan. "I believe his desire to learn, to discover new things, along with his keen business sense, is what has enabled him to be successful."

In addition to keeping his eye on his business interests, Carb is involved in a number of real estate partnerships and still found time to attend five different trade association shows or conferences last year. "I went on two great vacations and attended two weddings out of state," he said, trying to show that he's not "all work and no play." However, his partners know that those vacations were filled with absorbing information and ideas from other parts of the world, picking up magazines, catalogs, menus, even matchbooks, that might spark an idea worth considering.

"I bet he interviewed the bands at those weddings," said Wilson.

A Pittsburgh native, Carb came to Hilton Head Island in February 1982. His first year out of college he started a pizza place called Giuseppe's. His college fraternity brother, John Maloney, whose father Jack owned the Old Fort Pub on Hilton Head at the time,

encouraged Carb to come to Hilton Head and open a Giuseppe's here. He worked at the Pub and took real estate classes, eventually joining American Resorts (today Marriott Vacation Club) as a salesman. There he met Rick Meccariello, and in 1982, the two of them convinced Joe Fraser to let them open a pizza shop in the Sea Pines Center.

Carb eventually expanded Giuseppe's to Main Street, Shelter Cove Plaza and Savannah. He has since sold all the shops except Shelter Cove. College fraternity brothers Tony Arcuri and Jim Loniero joined the business as partners and run the day-to-day operations.

"One of the things I like best about the businesses I've started," said Carb, "is the partnerships I've formed. I could not have accomplished any of this without partners who I could count on and trust. Frankly, I feel my greatest strength as a businessman is my ability to pick good partners."

In 1994, Carb got the idea to open a brew pub on Hilton Head. "I was reading a trade magazine and discovered the law that restricted the manufacture and sale of beer on the same premises was about to change in South Carolina. We had the first application into the state for a license once the laws changed."

By December 1994, he and Arcuri had opened The Hilton Head Brewing Company. Rob Jordan, who had worked with Carb at Marriott, bought into the business in 1995, and the three of them opened the island's trendy cigar bar, The Lodge, in March 1996.

Last fall, Carb and all his partners formed a company to turn Wingo's into Monkey Business, an upscale dance nightclub. The group also purchased the adjacent Park Place Cafe and converted it into The Brick Oven Cafe, a casual restaurant with the island's only wood-fired brick oven.

Carb has focused his business interests almost exclusively on Hilton Head. He did, however, receive national notoriety for a product he invented in 1991. He first developed Throw Dough, a pliable plastic dough substitute, so his employees could practice tossing pizza. Today Throw Dough is the official competition dough for the pizza industry. 20



If you want to know why the shower curtains, towels, table cloths and innumerable other objects at the home of Ed ('94) and Valerie Kurkas are tie-dyed, blame it on the Grateful Dead.

Ed and Val are the owners of a tie-dye business operating out of their home in Cranesville, Pa. They have filled their house with a rainbow of colorful material ranging from head covers for golf clubs to a large hanging tapestry which they refer to as the "Velvet Elvis" piece.

Ed's interest in tie-dying got its start when he reluctantly attended a Grateful Dead concert and was overwhelmed by the subculture surrounding the band. He was stationed with the Navy in San Diego at the time. "I had no idea people followed them around," said Ed. "They had a whole micro-economy at their shows. They kept tie-dying alive."

Before his enlistment was up, Kurkas returned to his native Ohio and got engaged to Valerie. That day in July of 1986 was also the day of a concert at the Akron Rubber Bowl featuring Bob Dylan, Tom Petty, and, of course, the Grateful Dead. It was the first time they saw the Dead together.

Following their marriage in 1987, Val gave Ed a book on tie-dying for his birthday. It contained three little tins of dye – enough to make three t-shirts. What started out as a simple exercise in "Dead Head" fandom soon blossomed into a career.

"Those first three shirts I made were not bad," said Ed. "They were actually pretty good. So I started making more of them. I ordered dye from an ad in the back of *Rolling Stone*, made tie-dyed t-shirts and gave them away."

By December of 1989 Ed's enlistment in the Navy was up, and Valerie was pregnant with their son. With no job prospects in San Diego they moved to Erie where Ed got a job working in his brother-in-law's business – Thomas Lee Printing and Mailing. He later was hired at channel 66 in Erie and continued to make shirts on the side.

ED AND VAL KURKAS: THE TIE-DYE TEAM

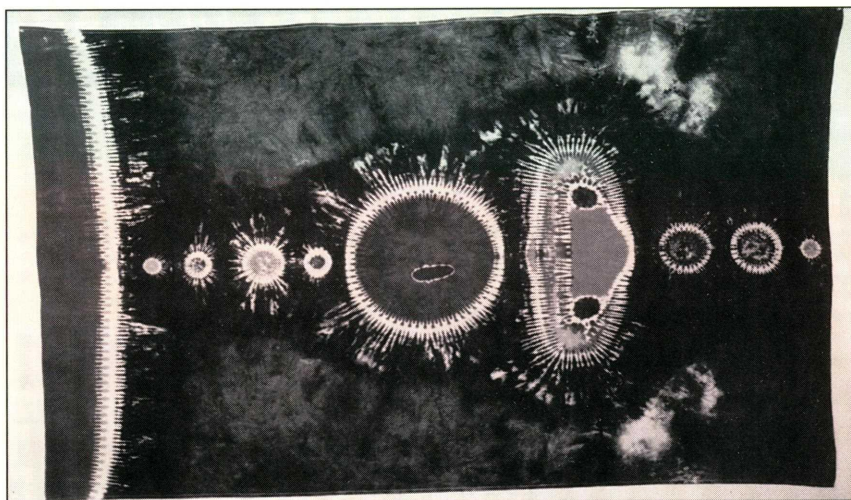
With a growing family and a need for more income, Val encouraged Ed to turn his hobby into a part-time business. The name they chose was natural enough – Grateful Ed's. They sold their shirts at craft fairs, and every Wednesday Ed drove two and a half hours to a flea market in Aurora, Ohio. In 1991 Ed enrolled at Edinboro to major in business administration. He walked to classes at the Porreco Center from their Millcreek apartment. His decision to go to college was also a great marketing move.

"Once I started going to class, people would ask, 'Hey, buddy, why do you wear a tie-dyed shirt every day?' So I started selling them in class and in a store in Edinboro. We never advertised – it was just word of mouth."

While Ed went to school, Val worked full time at the Elk Valley Medical Center as a medical secretary. It was still hard to make ends meet. Ed remembers lying in bed thinking to himself that he didn't want to be 60 years old and saying, "why didn't I work for myself?" He believed that if they tightened their belts it would pay off in the long run.

Ed graduated from Edinboro in 1994 and started pounding the pavement, but it took time to build a clientele. At one low point when he thought his dream would fail he went to see his former marketing professor at Edinboro, Sherry Reynolds. She gave him a pep talk and told him to stick to it.





"We want it to be a family business," Val explained, "and not just our family. If we were to employ someone, then they would automatically be a part of the family. We would love nothing better than to employ four or five people with children who could bring their children here and not have to pay for child care."

Valerie was all for it even though as the family bookkeeper she knew how bad off they were. "I didn't even show him the finances," she said.

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At that time they realized their tie-dye business would need a bigger house. Using the apartment's shared washing machines to make their tie dyes wasn't going to work. It took Ed a week to do 12 shirts. Now he can turn out three dozen a day.

So, why are tie-dyed shirts popular again?

Ed and Val say it's a number of factors. The pendulum of fashion trends has swung back in favor of '60s and '70s styles being in. Another factor is an improvement in the quality of dyes which chemically bond with the fiber. Ed says the colors are brighter and longer lasting. The cloth will wear out before the newer fiber-reactive dyes fade.

The Kurkases have developed several patterns for their products. In addition to spirals and circles, there are accordion, heart, Klingon, moondoggy, white lightning, tire tracks, royal V, and something called "anxiety." No, they haven't come up with a plaid design yet.

One of Ed's innovations is to think of tie-dye shirts as advertising space. He likes to use the circle pattern with a company's name or logo silk-screened in the center of the circle. He tested his idea by walking through the mall while wearing the shirt and a pair of sunglasses and watching people's eyes go right to the circle. "It draws attention," he said.

If there is one thing that sets Ed and Val's business apart from others it is not so much *what* they do, but rather *how* and *why* they do it.

"We want it to be a family business," Val explained, "and not just our family. If we were to employ someone, then they would automatically be a part of the family. We would love nothing better than to employ four or five people with children who could bring their children here and not have to pay for child care. It's not a consideration to most employers. You can't expect people to check their lives at the door. It's wrong to live that way. You only have so many years on this earth, and just because you have to make money to live doesn't mean that you shouldn't have a life. And if you have children, your biggest responsibility is to make sure those children become contributing, socially responsible citizens."

As dedicated as they are to the tie-dye business, the Kurkases do have other interests. Ed is a former disc jockey for an Erie radio station and, believe it or not, he is currently the mayor of Cranesville. Val is an undergraduate at Edinboro studying for a degree in math and computer science.

Also, Grateful Ed's is expanding into silk screening and using a process called "batik." They now do just one color silk screening, but would like to be able to do four color work in the near future. Batik is a process developed in Indonesia that uses wax to cover the part of the fabric not to be dyed.

"I don't believe I will be a tie-dyer for the rest of my life," said Ed. "Where it leads is anybody's guess." ☛



The election of Sharon, Pa., native Greg Sirb as president of the Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) may surprise area sports fans who remember him as a two-time All-American in wrestling at Edinboro University. But his rise to boxing's highest position is a natural progression for Sirb whose athletic career in both wrestling and boxing dates back to junior high school.

Sirb wrestled at Sharon High School and regularly qualified for the state tournament. He came to Edinboro on a wrestling scholarship in 1978 and by the time he graduated in 1982 he had accumulated 71 wins in the 118-lb. weight class – a record that keeps him among the school's top 20 winners. And while he wrestled during the winter, he boxed during the summer.

"I have always liked the man-to-man, in-your-face aspect of both sports," said Sirb.

After receiving his diploma from Edinboro with a degree in speech communications, Sirb attended graduate school at Penn State where he earned a master's degree in public administration in 1985. He then held a number of positions in Harrisburg including senior researcher for the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Council Corporation.

He became executive director of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission in 1990 and was elected vice president of the ABC in 1995. In May he was elected president of the Association, becoming the first Pennsylvanian to hold that position.

Sirb's election has come at one of boxing's most pivotal moments – the enactment of the Professional Boxers Safety Act which took effect July 1. One of Sirb's first duties as president was to testify on the legislation before a Congressional committee chaired by U.S. Sen. John McCain, the bill's prime sponsor. The hearing was televised by CSpan and CNN. "We are on the cutting edge," said Sirb. "There has never been federal intervention in boxing before. This is a first."

Sirb's mission as president is to bring consistency and professionalism to boxing, putting the sport on the same level with pro

GREG SIRB NAMED BOXING COMMISSION HEAD

basketball and football. The new legislation, which was signed by President Clinton, will go a long way toward doing just that. It requires all boxers to possess a federal ID card, ensures that all states uphold the medical suspensions of any professional boxer, mandates health or accident insurance for all boxers, and allows the ABC to hear appeals from all licensees who may have received non-medical suspensions from any jurisdictions in the country. The new law also authorizes the federal departments of Health and Labor to conduct feasibility studies regarding the implementation of a national boxing pension system, and the development of national health and safety standards.

Established in 1985, the ABC monitors and promotes the health and safety of boxing throughout the country, representing commissions from 42 states, Canada and Puerto Rico. Because the ABC does not have its own staff it must rely on the state commissions to carry out the mandates. For all of his responsibilities, Sirb says he gets no salary – only the headaches.

The ABC is not a sanctioning body, but it works with sanctioning organizations like the WBA, WBC and IBF to ensure that the new federal regulations are followed.

Sirb lives in Harrisburg with his wife Malorie (also an Edinboro graduate), their six-year-old daughter Madison and six-month-old son Raleigh. 🐾

Since the Mike Tyson biting incident set the boxing world on its ear, there have been questions as to what role Edinboro grad Greg Sirb would play in adjudicating Tyson's fate. Sirb said the incident would only come before the ABC if Tyson would appeal his suspension. The action by the state of Nevada is an administrative suspension as opposed to a medical suspension which means it would not necessarily be recognized by other states. But Sirb said that would be unlikely to happen.



If you were not able to attend Homecoming this year, be sure to look for all the exciting Homecoming details and photos in the next issue of the Alumni News!

Legacy Weekend 1997 – More Great Memories

The 1997 Legacy Weekend was again a wonderful weekend for families to gather on the Edinboro University campus and create some great memories. Many of our families are repeat attendees and often plan on this visit every summer. Others were new, and we hope that they, too, become annual participants.

Families checked in Friday and stayed in the residence halls. This is a great opportunity for children to see how Mom and Dad might have lived while attending Edinboro. Next, we made sure there was plenty of food and activities throughout the weekend. We started with a picnic Friday night at the Alumni House, followed by tie-dying, which is always a big hit with kids of all ages! Then the McComb Fieldhouse pool was open for free swim. Assistant director of admissions Kerri Watson was on hand to talk with those potential "Legacy" students who are considering Mom and Dad's alma mater for their college choice.

Following a breakfast buffet Saturday morning, we had planned to take everyone to Edinboro Lake for a day at the beach, but most families had other plans. There is so much to do in the Edinboro/Erie area. We had reports of people going to local county fairs, Waldameer Amusement Park and Water World, Lake Erie's Presque Isle State Park, and even fishing and golfing. We got together again at dinner for all-you-can-eat pizza and "dirt with worms" for dessert. The pool at McComb was open again, and there was a free movie on campus. Many also wandered into Edinboro for bowling and late night ice cream!

Sunday wrapped things up with the breakfast buffet and lots of good-byes. We made a lot of new friends, became reacquainted with others, and missed those we usually see who couldn't make it this year. This is one of our favorite events every year, and we're already looking forward to next year. So plan on spending a weekend next July with your family on the Edinboro campus!

"Forever Plaid" a Must-see Alumni Event

About this time last year, while reviewing the Erie Playhouse production schedule, the musical titled "Forever Plaid" jumped off the page. Without even knowing the storyline, we knew this had to be an Edinboro alumni event! Along with President and Mrs. Pogue, some 25 alumni and family attended the lively musical and a reception following. The four young men playing the members of a musical group who were killed on the way to their "big break concert," were given a chance at one last concert. The dialogue was funny, and the music from the '40s and '50s was great and got the audience involved. As a matter of fact, a member of our group ended up on stage. From our third and fourth row seats we had great interaction with the cast, and at one point they asked for a volunteer to help with a number. Ms. Betsy Kantz, daughter of alumni office secretary Barb ('94) and husband Kevin ('73), was chosen. Although she was a little nervous, she did a great job and received some gifts from the cast after being serenaded! It was truly a wonderful production and everyone enjoyed it very much. Thanks to those local alumni, and the Pogues, for making it a great event!



Edinboro graduates, staff, faculty, and friends joined the Pogues for the Erie Playhouse production of "Forever Plaid."

Edinboro Community Day at the Erie Seawolves

The second annual Edinboro Community Day at the Seawolves was a huge hit as the stands were sold out largely due to the fans from the Edinboro area. Among those fans were more than 800 alumni, University employees, their families and friends.

Through advertising, some 900 complimentary tickets were made available for distribution so general seating was free. Edinboro Mayor and University trustee Kip Allen gave pre-game remarks and threw out the first pitch. It was a great day for the Edinboro Community to show its support for Erie. And the Seawolves, a minor league baseball team associated with the Pirate organization, came through with a good game and the win.

Edinboro Alumni Attend Big-League Games Too!

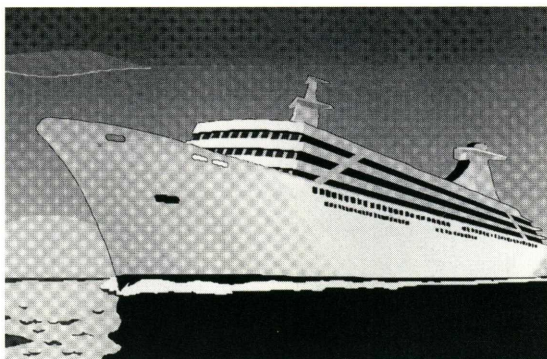
Our second annual Baltimore Orioles game excursion brought out 65 alumni with family and friends for a great night at Camden Yards. We attended a pre-game picnic right at the park, then enjoyed a good ball game, with the O's coming out on top. Alumni traveled from the Baltimore/D.C. area, Virginia, and Harrisburg, Pa., to attend. Everyone received Edinboro trinkets, and we also passed out some t-shirts and sweatshirts. We want to get 100 there next year and plan to expand our mailing to include all alumni in a two-hour radius, not just those in the immediate area. Many thanks to those who made this such a great event through their efforts, and a special thanks to Joe Palka '74 for organizing all the details!

Let's Go Cruisin' to Bermuda! August 15-22, 1998

Through a unique program with Crusin' Inc. and Norwegian Cruise Lines, a special group rate is being offered to alumni from universities of the State System of Higher Education. Because the ship will be setting sail from New York, a direct mail piece was recently sent to alumni in this region, and in a certain age range, but *anyone is welcome to go*. This will be a great opportunity to travel with family and friends! Maybe you're even friends with someone who attended Slippery Rock, Clarion, Lock Haven, or any of the others. Call them and get organized!

The trip includes the following:

- ✓ Round-trip deluxe motorcoach service to the pier in New York (pick-up sites to be established by Crusin, Inc.)



- ✓ Seven nights accommodations aboard the ship
- ✓ All meals aboard the ship (seven per day)
- ✓ Complimentary 24-hour room service
- ✓ All entertainment aboard the ship, including two Broadway style shows
- ✓ A Welcome Aboard party for alumni, family and friends
- ✓ A Captain's cocktail party and Gala Captain's dinner
- ✓ Fitness Afloat program and unlimited use of the health club
- ✓ And more!

There are several pricing options. For more information call the Alumni Office at 1-800-526-0117.

The booking deadline is **October 15, 1997**. If you have questions or want to make a reservation, please call Crusin' Inc. at 1-800-506-7447 and ask for Helen or Craig. A deposit of \$200 is due by October 15, 1997. Final payment isn't due until June 15, 1998. A payment schedule is available.

So if you've been wanting to take a cruise, now is the time! This is a great opportunity to take advantage of a great price, and to travel with other State System alumni!

Highland Ambassadors – Edinboro's "Best of the Best"

During the spring 1997 semester, President Pogue announced the creation of a new student organization, the Highland Ambassadors, which will showcase some of Edinboro's best student representatives. The purpose of the Ambassadors is to support the



The Highland Ambassadors

University and local community through service projects and to enhance the educational and social experiences of its members. They will also serve the University and its students of the past, present and future. Their mission is to promote Edinboro University, its interests and goals among future and current students, alumni and friends, and to instill in them the value of a life-long relationship with the University.

Students selected for the inaugural group had to complete an application and interview process and demonstrate specific criteria, including academic standing. They must also

maintain good academic standing and work a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service each school term, as organized by the group or its advisors.

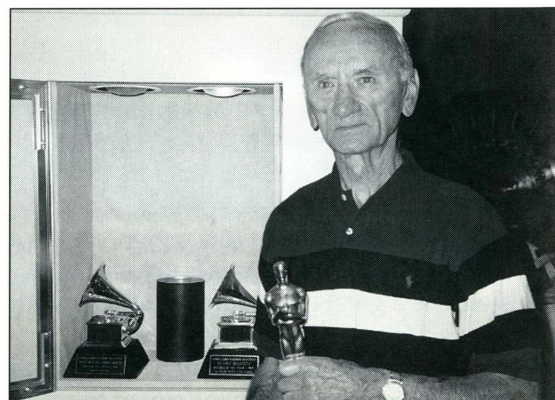
Identified later in the semester, some of the Ambassadors assisted with Commencement in May and Freshman Orientation in June. Activities related to the beginning of the new school year included freshman move-in day, the Candle Lighting Ceremony, and Inauguration week activities. They also elected the group's first executive committee and, in addition to service hours, must attend regularly scheduled meetings.

President Pogue appointed co-advisors for the group, Ms. Emily Sinsabaugh ('88), executive assistant to the president, and Ms. Janet Bowker ('84), director of alumni affairs. The Alumni Association Board also supports the idea of this organization and committed \$1,000 toward start-up costs such as blazers and a training retreat.

So, the next time you attend an alumni event or some gathering on campus and Highland Ambassadors are assisting, feel free to introduce yourself and tell them that you read about them in the *Alumni News*. They are a great group of students who will surely represent the University well.



Thirty-four Cleveland area alumni gathered in May at the Rock Bottom Brewery in the Flats. Everyone had a great time, and several alumni even volunteered to plan the next event. Special guests at the reception were Janice Edwards '84 and Lynne Zele '79 of WJW-TV in Cleveland. (You'll recall that they were featured on the cover of the Winter 1997 issue of the *Alumni News*.)



Michael Zahorchak '37 holds the Oscar won by former Aliquippa resident Henry Mancini for his score for the movie *Breakfast at Tiffany's*. Zahorchak attended the unveiling of Mancini's Oscar and two Grammys when they went on display last year in Mancini's hometown.



Fall Alumni Phonathon to Begin

For the past several years, the Alumni Phonathon has focused on increasing the amount of scholarship dollars available to students. Thanks to the support and generosity of alumni, many students are able to continue their college education.

This year, the Phonathon will begin on October 13 and continue through November 6. The focus of this year's Phonathon will be enhancing the number of computer stations/labs throughout the campus that are available to students. One of the main areas that will benefit from this initiative is the Baron-Forness Library. The library's card catalog is already computerized; however, additional stations are required to meet student needs. With your continued support, your alma mater can continue to provide the same quality education you received when you attended the 'Boro.

Your Employer can help the Annual Fund

Does your employer have a matching gift program? Not sure? Check with your human resource office for details on how you can double or even triple your Annual Fund gift. Some companies will even match a gift to a spouse's college.

Simply fill out your company's matching gift form and mail it with your check. The Development Office will verify the receipt of your gift and return the form to your company. Once the company check is received, your records are flagged with the match. It is an easy and convenient way to support your alma mater. Thousands of people around the country take advantage of this employer benefit and you can too.

1997-98 Annual Fund Underway

The 1997-98 Annual Fund began on July 1, 1997. This year the focus is to increase the number of on-campus computers available to students. It is imperative that Edinboro students have the opportunity to become

familiar with state-of-the-art computer technology, particularly since most organizations rely on computer technology. Edinboro University is in the process of upgrading its mainframe and the computer labs.

Last year, alumni contributed more than \$226,000 to the Annual Fund which provided valuable financial assistance to students. A special "thank you" to all alumni who supported last year's Annual Fund.

Scholarships Support Academic Excellence

As a result of the generosity and support of many alumni and friends of Edinboro University, our students continue to benefit through the University's scholarship program. Your alma mater continues to minimize the financial burden placed on our students through the University's scholarship program. Since the last issue of the *Alumni News*, the following scholarships were established:

- ✓ Gary Barbour Scholarship
- ✓ Paul Zarenko Scholarship
- ✓ JET Broadcasting Company Intern Scholarship
- ✓ Pre-School Education Scholarship
- ✓ Elementary/Early Childhood Education Scholarship
- ✓ Dr. David S. Snow Memorial Scholarship
- ✓ Bruce Manville Morrison Liberal Arts Scholarship
- ✓ Theo Sabin and Ludwig Meyer Public Service Scholarship
- ✓ Katzwinkel Art Scholarship
- ✓ Preferred Institute Education Services Award
- ✓ Dr. Richard A. Forcucci Scholarship
- ✓ Dennis D. Ranalli Scholarship

Edinboro needs your assistance

As Edinboro University continues to serve its mission, support from alumni becomes increasingly more important, particularly since state and federal student aid has not increased proportionally to rising costs. Your support of the scholarship program can make a difference in the lives of young people.

With your support, Edinboro will continue to provide students with every opportunity to develop their skills and knowledge to become the leaders of the future. For more information about establishing a scholarship or for a list of current scholarships and awards, contact the Development Office at 814-732-2992, fax 814-732-2996, or write to:
Institutional
Advancement,
Edinboro University,
Edinboro, Pa. 16444.



THE INAUGURATION OF FRANK G. POGUE

The week-long inauguration of President Frank G. Pogue was a memorable time in Edinboro University's history.

The next issue of the Alumni News will feature photographs of the activities and events.

The Board of Governors and Chancellor James McCormick of the State System of Higher Education formally inaugurated Dr. Frank G. Pogue as the 15th president of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania on Friday, September 12, 1997. The event was preceded by a week-long celebration.

Dr. Pogue became president of the University on July 1, 1996. His inauguration coincided with the start of the school's fall semester.

Inaugural week began with an opening celebration on Monday, September 8. The Voices of '97 Choir, an ecumenical gospel choir from eight Erie area churches performed, and a video presentation remembering Dr. Pogue's inaugural year was shown. A reception followed which featured the display of a University timeline: "Then and Now."

On Tuesday, a panel of senior and retired University faculty discussed "Remembering the Past: The Way We Were." Later that evening, an inaugural concert featured instrumental and vocal performances by the University's music department and a reception sponsored by the Alumni Association.

Wednesday featured a presentation titled "Celebrating the Future: Creating a Learner-Centered Environment" and Inaugural Community Service. Faculty, staff and students participated in several activities

including clean-ups in the Borough, on Lakeside and on campus, a car wash to benefit the Edinboro Lake Restoration Fund, a canned food collection for the Edinboro Food Pantry, and visits with Edinboro Manor residents.

The dedication of the Hamilton Hall Student Services Center took place on Thursday. As a result of an initiative inspired by Dr. Pogue, the building was completely remodeled to provide a "one-stop shopping" area to students for registration, financial aid and other essential services. The Frank G. Pogue Scholarship Dinner was held in Van Houten Dining Hall. The scholarship was created to attract and retain the very best students and to assist them in achieving academic and personal excellence. Proceeds from the dinner went toward the scholarship. (Emcee William A. Reed Jr., announced at the dinner that more than \$20,000 had been raised for the scholarship fund.) Following the dinner was a University Art Faculty Exhibit and reception..

Inauguration day on September 12 opened with the presidential breakfast with students in Van Houten, sponsored by University Services, Inc. The President's inauguration took place at 11:00 a.m. as part of the University-wide Fall Convocation. Among the dignitaries participating were Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge; R. Benjamin Wiley, vice-chair, State System of Higher Education Board of Governors, and chair, Edinboro University Council of Trustees; and Dr. Mary Burger, vice chancellor for academic and student affairs for the State System.

Following the ceremony, the Wood Company sponsored a reception in the University Center, and Dr. Pogue unveiled portraits of University principals and presidents painted by art professor James McMurray. Inaugural week concluded with the re-dedication of the newly renovated Compton Hall. ☛



New Appointments

Dr. Naomi T. Johnson has been named vice president for student affairs and student success. Before accepting her new position, she was associate dean of students at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Dr. Johnson earned her undergraduate degree in sociology from Moorhead State University and her master's degree in college student personnel from Ohio's Bowling Green State University. In 1985 she earned a Ph.D. in higher education from Arizona State University.

Dr. Johnson sees her role as helping to bring to life President Pogue's vision of community that centers around student learning and student success. "We're preparing them to be leaders of tomorrow," Johnson said.

Dr. Thomas H. Hartig has accepted the position of vice president for institutional advancement. His appointment, effective on August 16, came at the conclusion of a national search that began nearly a year ago.

Dr. Hartig is the former vice president for institutional advancement at Albany Law School (Union University), where he managed an institutional advancement division operating comprehensive programs in fund raising, public relations, alumni affairs, governmental relations and donor stewardship.

Dr. Hartig earned his bachelor's degree at Alma College in Alma, Michigan. He holds a doctorate from The Ohio State University and attended the Université de Paris, La Sorbonne.

"I have enjoyed a great deal of professional satisfaction and success in building and creating for institutions an internal and external community culture that is conducive to fund raising, and I look forward to working with President Pogue and the Edinboro Family in accomplishing our advancement goals," Hartig said.

Terry L. Smith has been named dean of liberal arts. Prior to his appointment, he was executive assistant to the president at the University of the District of Columbia.

Dr. Smith holds a bachelor's degree in history from Wittenberg University and a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

He began his career at Federal City College (the predecessor of the University of D.C.) as an assistant professor of philosophy. He rose through the ranks becoming associate professor, professor, and department chair, a position he held three times. In 1992 he was named assistant provost for academic program development at UDC before becoming executive assistant in 1996.

"I very much want to be part of the planning, community building and constructive change that Dr. Pogue is instituting at Edinboro," Smith said.

Dr. Eric Randall is serving in the position of dean of science, management and technologies. Dr. Randall is the former associate dean of natural and social sciences at the State University of New York, College at Buffalo, where he was a professor of biology since 1985.

Dr. Randall earned a bachelor's degree in biology from SUNY-Oswego in 1968 and a Ph.D. from Penn State University in 1973.

In his new position he will oversee the departments of biology and health services, business administration and economics, chemistry, geosciences, mathematics and computer science, nursing, and physics and technology.

"I'm dedicated to presenting the best education system that we can," Randall said.

Bruce Baumgartner, head wrestling coach and four-time Olympic medalist, agreed to step into the role of acting athletic director following the resignation of Jody Mooradian. He will serve in the acting role until a national search is completed and a person is named to the position permanently.

Baumgartner is universally recognized as the finest super heavyweight wrestler in American history. He was the 1984 Olympic gold medalist, the 1988 Olympic silver medalist, the 1992 Olympic gold medalist, and the 1996 Olympic bronze medalist. He holds a record 14 world and Olympic titles and was the 1995 winner of the Sullivan Award as America's finest amateur athlete.

Edinboro University has once again been listed as one of the top 100 schools in the nation which offer their students the best opportunity to maximize their education. The 1997 edition of Rugg's Recommendations on the Colleges lists Edinboro as one of only nine schools in Pennsylvania and the only university in the State System of Higher Education in its "One Hundred Colleges ... Just Darn Good Schools."

Paul Pecunas, a 27-year-old student at Edinboro who has athetoid cerebral palsy, received the 1997 Augmentative Communication and Empowerment Supports (ACES) Free Speech Now award. Pecunas is originally from Shenandoah, Pa., and now lives in Meadville. He is majoring in communications with a minor in special education. Despite the fact that he must use a motorized wheelchair and an augmentative communications device, Pecunas has a career as, what he calls, a "sit-down" comic. He performs in clubs in Meadville and Pittsburgh. It is for his work as an entertainer and his support of augmentative communications that he was honored.

Harold C. Shields of Allison Park, Pa., has been named by Governor Tom Ridge to the Edinboro University Council of Trustees.

A native of Creighton, Pa., Shields is currently the manager of employment strategies, university relations and diversity at Alcoa in Pittsburgh, where he has been employed since 1981. A two-time Edinboro graduate, he was elected to the Alumni Board of Directors this past summer. He holds a bachelor of science in education degree with biology certification and a master's degree in guidance and counseling, as well as training at the Advanced Human Resource Institute, Cornell University School of Industrial Relations.

"One-Stop Shopping" Concept Becomes a Reality

Students returning to the Edinboro campus this year had a pleasant surprise waiting for them. Thanks to innovations set in motion by President Pogue, students are now able to conduct all of their University business at one location. The newly-created office of Enrollment, Management and Retention (EMR) has transformed Hamilton Hall and encompasses the bursar's office, financial aid, scheduling, and records and registration.

Not only has the University consolidated services under one roof, it has taken steps to make those services easier to use and more efficient. EMR will soon be installing computers in the lobby which will allow students to conduct some portions of their business themselves.

Other moves:

Academic Support Services to McNerney Hall
Admissions Office to Biggers House
Center for Outdoor Recreational Experience to University Center
Faculty Relations to Reeder Hall
Foreign Language/Philosophy to Centennial Hall
Graduate Studies to Baron-Forness Library
Honors Program to Baron-Forness Library
Human Resources to Reeder Hall
Internal Audit to International Student Center
Legislative Affairs to Taylor House
Maintenance/Facilities to Earley Hall
Provost/VP for Academic Affairs to Reeder Hall
Psychology Department to Compton Hall

Social Work Department to Ghering Health Center
Speech and Communication Studies Department to Compton Hall
Theatre for Young Audiences to Faculty Annex

If you have any questions concerning the location of University offices, feel free to call the switchboard at 814-732-2000.

New Partnership Promotes Legal Education for SSHE Students

Students at Edinboro and the 13 other universities in the State System of Higher Education will have a head start on legal careers thanks to a new partnership program between the State System and Widener University which will provide special admission opportunities and scholarships for students who want to attend the Harrisburg campus of the Widener University School of Law.

The new agreement assures admission to Widener for qualified System graduates and allows exceptional State System students to earn their bachelor's and law degrees in six years, rather than seven. Additionally, eligible students will receive approximately \$300,000 in renewable scholarships to assist with tuition costs.

"This partnership is an excellent example of collaboration between a private university and a public university system," said F. Eugene Dixon Jr., chairman of the State System's Board of Governors, who also serves as chairman of the Widener University Board of Trustees. "Some of the System's best and brightest scholars now have the opportunity to earn a fine legal education to complement their strong undergraduate training."

System students will be able to earn both a bachelor's degree and a Juris Doctor in six years through the 3+3 Early Admission program. Students admitted to the program must meet the same criteria as the Express Admission enrollees and are required to complete a pre-law summer program at the Widener University School of Law.

State System Chancellor James H. McCormick said, "This partnership is tangible evidence of the System's commitment to increase access through collaboration, rather than expansion."



- * President Pogue attended the annual American Association of State Colleges and Universities summer Council of Presidents conference at Lake Tahoe and presented a paper on "Presidential Leadership in Combating Prejudice and Building Community."
- * Dr. Richard Forcucci ('64), speech and communication studies, was recently recognized for 25 years of service with the speech and audiology department at Hamot Medical Center.
- * Students Michael Maldonado and DeVaughn Robinson were selected as summer 1997 Anna F. Filley Study Abroad Scholarship recipients and traveled to Scotland and England, respectively.
- * Georj Lewis ('93), admissions counselor, was selected for the 1997 Black Achiever in Business and Industry awards program designed to help African-American youth develop life coping skills and educational goals.
- * The National Collegiate Track and Field Coaches Association honored students Sandra Sweet, Amy Perry and Travis Kuhl for maintaining at least a 3.25 grade point average and advancing to the NCAA Division II national championship meet.
- * Dr. Roy Brant, political science, was appointed recently by State Senator Jubelirer to the State Transportation Advisory Committee where he will serve on task forces for special studies that focus on two short-term transportation issues to be studied by the Commonwealth.
- * Dr. Thomas Walkiewicz, physics and technology, was elected secretary/treasurer of the American Association of Physics Teachers at the spring meeting of the Western Pa. Section.
- * Student Dorothy Feidler, a senior psychology major, received The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS) appointment for the fall semester. She is working in the Department of State Legal Counsel office for Deputy Legal Counsel John Henderson Jr.
- * Dr. Roy Shinn ('82), speech and communication studies, reports that Edinboro student performance results on the national examination in speech-language pathology reveal passing rates above the national norm, exceptionally high performance by the 1997 graduates, and significant increases in average test scores during the past three years.
- * Former Edinboro Council of Trustees member Edwin D. Dombrowski was honored by his fellow trustees for his service to students and other citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania during his term as trustee from November 14, 1990 to May 12, 1997.
- * Dusty Barton ('89, '92, '94), technology and communications, completed the 1996-97 Leadership Erie program, which is dedicated to the development of community leadership, involvement and cooperation in the greater Erie area.
- * Student Jason Eyer submitted the winning design for a community flag to be flown in the village of Findley Lake, New York. His design competed with 60 entries, including 16 submitted by students in Professor Diane Crandall's ('81) communications graphics design class.
- * Congratulations to co-advisors Katherine Miller and John Repp, student editors Patrick Donahue and Christopher Roman, the student editorial board and the writers and artists on the recent publication of the impressive new student literary magazine, *Ossian's Dream*.
- * Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and the Edinboro McDonald's restaurant presented a \$500 check to the Erie HIV / AIDS Food Pantry.
- * As reported in the April 23, 1997 edition of *USA Today*, Edinboro ranked 9th with 279 points in the final Division II winter standings for the Sears Directors' Cup, presented annually by the nation's athletic directors.

A new feature of the Alumni News, "Accolades" will highlight the accomplishments and activities of our students, faculty and staff.



NewsNotes



◀ '35 GLADYS DANIELS recently participated at a conference in Harrisburg on creating an "at-home" atmosphere in nursing homes. She was accompanied by her friend George and two animal mascots from the Susquehanna Lutheran Village, "Moo" & "Tater". Gladys resides at SLV 990 Medical Rd., Millersburg, PA 17061.

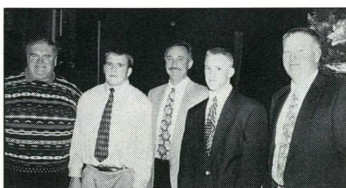
'51 EVELYN WHITE MINSHULL has published her 20th book, a murder mystery released from Baker Books, spring 1997. The title of the book is Familiar Terror. Evelyn retired from public school teaching after 25 ½ years but now teaches elderhostel classes and writers' conferences. Evelyn and her husband Fred reside at 724 Airport Rd., Mercer, PA 16137.

'64 Major General GARY S. McKISSOCK recently assumed command of Albany's Marine Corps Logistics Base. As the commanding general there, McKissock is also the commander of the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Barstow, CA, and the Marine Corps' Blount Island Command facility at Jacksonville, FL. Gary and Betty live in Albany, GA.

'65 R. GERARD LONGO has been selected by the Pennsylvania State Modern Language Association for its PSMLA Merit Award of 1997. Gerard is the superintendent of the Quaker Valley School District. The award recognized one individual each year who has given exceptional service in the promotion of foreign languages and cultural awareness. Gerard and his wife, Jacqueline, live in Pittsburgh, PA.

'67 JERRY CASS see '68 Steve Nishnick

'68 BARRY BECKER is a commercial insurance agent for Armorstone Insurance Services in Westlake, OH. He and his wife, Sandra, now reside at 135 Harvey Parkway, Avon Lake, OH 44012.



◀ STEVE NISHNICK and his son Brandon, and KEN WALKER '70, retired General McLane Football Coach, Jake Cass and his father JERRY CASS '67. Both young men were named 1st team all-state linebackers following the 1996 football season.

'69 BRUCE FRAZEE has been promoted to professor of education at Trinity University. Frazee is a specialist in elementary education with an emphasis on social studies and science education. He has been with Trinity since 1975.

KAREN SKADHAUGE LENZ is a Special Education Consultant with Heartland Area Education Agency. She has accepted a new position and induction into Delta Kappa Gamma Society International - recognition of women educators.

'70 DIANE CARROLL was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor as of July 1, 1997 in the Department of

Animal Science at Oregon State University. She is the first tenured woman faculty member in this department.

PAUL REICHART and MYRA KEISLER REICHART '70 have recently moved after 21 years in Bradford, PA. Paul is now the Copy Desk Chief for the Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise and Myra has recently accepted a position as a Communications/Organizing Program Specialist with the Pennsylvania State Education Association working out of Wilkes-Barre, PA. They have three children: Daniel, a graduate of Penn State and a Ph.D. candidate in Astrophysics at the University of Chicago; Jeremy, a 1996 graduate of EUP and a law student at Drake University; and Emily, a junior film and video major at Penn State. They reside at 208 Bear Run Drive, Beech Mountain Lakes, Drums, PA 18222.

ALEXIS KUCHEL is a teacher at Manchester Board of Education. She resides at 165 Deer Run Trail, Manchester, CT 06040.

GERRY BOSILJEVAC is a Park Manager for the Moraine/McConnell's Mill State Parks. On April 29, 1997 he was the recipient of an Outstanding Service Award from the Parks & Recreation/Environmental Education Department of Slippery Rock University. Gerry resides at 200 North Shore Drive, Portersville, PA 16051.

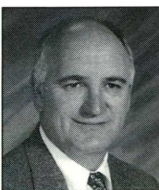
KEN WALKER see '68 Steve Nishnick

'71 JACKLYN MARTIN VALENTA is a Vocational Counselor for the AFL-CIO Appalachian Council. She was named Woman of the Year by the Beaver Valley Branch of the American Association of University Women. Her son, Tom, is a sophomore at EUP and very active on campus. He will be the Theta Chi Fraternity Homecoming Court representative. They reside at 917 Rose St., Baden, PA 15005.



◀ VICTORIA SCHRECENGOST CARNEY has started her own business in eldercare consulting called ElderHelp. She works with private clients in long-term care planning, health issues, and life and health insurance planning. Victoria and her husband Bob reside at 6610 Heidi Court, McLean, VA 22101-1606.

KAREN KRIVONAK DAVIS is a 3rd grade teacher for the Warren County School District. She recently graduated from the 2-year PA Rural Leadership program (RULE), based at Penn State University. Karen and her husband MARK DAVIS '72 reside at 10 Crescent Park, Warren, PA 16365.



◀ '72 DICK ASTOR has been named Superintendent of Schools for the Meadville area, effective July 1, 1997 for a 5 year contract. Dick and his wife LINDA LOGSDON ASTOR '76 reside at 15711 Kings Drive, Meadville, PA 16335.

BRUCE ROSE recently completed his MBA degree at Wake Forest University. He is an Operations Manager for the Bowman

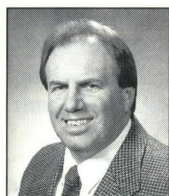
Gray School of Medicine. Bruce and his wife SANDRA KOMPARE ROSE '73 reside at 4545 Woodsman Way, Winston-Salem, NC 27103.

JACQUELIN TILLACK WILLMARTH is a first grade teacher with the Conneaut Valley Elementary, Conneaut School District in Linesville. She was named in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 1996 4th edition. She resides at 11075 Cervone Dr., Meadville, PA 16335.

'73 LINDA LEWIS is a financial analyst for Columbia Gas Transmission. She resides at P.O. Box 27, Clinton, PA 15026.

SUEELLEN PATTERSON SUMMERS is moving from China to Israel. She now resides at c/o Noga Ice Cream, 11 Shoham St., Kiryat Matalon, Petach Tikva, Israel 49170

'74 JACQUELINE DIPIETRO COLLIGAN has graduated from California University of PA with a master's degree in biology with a specialization in nurse anesthesia. She is an anesthetist for Brazosport Memorial Hospital, Lake Jackson. Jacqueline and her husband George reside at 59 South Bachelor Button Court, Lake Jackson, TX 77566.



◀ GARY CANONGE has been promoted to general sales manager at Marmon/Keystone's East Butler service center. Gary will have overall responsibility for the marketing functions at that location. He has held an outside sales position since he joined the company in 1980. He and his wife Elizabeth are the parents of four children and reside in Pittsburgh.

MARY ANN SERNIK would like to announce that her son Jason is a member of Edinboro University's 1997 freshmen class and not East Stroudsburg University, as previously printed in error. We are all proud to welcome him to our family!

'76 MARY MODZELEWSKI PALADINO is a school psychologist/instructional specialist for Monroe 2 Orleans BD of Coop. Educational Services. She resides at 243 Hilltop Lane, Spencerport, NY 14559.

ROBERT "BOB" O'SHEA was named Adult Probation Officer of the Year (1996) for the state of PA. He was named for his service to the profession and the community. Bob is an adult probation supervisor for the Crawford County Adult Probation Office. He and his wife Cathy reside at 749 Chestnut St., Meadville, PA 16335.

'77 RON OWENS is president of Fitzwell International, Inc. Ron and his wife Mary reside at 1265 St., Tropez Circle, Orlando, FL 32806.



◀ '78 GLORIA SAYLOR, resident of Knox and elementary art instructor for the North Clarion County School District, is recipient of the Pennsylvania Coalition for Arts in Education, 1997 Excellence in Arts Education Award for Region 4. Gloria and her husband Bill reside in Knox, PA.

GARY SUTTO looks forward to hearing from his fellow alumni. Please contact him at his web site found at <http://members.aol.com/gtsutto/utlhome.htm>. Or at his home address: Under the Light, 9732 60th Ave., South, Seattle, WA 98118-5819.



◀ ROBERT BISHOP was recently elected president of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Marketing Association. He is a sales manager for VCDS (a video and compact disc replication facility). Robert and his wife Diane reside at 507 Cresthaven Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15239.

'79 BETTY LEE LANG received a doctorate in education from University of South Carolina. She is a high school English teacher for Myrtle Beach High School, Horry County. Betty resides at 151 N. Myrtle Dr., Surfside Beach, SC 29575.

DEAN GRAVES is president/marketing communications for Vroman/Graves Associates, Inc. Dean and his wife Melanie reside at 2003 River Crossing Dr., Valrico, FL 33594.

STEPHEN ARCH was promoted to strategic plan/special programs/curriculum coordinator for Montour School District. Stephen and his wife Mary reside at 2197 N. Forest Grove Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108.

'80 RAYMOND YEAGER was promoted from firefighter to lieutenant, and emergency medical services officer for the City of Wausau Fire Department. He has also been an assistant wrestling coach for 13 years, 9 years of that with Wausau East High School. Raymond and his wife Colleen reside at 3737 Henry Street, Wausau, WI 54403.

ALAN LISCHY works in acute and chronic hemodialysis and nephrology. His wife Pamela is in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. They have three children: Colin, 9 years old, Ian, 6 years old, Rachel, 2 1/2 years old. They all reside at 9125 Pannier Road, McCandless Township, Pittsburgh, PA 15237-5436.

STEVE DUNHAM relocated to Bangkok, Thailand from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia as regional manager, Asia Pacific Operations. You may locate Steve at his e-mail address: sdunham@smith-intl.com

KATHY HARTMAN is a music educator for Phillipsburg Board of Education. She is also 1997 nominee for the New Jersey Humanities Teacher of the Year. Kathy is the artistic director/co-founder of Phillipsburg Summer Youth Theater. She resides at 568 Corliss Ave., Phillipsburg, NJ 08865.

DENISE DANFORTH WEYANT, after being a "stay-at-home mom" for 8 years, Denise received a kindergarten teaching position in Rappahannock Elementary. Denise and her husband JACKIE (JACK) WEYANT '81 reside at 513 Georgetowne Ct., Stephens City, VA 22655.

'81 JOHN CROSS was presented with the "1997 Music Teacher of the Year" award by the Fredonia Chamber Players. John is a music teacher with Cassadaga Valley Central School. He and his wife Amy reside at 7 Ellis Ave., Jamestown, NY 14701.

'82 LAURA STODOLSKY GILBERT is a speech/language pathologist for the North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc. Laura and her husband John reside at 5761 Regents Park Road, Kenersville, NC 27284.

'83 JAMES KASCHALK JR. is a teacher for Erie City School District. James and his wife Linda have three children: Nicholas, 6 years old, Chelsea, 4 years old, Ryan, born June 14, 1997. They reside at 1077 Smithson Ave., Erie, PA 16511.

THOMAS WORTMAN is a student at State College. He resides at 901 S. Allen St., Apt. A-3, State College, PA 16801-6025.

'84 KAREN GRASSO is an administrative secretary with Giant Eagle, Inc. She resides at 207 Stotler Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-3555.

CONNIE BOOTZ BUZARD was elected to the Erie Advertising club first vice president board position. She will progress to the president position in 1998/99 year. The club has 115 members in advertising and related professions. Connie is an advertising account manager for Donn Advertising. Connie and her husband Dave reside at 2942 Poplar Street, Erie, PA 16508.

'85 JULIANN HOEBEE is a health & physical education teacher for the Freehold Regional High School District. She started field hockey for her school and it is now being played by all the high schools in her district. She is also the varsity girls basketball, track & field hockey coach. Recently Julie was presented to the Princeton University USA Teacher of the Year Awards Committee. In May she was honored by being presented the "1997 New Jersey Governor's Teacher Recognition Program Award". Julie resides at 257 Norwood Ave., Long Branch, NJ 07740.

'86 KELLY SHARLOW is a self-employed graphic designer. She resides at 9555 Harding Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.



◀ '87 KATHLEEN TAYLOR is the coordinator for student affairs/counselor for Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM). She is employed with three additional Edinboro grads: BONNIE CRILEY '95, Financial Aid

Counselor, MICHAEL ADAMUS '97, internship from January '97 - June '97 and SUSAN LAZZARO '97, director of student affairs.

'88 JAY HUFF is a student nursing major at EUP. He resides at PO Box 151, Edinboro, PA 16412.

DON SLAUGHTER was promoted to security operations specialist in the corporate security department with Darden Restaurants, effective July 1997. In his new position Don will provide field support security services to both Red Lobster and The Olive Garden. Don resides at 5282 N. Orange Blossom Trail # 201, Orlando, FL 32810-1007.

'89 ELIZABETH BUJDOS SPIKER is a teacher with Enterprise School District. Elizabeth and her husband Spencer reside at 225 Weeks Dr., Enterprise, AL 36330.

RONALD WATKINS received his master's degree in school administration from George Mason University in May, 1997. He is a health & physical education teacher and head football coach with Fauquier County Public Schools. Ronald and his wife ELAINE GALBIER WATKINS '89 reside at 161A Fairfield Dr., Warrenton, VA 20186.

'90 AMY WATROBSKY YEATER is a behavior specialist with Martin County School District. Amy and her husband JEFFREY YEATER '89 reside at 723 E. Dolphin Dr., Stuart, FL 34996.

ELIZABETH (BETH) TAYLOR PHILLIPS is a member services administrator for Foodservice & Packaging Institute. Elizabeth and her husband Thomas reside at 10436 Rapidan Lane, Manassas, VA 20109.

JANE ALMARIE LEWIS has published a book of thoughts and poems titled *Imprints on the Heart*. Jane is a production assistant for Matrix Tool Inc. She resides at 2831 Chablis Dr., Erie, PA 16506.

WILSON MATTHEWS II is a flight nurse for Vanderbilt University LifeFlight. Wilson and his wife Kathleen reside at 300 Hickory Place, Nashville, TN 37214.

SHANNON COLE RIEGER is an associate account executive with Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield office in Erie. She works specifically with over 6,000 member companies that are in the Manufacturer's Association of Northwestern Pennsylvania (65,682 subscribers). Shannon, her husband Brian, and their first child, Gage, reside at 1147 West 28th St., Erie, PA 16508.

'91 JOHN CASSARA graduated with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree in June, 1997 from Life University. John and his wife NICOLE BENNETT CASSARA '91 reside at 6007 Lakes Divide Rd., Temple Terrace, FL 33637.

JIM TROHA has been recently hired as dean of students at Baker University. Jim and his wife JENNIFER WRIGHT TROHA '91 reside at 310 E. High St., Baldwin City, KS 66006.

TINA KEFFER has accepted the position of professional representative with Collate Oral Pharmaceuticals in March, 1997. Prior to this position she practiced as a full-time registered dental hygienist. Tina resides at 521 W. 6th Ave., Derry, PA 15627.

LEE ALVERSON is the owner of Backstage Productions. He has just released his national CD titled *Matter of Time* available at Norm's, Waves & Oasis stores. He is performing as the opening act for Barry Manilow during Manilow's summer '97 tour. Lee is also starring as the Phantom of the Opera in a show entitled *Broadway Phantasy* featuring Broadway songs and standards. Lee will also be performing in Edinboro for Homecoming, October 11. Please call the Alumni office for more information regarding his concert. Lee and his wife Amy reside at 1123 Monongahela Blvd., White Oak, PA 15131.

AMMAR ALAKER is an accountant for Palestine Industrial Investment. He resides at PO Box 456, Nablus, West Bank, Via Israel.

KRISTI KOTLINSKI CASTANZO has accepted a position as graphics specialist with Central Pennsylvania Business School within their marketing department. Kristi and her husband THOMAS CASTANZO JR. '91 reside at 4405-B Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17111. Thomas has been promoted to art director with TV Host. TV Host is a publisher of cable magazines with offices in Portland, Oregon & Harrisburg, Pa. He is responsible for the four color covers and wraps for the magazine and special cable marketing pieces.

TIMOTHY WEATHERBY see MARY SCARPINO '92 listed below.

'92 TRACY PASTOR is a speech-language therapist with The Day School at The Rehabilitation Institute. She resides at 337 Quincy Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15210.

RACHAEL REYNOLDS graduated in May of '97 with a master's degree and 4.0 overall QPA from Duquesne University. Currently she is teaching 6th grade in Clover School District of South Carolina. She resides at 6817-C1 Fisher's Farm Lane, Charlotte, NC 28277.

MARY SCARPINO and TIMOTHY WEATHERBY '91 would like all their Edinboro friends to know their new address: 132 Pinhurst Dr., Atlanta, GA 30339. They are finally together getting settled in their new place. They would like to hear from those they knew in their Edinboro days.

TODD HERRICK has accepted a guidance counselor position with Brown Jr. High School in Henderson, NV (a suburb of Las Vegas). He will counsel grades 6-8. Todd resides at 1800 N. Green Valley Pkwy. Apt. 1414, Henderson, NV 89014.

CATHERINE COX is an English teacher with Hampton Township Middle School. Prior to this position she taught 7, 9 & 11th grade English in the Galeton Area School District for 4 years. Catherine resides at 124 Constitution Ave., Saxonburg, PA 16056.

HOLLY MCADOO-ARNOLD is a soldier for the U.S. Army. She is an interrogator/linguist. Holly and her daughter Meg, 1 year old, reside at 1109 Maple Grove Circle, Leesville, LA 71446.

GREGORY SIRB, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission, was unanimously elected president of the Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) during its national convention in Biloxi, Mississippi. Greg becomes the first Pennsylvanian to serve as the ABC's president. He, his wife Malorie, and their two children, Madison and Raleigh reside at 3861 Dora Dr., Harrisburg, PA 17110-3617.

'93 REBECCA SIBLEY DEAL recently was hired as an art education teacher at Rochester High School. Rebecca and her husband BRIAN DEAL '93 reside at 1509 Third St., Beaver, PA 15009.

MARK ERHARDT received a Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.) degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) in May. He was also promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. Mark resides at 4996 Douglas Dr., North Olmsted, OH 44070.

KELLY RYAN MITTELMEIER is a school psychologist for Burke County School District. Kelly and her husband David reside at 1655 20th Ave. Dr. NE Apt. 137, Hickory, NC 28601.

GARY VENER is currently working on his Ph.D. in Criminology at I.U.P. He is a police officer for the Pittsburgh Police Department, Zone 2, Hill District. Gary resides in Pittsburgh.

'94 ALVA HARE completed a master's degree in physics at Miami University of Ohio. She is a graduate student at the Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Cincinnati. Alva resides at 21 West University Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45219.

TRISH MCCREA is a teacher for Fairfax County Public Schools. She resides at 5911 Prince James Dr. Apt. B, Springfield, VA 22152.

TRACY GORRELL is a teacher of intercultural communications and argument rhetoric at Robert Morris College, Moon campus. Tracy resides in Baden, PA.

MARK KAUFFMAN recently won a gold medal at the 1997 Empire State Games, swimming the 100 meter breaststroke and the 400 meter medley relay. Mark was a 3 time All-American while attending Edinboro. He resides at 4159 N. Buffalo St., Apt. 65-7, Orchard Park, NY 14127.

'95 JEFFREY BRINKLEY is employed with Excelsior Transparent Bag Manufacturing Corporation as a graphic artist/MAC LAN manager. Under Sifu Nicco Paradiso (Ma Suyi), Jeff has been raised to level of Sifu (Teacher) in Shao Lin Nan Quan. Jeffrey and his wife Lisa reside at 9 Gerry Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

KAREN O'BROCTA is a special education teacher in grades K - 2 for the Fredonia Central School District. Karen received her master's in deaf and hard of hearing education from Canisius College in May of 1997. She resides at 10564 Wilbur Rd., Dunkirk, NY 14048.

BONNIE CRILEY see '87 Kathleen Taylor

GREGORY DICKERSON was featured in the publication *Graphic Student Design '96* with his work titled "Whistle Stop". He resides at 28999 Shaker Blvd., Pepper Pike, OH 44124.

MELISSA EDDINGS has been named instructor of art at Ohio Northern University. She resides at PO Box 279, Edinboro, PA 16412.

DENNIS DUSZYNSKI and TAMMY EIMER DUSZYNSKI '97 are both teachers with Prince George's County Public Schools. Dennis and Tammy reside at 9730-R Covered Wagon Dr., Laurel, MD 20708.

BILL STOUFFER is an information systems specialist with Lord Corporation. He developed an Internet web site for the Edinboro Community at www.Edinboro.com. The site provides links to local business and residents along with an online calendar, classified ads page and an e-mail directory with an alumni listing. Bill and his wife LESLIE STOUFFER '94 reside at 12012 Skyview Dr., Edinboro, PA 16412.

PAMELA PERFILIO is a telecommunications relay associate with AT&T. She resides at RD #5 Box 630 Mercer Rd., New Castle, PA 16105.

'96 ASLI KOTAK is a technical consultant with Information Builders Inc. Asli resides at 9909 H Gable Ridge Terrace, Rockville, MD 20850.

MELINDA BYHAM is a student and graduate assistant with Edinboro University. She resides at PO Box 1077, Saegertown, PA 16433.

BRADLEY KEGERREIS is a sales associate with American Hollow Boring Co. Bradley and his wife KRISTI HOLLORAN KEGERREIS '95 reside at 3208 Glenwood Park Ave., Erie, PA 16508.

JULIE BLUME is a job coach for Vocational Guidance Services. Julie resides at 14417 Delaware, Lakewood, OH 44107.

BETH BARBARA is beginning her second year of teaching, from kindergarten to second grade, with Loudoun County Public Schools. MICHAEL BARBARA '96 is beginning his second year as a third grade teacher with Loudoun County Public Schools. They reside at 106 West O Street, Purcellville, VA 20132.

WAYNE RANDOLPH is a geologist with Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation. He resides at 42 West Broad St., Apt. 63, Palmyra, NJ 08065.

JENNIFER SHAFFER was recently hired as the title I liaison and will also be the coordinator of the summer school at Bullhead City Schools. She resides at 1570 Paseo Grande, Bullhead City, AZ 86442.

JULIE FRATARCANGELI recently completed the officer indoctrination course with the U.S. Navy. She resides at 834 Norfolk Naval Building #1530, Portsmouth, VA 23709.

CHRISTI DOLAN received a position of legislative assistant for State Representative Karl Boyes. Christi resides at 221 N. Main St., Cambridge Springs, PA 16403.

JAMES HOFFMAN recently accepted an offer to study at the University of Florida as a candidate for the Masters of Fine Arts degree in creative writing. James was one of five applicants chosen from a field of nearly three hundred. He resides at 13536 Waite Rd., Waterford, PA 16441.

TIFFANI REAVES is teaching elementary / special education with Columbus Public School District. She resides at 1910 South Hulmac CT. Apt. B, Columbus, OH 43229.

'97 HEATHER CALGARO is an intake access specialist with Southwood Psychiatric Hospital. She resides at 133 Greenwood Dr., Bridgeville, PA 15017.

MICHELLE BENEDICT WILSON is a speech-language pathologist with CareWorks, Inc. Michelle and her husband Sam reside at 106 D Cedar CT., Greenville, NC 27834.

MICHAEL ADAMUS see '87 Kathleen Taylor

SUSAN LAZZARO see '87 Kathleen Taylor

MARRIAGES

'74 ANN KLENK and Robert Marshall, September 13, 1997. They reside at 2821 Roesh Way, Vienna, VA 22101.

'86 ADRIENE NAWROCKI and Daniel Richardson, June 24, 1997. They reside at 58630 Morton St., Marathon, FL 33050.

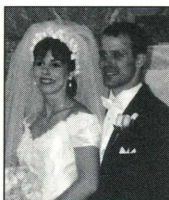
MATTHEW THEYER and Staci Fueshlin, April 19, 1997. They reside at 926 Lynwood Ct., Cranberry Twp., PA 16066.

'88 AMY FARKAS and Dennis Hickey, May 18, 1997. They reside at 113 Madeline Dr., Edinboro, PA 16412.

HELEN TROUTMAN and Melvin Cramer, May 16, 1997. They reside at 1024 Tom Paine Dr., Lancaster, PA 17603.

'91 LISA EIMERS and Dennis Burke, April 12, 1997. They reside at RR #1 Box 78, Forest City, PA 18421.

TERI MILLER and Bill Schanck, May 3, 1997. They reside at 153 Cool Creek Manor Dr., Wrightsville, PA 17368.



♦ CAROLYN PHILLIPS and David Sedlak, June 28, 1997. They reside at 3860 W. 213th St., Fairview Park, OH 44126.

JESSICA YOST and Russell Grabill, May 18, 1997. They reside at 5120 Settlers Park Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23464.

'92 CHRISTINE ANDREWS and Jeremy Priddy, May 3, 1997.

ERICA TIETZ and Garth Ploski, July 26, 1997. They reside at 958 H St., Meadville, PA 16335.

AMY FLICKINGER and Joseph Book, August 17, 1996. They reside at 16 Byerley Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15223.

'93 PAMELA PAGE and Mark Barton, March 8, 1997. They reside at 325 Lincoln Ave., Erie, PA 16505.

HOLLAND HORNER and David Culver, October 5, 1996. They reside at 3933-736 Sailboat Landing, Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

WENDY FITZGERALD and Miguel Gonzalez, April 20, 1997. They reside at 8 Stonegate Apt. D-3, Peekskill, NY 10566.

DEDE HOOVER and Aaron Regelman, May 17, 1997. They reside at 1716 Chama Ave., Loveland, CO 80538.

NICOLE KOMAN and STEVE WHITFIELD '92, June 28, 1997. They reside at 222 Parker St., Houston, PA 15342.

SHELLY FOSTER and Keith Flesch, July 5, 1997. They reside at 39 Chase St., 2nd Fl. Apt., Westminster, MD 21157.

MELISSA SCRIVEN and ROBERT SAGES '93, October 26, 1996. They reside at 2018 Applegate Dr., Concord, NC 28027.



♦ '94 RACHEL KONTICH and Randy Belich. They reside at 26730 E. Carnegie Park Dr., Southfield, MI 48034.

LAURA BISCHOFF and Gary Grosenbeck, August 30, 1997. They reside at 10 Gaston St., Easthampton, MA 01027.

BRIAN SCOTT and HEATHER SEMPLICE '94, June 21, 1997. They reside at 7000 Helen St. Apt. B21, Library, PA 15129.



♦ TAMMY HUFF and SCOTT TODD '94, November 16, 1996. They reside in Dallastown, PA.

KAREN HUELS and TOM VANCO '89, August 23, 1997. They reside at 25789 Blystone Rd., Edinboro, PA 16412.

'95 JAMI HALE and Charles Conn Jr., October 12, 1996. They reside at 3861 Willow Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15234.

JENNY BOSER and DAVID KWIATKOWSKI '91, July 26, 1997. They reside at 4353 S. 9 Mile Rd., Allegany, NY 14706.

HEATHER BARNES and Christopher "Kip" Miller, September 28, 1996. They reside at 3624 South St., Erie, PA 16510.

'96 CELESTE CECCHINI and ARUNAS VYTAS GAVER '97, April 27, 1997. They reside at 630 E. Town St., Columbus, OH 43215.

AMY CHAMPION and JOHN HILLARD '96, December 17, 1996. They reside at 603 Lunar Lane, Moon Twp., PA 15108.

JENNIFER STRAUB and THOMAS KOSTOLANSKY, July 19, 1997.

'97 MICHELLE BENEDICT and Samuel Wilson, II, June 14, 1997. They reside at 106 D Cedar Ct., Greenville, NC 27834.

BIRTHS

'76 CYNTHIA LARTER CICCIO and Leo, a son, Anthony Leopold, April 4, 1997. They reside at 544 Olive St., Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

'77 EDWARD BURAK and Susan Ann, a son, April 24, 1997. They reside at 9123 James Court, Aliquippa, PA 15001.

'79 HARRIET HARWOOD GORBY and Brent, a son, Scott Lee, July 17, 1997. They reside at Route 1 Box 59, Middlebourne, WV 26149.

ROBERT MARRIOTT and Deborah, a son, Cory Michael, May 17, 1997. They reside at 7 Aldershoot Road, Albany, NY 12205.

BARBARA STACK OBERLANDER and Richard, a son, Aaron Richard, January 31, 1997. They reside at 9433 Meadow Road, Allison Park, PA 15101.

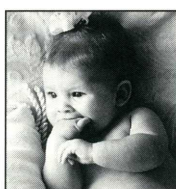
'80 TIMOTHY PILEWSKI and Regina, a daughter, Leah Elizabeth, May 23, 1997. She joins Paige Amelia, 9 years old, Nicholas Timothy, 6 years old, Jared Graeme, 6 years old & Claire Mary Alice, 2 years old. They reside at 9901 Old 99, McKean, PA 16426.

'81 KIM SNYDER BROWN and Ted, a son, Glen Thurman, May 16, 1997. He joins his brother Ted, Jr. & his older sister Summer. They reside at 661 Woodbine Dr., Carmel, IN 46033.

JOHN CROSS and Amy, a son, Grogory Wayne, July 27, 1997. They reside at 7 Ellis Ave., Jamestown, NY 14701.

CONSTANCE SEKEL SOVISKY and RANDALL SOVISKY '82, a daughter, Lauren Christine, February 27, 1997. She joins her brother Thomas, 5 years old. They reside at RD #1, 22549 Lakeview Dr., Cambridge Springs, PA 16403.

'83 JUDY BRADT BARNHART and Gary, a son, Samuel Adam, March 31, 1997. They reside at 10761 Pekin Rd., Newbury, OH 44065.



♦ ELEANOR FILLA BRUBAKER and Logan, a daughter, Abigail Grace, December 18, 1996. They reside at 360 Greenmont Circle, Alpharetta, GA 30004.

JAMES KASCHALK JR and Linda, a son, Ryan, June 14, 1997. He joins his brother Nicholas, 6 years old, and his sister, Chelsea, 4 years old. They reside at 1077 Smithson Ave., Erie, PA 16511.

MARIA DRAOVITCH STANG and Matthew, a son, Michael Matthew, May 5, 1997. He joins his sister Alexandra Elizabeth. They reside at 1467 Paddock Ct., Eagan, MN 55122.

MARLA RIVERS YASINSKY and Brad, a son, Brandon Scott, January 10, 1997. He joins his brother Tyler Douglas. They reside at 110 Vogel Rd., Butler, PA 16002.

'84 LISA HETHERINGTON FLEAR and Vince, a daughter, Christina Grace, June 6, 1997. They reside at 6500 Kris Court, Manassas, VA 20111.

NEIL HOFFMAN and NANCY SHIPLING HOFFMAN '84, a son, Luke Alfred, May 21, 1997. He joins his sister Andrea and his brother Joseph. They reside at RR #2, Box 345C, Ridgway, PA 15853.

CHARLINE RICHARDSON RITINSKI and Bill, a daughter, Virginia Orion, June 2, 1997. They reside at 30 Huntington Dr., Rumford, RI 02916.

CHERYL VINCENT WISENER and Rickey, a son, Joshua David, March 26, 1997. They reside at 20 Hall St., Sheffield, PA 16347.

'85 JEFFREY BRINKLEY and Lisa, a daughter, Samantha Taylor, May 1, 1997. She joins her sister Nicole Elise and her brother Travis Jeffrey. They reside at 9 Gerry Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

MARY ELIZABETH CHEROK-CHESSEY and Shane, a son, Colby Andrew, April 3, 1997. He joins his brother Michael, 7 years old. They reside at 9328 Ridings Way, Laurel, MD 20723.

ANTHONY "MARTY" MARONE JR. and Mary, a daughter, Marie Angela, August 12, 1997. She joins her brothers' Joey, 7 years old, Anthony, 6 years old and her sister Anna, 2 years old. The reside at 351 E. Main St., Bradford, PA 16701.

VALERIE KUHN ROSE and Mark, a son, Andrew Mark, May 27, 1997. He joins his brother Daniel, 4 years old and his sister Abigail, 2 years old. They reside at 3414 Woodhaven Dr., Erie, PA 16506.

'86 ANITA SCHIPPS ALLWARDT and Cliff, a son, Cody Paul, June 21, 1997. They reside at 5950 13th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710.

ROBERT D'ANGELO and Colleen, a son, Anthony Robert, March 21, 1997. He joins his sister Victoria Elizabeth. They reside at 155 Malone Ave., Aliquippa, PA 15001.

ANRIENE NAWROCKI RICHARDSON and Daniel, a daughter, Morgan Madison, July 21, 1997. They reside at 58630 Morton St., Marathon, FL 33050.

KELLY DYER OLSEN and Brian, a daughter, Piper Louise, January 7, 1997. They reside at RR #1 Box 150, Youngsville, PA 16371.

LISA LOBASSO WHORRAL and Greg, a daughter, Sydney Marie, March 5, 1997. She joins her brother Michael, 2 years old.

'87 LORI MCPHADEN ROLPH and TIMOTHY '86, a son, Kevin Andrew, July 9, 1997. They reside at 225 N. State St., Westerville, OH 43081.

TIMOTHY WARD and ELIZABETH OGILVIE WARD '87, a son, Kevin Edward, April 3, 1997. He joins his brother James Timothy, 3 years old. They reside at 16431 Messenger Rd., Burton, OH 44021.

STEVEN WHITE and Pamela, their second child, a daughter, Erin Marie, March 26, 1997. They reside at 336 Hillcrest Dr., Lower Burrell, PA 15068.

LYNN LOEWEL WOODROW and Mark, a son, June 18, 1997. They reside at 11937 N. Exeter Way, Raleigh, NC 27613.

'88 KATHLEEN MOLNAR ADAMS and Duane, a daughter, Abby Anne, January 20, 1997. She joins her sister Molly Marie. They reside at 165 E. 36th St., Erie, PA 16504.

BRAD BOWERS and Kathy, a son, Nicholas, May 26, 1996. They reside at 227 West High St., Kittanning, PA 16201.

ANNEMARIE SWIFT DONNELLY and Larry, a son, Grant Patrick, April 1, 1997. He joins his brother Drew, 2 years old. They reside at 38566 Beachview Dr., Willoughby, OH 44094.

PAM ZIEGLER LUTZ and GARY '89, a son, Tanner McBride, June 10, 1997. Pam and Tanner now celebrate the same birthday. They reside at RD #5 Box 542, Neshannock Twp., PA 16105.

ERIC PRENATT and Valerie, a son, Andrew Joseph, January 1, 1997. They reside at 204 S. Aberdeen Circle, Sanford, FL 32773.

ANN MARIE BAKER SCHLINDWEIN and Russ, a son, Isaak Leon, March 6, 1997. They reside at 1011 Queen St., Erie, PA 16507.

MARGARET "PEGGY" WHITE SIMPSON and Robert, a daughter, Bethany Kay, March 5, 1997. They reside at 45593 S.W. Seghers Rd., Gaston, OR 97119-9801.

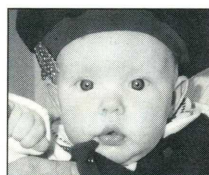
LAURA FARINA STEPHEN and Michael, a son, Isaac Nolan, June 13, 1997. He joins his brother Michael, 2 1/2 years old.

NANCY GIFFORD WILSON and TODD WILSON '89, a son, Connor Reed, June 8, 1996. He joins his brother Alex, 4 years old. They reside at 3513 Cokesbury Ct., Pasadena, MD 21122.

KIMBERLY MALARKY WITT and Charles, a daughter, Erin Marie, March 15, 1997. They reside at 109 Leon Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

'89 MICHELLE WALLACH ARRANTE and Joseph, twins, Nicholas Patrick & Christian Patrick, December 26, 1996. They reside at 757 Dr. Miller Rd., North East, MD 21901.

ANN RAUGHT BRUNNER and David, a son, Adam Darin, April 3, 1997. They reside at 3648-D Wales Ave., Massillon, OH 44646.



♦ LISA PIETROWSKI CAYWOOD and David, a daughter, Madeline Claire, November 11, 1996. They reside at 85 Inwood Place, Buffalo, NY 14209.

BRIAN FERGUSON and AMY RUBINSAK FERGUSON '89, a son, Troy David, June 6, 1997. They reside at 203 Constitution Ave., West Mifflin, PA 15122.

COLIN WEBER and DEBORAH FALLON WEBER '89, a son, Jack Nicklaus, October 9, 1996. They reside at 923 Locust St., Turtle Creek, PA 15145.

'90 DEANNA BIHON ERHARD and William, a daughter, Courtney Kathleen, May 31, 1997. She joins her brother Austin Blair, 2 1/2 years old. They reside at 110 East Hillis St., Youngwood, PA 15697.



♦ SHANNON COLE RIEGER and Brian, a son, Gage Allen, July 19, 1996. They reside at 1147 West 28th St., Erie, PA 16508.

'91 TINA FICKENWORTH CLAXTON and TOM '88, a son, Matthew Joseph, April 1997. He joins his brother Tommy, 3 years old. They reside at 6405 Spicewood Ct., Columbia, MD 21045.

DABNEY CONWELL, a daughter, Chelsea Mariah, March 15, 1997. They reside at 294 Greenvale Dr., S. Euclid, OH 44121.

ANNMARIE TERRY FEIGH and Thomas, a son, Tyler William, June 19, 1997. He joins his brother Andrew Thomas, 7 years old. They reside at 13 Bonney Lane, Hampton, VA 23669.

APRIL STAHLMAN HARRIGER and Timothy, a son, Nicholas Parker, July 11, 1997. They reside at 1306 Surrey Rd., Macon, GA 31220.

PETE MARSICO and KELLY MCCORMICK MARSICO '91, a daughter, Mallory Catherine, March 21, 1997. They reside at 11754 Harbour Light Dr., North Royalton, OH 44133.

'92 ELENA OBERRATH JONES and BLAIR '95, a son, Tyler Michael, March 31, 1997. They reside at 938 W. 29th St., Erie, PA 16508.

COURTNEY SABLE KUZMINSKI and Kenneth, a son, Joel Kenneth, February 10, 1997. They reside at 1225 Boundary St., Aliquippa PA 15001.

ANNMARIE HITE STEWART and Robert, a son, Justin Scott, February 17, 1997. He joins his brother Zachary James. They reside at 562035 Willoughby Newton Dr., Centerville, VA 20120.

'93 JENNIFER and MASRUR SYED '93, a daughter, Miriam Elizabeth, August 9, 1997. They reside at 1113 Franklin St., Apt. E, Sandusky, OH 44870.

'94 PATRICK KNAPP and VICTORIA MITRUS KNAPP '93, a daughter, Sarah McKenzie, July 10, 1997. They reside at 196 Brookside Dr., Hope, IN 47246.

CHRISTINE HEINEMAN RYS and Joseph, a son, John William, May 7, 1997. They reside at 424 Beachgrove Dr., Erie, PA 16505.

'95 JEFFREY BRINKLEY and Lisa, a daughter, Samantha Taylor, May 1, 1997. They reside at 9 Gerry Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

IN MEMORIAM

'24 Leona Parker, March 17, 1997
'25 Carleta Mullian Daggitt, March 18, 1997
'26 Marian Baker Blodgett, April 27, 1997
'26 Bernice Keefe Schehr, April 28, 1997
'26 Mabelle Willmarth, January 15, 1997
'26 Helen Huckelbery Meissel, June 17, 1997
'27 Josephine DeLaura Poletz, April 12, 1997
'30 Lois Knowlton Young, June 10, 1997
'32 Suzanne Hetra, April 27, 1997
'35 Albert Alessi, July 1, 1997
'35 Ruby Busch, April 11, 1997
'35 Norman Gross, June 6, 1996
'37 Emily Sabela McCommons, May 18, 1997
'47 Margaret Exley, March 28, 1997
'52 Charles Oldach, May 8, 1997
'69 Eugenia Sanford Storch Hatfield, May 2, 1997
'70 Shirley Jun Gombert, April 29, 1997
'74 Jeffrey L. Johnson, July 19, 1997
'75 Robert Engelbert Jr., June 26, 1997
'75 Frederick Whiteside Jr., June 11, 1997
'83 Stephen Pursell, May 3, 1997
'86 Maureen Maher Moore, August 19, 1994
'93 Charles Wilson Jesse, March 22, 1997

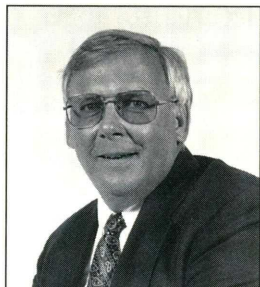
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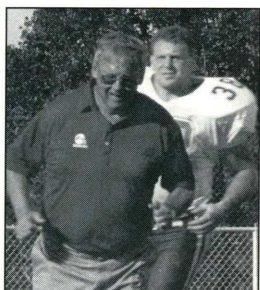
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Head football coach
Tom Hollman



Football Outlook

Edinboro head football coach Tom Hollman begins his 10th season at the Fighting Scot helm on a mission to lead the program to another Pa. State Athletic Conference Western Division championship and back into contention for the NCAA Division II national title.

The Fighting Scots, who have qualified for the NCAA playoffs five times since 1989, posted a 6-4 record last season, playing perhaps the toughest schedule in school history. While 1997's slate is similar – three Division II playoff teams from a year ago, including the national runnerup and another national semifinalist – Edinboro's attitude toward success is not.

"Our off-season workouts have been as good as I've ever seen," said Hollman, the winningest coach in Edinboro history with a 67-28-2 record in nine years. "Our players are unified and driven this year. We play a tough schedule again, but I think we'll be ready.

"Our secondary should be very solid," said Hollman. "We have a first-team All-Conference player returning in safety Brian Decker. We also have a few new players who should make immediate impacts."

Edinboro's offense will feature an experienced offensive line and a new quarterback. Junior Bryan Smetanka was the Scots' number-one signal-caller during spring practice, but he will be pushed for playing time by freshman Brian Caldwell of Erie's McDowell High School. "The fact of the matter is, we don't know who our starting quarterback will be yet," said Hollman.

Women's Soccer Outlook

After experiencing the normal growing pains of a first-year collegiate athletic program, women's soccer coach Gary Kagiavas is very optimistic about the program's second season of competition. "The development during the past nine months has made me believe we are capable of having a winning season in just our second year," Kagiavas said.

"I'm excited and very anxious for the upcoming season. We brought in some outstanding local players we think will contribute greatly in their first season. Plus, we have a solid nucleus of players returning from last year's squad."

Leading the group of returnees is sophomore Cara Peyton who led the team in goals, assists and total points last year.

Women's Cross Country Outlook

Uncharacteristically unsure of his team's prospects, head coach Doug Watts still expects to be in contention for a top ten national finish. "On the one hand, I want to say we are really tough . . . but circumstances require me to say we might only be good," said Watts.

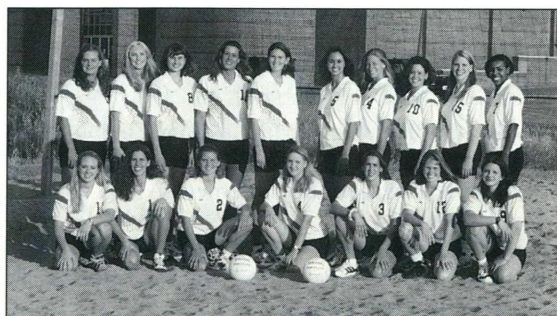
One thing that Watts does express certainty about is what could be one of the best athletes to ever run for Edinboro – Amy Perry. "She's one of the best Edinboro runners ever, male or female, in her ability to focus on what she has to do, especially in competitive situations," said assistant coach Jeff Foster.

Though untested and a source of Watts' apprehension about the 1997 season, Edinboro has a talented incoming freshman class. His final thoughts on the upcoming season include the hope for a top ten finish at nationals. The Edinboro women runners have been known to surprise the field, and this year a solid group of returners should help them reach their goals.

Volleyball Outlook

With a solid nucleus of ten returning players, the Edinboro volleyball team is well on its way to post-season play. "These girls are amazing," said head coach Lynn Theehs. "They have worked extremely hard in the off season. They met all their training goals and came back asking for more. They want to be the best they can be and are taking the strides necessary to achieve their goals."

With no seniors on the 1997 roster, seven juniors will be leading the way, with the assistance of three sophomores and five incoming freshmen.



"I am so excited about this year," said Theehs. "The girls have worked so hard that anything less than a trip to the Elite Eight would be a disappointment."

Thompson Ready to Assume Leadership Role for Scots

by Rhonda Adsit
Edinboro Sports Information

In an age where many athletes, professional and student alike, are plagued by trouble, it is refreshing to know that Edinboro University football player Gerald Thompson willingly accepts the charge of being a positive role model both on and off the field.

"Coming up, I was one of those kids who needed a role model to strengthen me to grow up in the right way," said Thompson. "Growing up in Hopkins Village (in Pittsburgh), where it is predominately at a poverty level, I needed a role model. My teachers served that need for me, and because I have a love for kids, I try to lead them positively, instead of them growing up doing the wrong things, going to jail, selling drugs and all of the negative things."

Thompson's sense of responsibility, coupled with his work ethic and on-the-field accomplishments, have earned him the respect of his teammates and coaches.

Thompson, a two-time All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference selection and the league's Rookie of the Year in 1995, will lead a host of talented running backs into the 1997 season. The 5-10, 212-pound junior running back has accumulated 1,899 yards and 17 touchdowns in his first two seasons at Edinboro. With two years remaining, he could make a strong run at numerous school records.

Expectations were high for Thompson last year as he entered his sophomore season, but with the death of his mother, Thompson found himself facing an unfamiliar opponent.

"When my mom died, I was so messed up. My head and heart were no longer in the game," said Thompson.

Trying to fulfill family responsibilities, his football commitments, as well as his academic requirements was a struggle which kept Thompson off the field in several games as coaches elected either not to play him or to use him sparingly. While Thompson

acknowledges this was for the best, he still was frustrated by what he felt was a mediocre year at best. His frustration, coupled with the pain of losing his mother, almost brought about an end to his football career.

"The 1996 season was a slump season for me. My mom's death and having to worry about how my sister (Alene) and I were going to overcome the situation, football, academics . . ." Thompson reflected.

"Coming into the '97 season I am just using my Mom's death as a motivator to strengthen me to get through the season, and also the classes. To get this degree that she left seeing me striving for. I just look forward to coming up and being a team leader and motivator, as well as a good player in the PSAC.

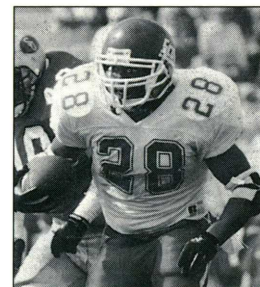
"The team treats each other with much respect and we've been stressing winning every day," Thompson continued. "Winning, unity, and being a family. Those have been our main words during camp."

After struggling for nearly eight months, what was the driving force to help him gather himself and return to Edinboro and football with this new outlook on life?

"Last spring I was so down and had second thoughts about coming back to school and giving up on football," Thompson replied. "During the summer I was just thinking my grades were down; I didn't know what I wanted to do. One morning I woke up my sister and I told her that I felt weak, I felt lost. I felt like I didn't know what I wanted to do. I was talking to my friends about the same thing and everyone told me that I 'had to get it done.' I had to suck it up because it was at the point where I was going to show myself, my family, and everyone who looks up to me just what kind of guts I have. I had to make a decision to be one-track minded, come up here and go all out in the classroom and on the football field.

"Coming into June, after my 24th birthday, I knew what I had to do. My sister, my girlfriend (Terera Pope) and my little son are the people that I look to strengthen me; to know what I have to do in the classroom to get it done. Because if I don't get it done in the classroom, I'm going to be here forever."

An elementary education major, Thompson accepts the challenge of being both an educator and a mentor for young children.



Gerald Thompson,
1995 PSAC Rookie of
the Year

Anyone interested in the latest events and results of Fighting Scot athletics now has two options available to them. First, information is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.edinboro.edu>. This improved site, now in its second year, gives you the opportunity to view schedules, outlooks, game recaps, and other information. You can also access the PSAC Fax-on-Demand system at 770-399-3066 from the handset of any fax machine. The PSAC pass code is 7722.

If you are short on time, call the new Fighting Scot hotline (814-732-2776, ext. 313). This new addition will give you updated results of Fighting Scot athletics.

For more information or to make suggestions, e-mail Shawn Ahearn at sahearn@edinboro.edu.

"I was one of those kids who needed a caring teacher. I want to be that sort of person for other kids . . . I have the love for it."

As far as going to class, there isn't a professor who can't say Gerald Thompson isn't in class. "I want the degree, and therefore I am willing to get up every morning, whether it's snowing, raining, whatever. I make the sacrifice to get up out of bed and get to class. There have been too many people come up, do it the wrong way and after a semester they're out. I won't let that happen."

Thompson also credits former Edinboro All-American Mike Sims, a native of Wilkesburg's tough neighborhoods, and his coaches for helping him through the roughest times.

"Mike and I were roommates. We had a bond where we understood each other and could talk about anything. As a freshman, I looked to him to help me figure out what college was about. If I had questions, Mike went all out to help. I want to be that sort of mentor to the young guys coming in, and do for them, what was done for me."

"Coach Browning is a great coach. He is a great motivator. His whole game is intensity and attitude, and, you know, I like that. He talks about attitude and intensity and then he uses me as his example. I love to see Coach Browning happy. When he's happy, he makes me happy. When he's down I know the offense had better step our game up or it's going to be a long day."

Thompson also has formed a very special relationship with running back coach Mike McCoy.

"We've had our ups and downs, but through last summer he stuck by me. He knew I was struggling, my grades were down last spring, but he stuck by me and kept me motivated to come up here, bust it out, get it locked in, get in shape . . . He wants me to be at my best and our relationship is above and beyond football."

Thompson credits head coach Tom Hollman as the one person who always knew he could achieve great things.

"Coach Hollman is a great guy," he said. "He was the only one who picked me up when I was laying back thinking my football career was over after my experience at Pitt."

"After I talked to my guidance counselor, Jack Radowski, Coach was in my apartment the next day asking me if I wanted to be a

Scot. I wasn't qualified. He told me what I had to do and got me up here. He made me think, 'what your mind believes, your body can achieve.' I use that as a stepping stone in any situation. He gave me the tools to overcome adversity, play football, and succeed in the classroom. I look at him as a role model. When you talk to Hollman it has to be eye to eye, man to man . . . He knows when you are serious."

"I never had dreams of being all-conference, Rookie of the Year, a junior – I never thought I'd make it to my junior year and then graduate. I never thought I'd graduate when I was sitting at home. Coach Hollman put it in my ear that I could do it, and here I am doing it."

"Edinboro was the right place for me to come. The coaches and the smaller classrooms . . . I need that one-on-one counseling that professors here willingly give. I needed that help and Edinboro gives me those things I need to help me stick with it and get the degree."

When asked what makes Edinboro attractive to prospective student-athletes, Thompson replied, "It's a Division II school, but I feel that it is more intense than a Division I. We see more scouts on the field here than I saw down at Pitt. At D-I it is like everything is given; D-II, you have to work and put yourself out there, it isn't going to come to you – you have to work for yours and I believe in hard work. I believe that hard work brings success. We believe in winning, we have winning seasons each year, and we believe in strong academics."

Thompson has dreams of playing in the National Football League after graduation, especially for his hometown Steelers. He realizes to make his dream a reality he must set himself apart from the norms in every practice and game – in every aspect of the game.

"I can run, catch, block. I can do them all, I just need to do them better than everyone else if I want to continue playing ball. I use that to drive me through practices and games or hitting the weights."

With his degree in sight, Thompson relishes the thought of going after his dreams. Whatever the future holds for him, one can be certain that Gerald will leave behind a legacy of hard work and commitment that allows him to be what he wants most, a positive role model for everyone. 



Alumni Events

- November 1
Science Saturday (on campus,
this is a date change)
- November 2
Grove City Outlet bus trip
- November 9
Edinboro University Women's
Association Christmas House
Tour
- November 13-17
Men's basketball at the Disney
Tip-off Classic and reception
with alumni, Orlando, Fla.
- December 14
Senior Family Brunch and
Commencement
- February 15
Family Event - Pittsburgh
Ballet Theater - "Coppelia"

Football

- Sept. 6HILLSDALE
Sept. 13at Carson-Newman
Sept. 27GLENVILLE STATE
Oct. 4at Shippensburg
Oct. 11CALIFORNIA
(Homecoming)
Oct. 18at Slippery Rock
Oct. 25INDIANA
Nov. 1at Cheyney
Nov. 8at Clarion
Nov. 15LOCK HAVEN



Men's Basketball

- Nov. 14-16at Disney Classic
Nov. 22W. VA. WESLEYAN
Nov. 25GANNON
Nov. 29LAKE ERIE
Dec. 1POINT PARK
Dec. 3HILBERT
Dec. 4at Pitt-Bradford
Dec. 17MERCYHURST
Dec. 30at Wheeling Jesuit
Jan. 3ROBERTS WESLEYAN
Jan. 7SLIPPERY ROCK
Jan. 10at Lock Haven
Jan. 14at Indiana
Jan. 17at Shippensburg
Jan. 19D'YOUVILLE
Jan. 21CENTRAL STATE
Jan. 24CALIFORNIA
Jan. 26at Mercyhurst
Jan. 28CLARION
Jan. 31LOCK HAVEN
Feb. 2at Gannon
Feb. 4at Slippery Rock
Feb. 7SHIPPENSBURG
Feb. 11INDIANA
Feb. 15PITT-JOHNSTOWN
Feb. 18at Clarion
Feb. 21at California
Feb. 24PSAC

Swimming

- Oct. 11RED / WHITE
Oct. 31at Pre-season opener
Nov. 1at Fairmont
Nov. 7EDINBORO RELAYS
Nov. 8at Gannon
Nov. 14at Washington & Jeff.
Nov. 15at Grove City
Nov. 22ALFRED
Dec. 5-7at Youngstown State
Dec. 12at Baldwin-Wallace
Jan. 17at Oberlin
Jan. 31SLIPPERY ROCK
Jan. 31MANSFIELD (women)
Feb. 3BUFFALO STATE
Feb. 7at Indiana
Feb. 15Pa. Last Chance Meet
Feb. 19PSAC

Women's Basketball

- Nov. 8at Univ. of Toronto
Nov. 14-15at Kutztown Tourn.
Nov. 24at Westminster
Nov. 25SETON HILL
Nov. 29-30FIGHTING SCOT INV.
Dec. 5-6at Bloomsburg Tourn.
Dec. 19-20at Bluefield College
Dec. 29-30at San Francisco St.
Jan. 2-3at Cal State-Stanislaus
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Feb. 24PSAC

Wrestling

- Nov. 19at Penn State
Nov. 22at Eagle Open
Dec. 5-6at Las Vegas Inv.
Dec. 29-30at Midlands Tourn.
Jan. 9-10at Virginia Duals
Jan. 17OHIO UNIV. and
BUFFALO UNIV.
Jan. 18at Lock Haven
Jan. 24OHIO STATE
Jan. 25BLOOMSBURG
Jan. 30-31PSAC
Feb. 6at Clarion
Feb. 14EDINBORO OPEN
Feb. 20at Pitt
Feb. 22W. VA. UNIV.
Feb. 25at Cleveland State
Mar. 6-7EWL CHAMP.
Mar. 19-21NCAA Div. I Nat'ls



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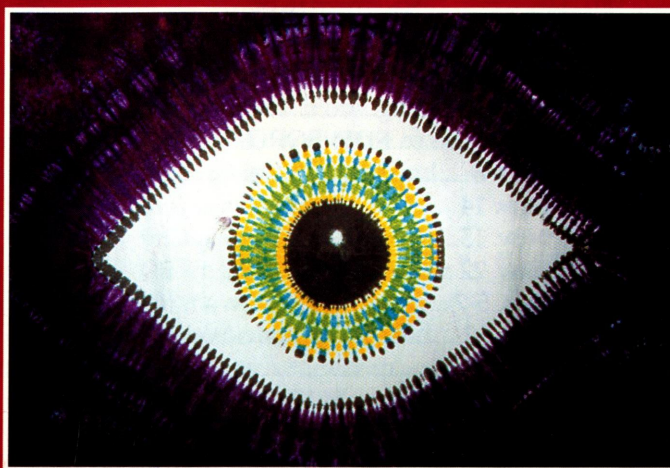


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