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How Could We? Two grievous errors appeared in our last edition. The article on stuttering that appeared on pages 11-12 was really written by Erie *Times-News* staff writer David Bruce, not Dana Massing. Even worse, on page 39 we called Josh Koscheck, who appears on this edition's cover, John Koscheck. Our apologies to both David and Josh.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS



Admittedly, I never gave much thought to the sport of wrestling before I arrived at Edinboro University. Then I became so intensely interested that I found myself staying up half the night in hopes of seeing Bruce Baumgartner – then our head wrestling coach and now our athletic director – win his fourth consecutive medal at the 1996 Olympic Games. Which, of course, he did.

Few of us will ever have the chance to know up close athletic champions of national and international calibre. But throughout those 1996 Atlanta Olympics – seeing Bruce carrying the American flag and leading the U.S. team in the opening ceremonies and then following Bruce and our other Olympian Lou Rosselli (now our assistant wrestling coach) in their matches – I was truly honored to know that these outstanding athletes represented not only this great nation and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, but Edinboro University as well.

We now have another champion on our campus. He is wrestler Josh Koscheck, who recently became Pennsylvania's lone 2001 NCAA Division I national champion, and only the second collegiate national champion in Edinboro University history following Sean O'Day's national wrestling championship in 1989.

Josh has compiled an outstanding mat record while a student-athlete here at Edinboro. He is a three-time All-American, a three-time Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference champion, a two-time Eastern Wrestling League titlist, and, with his 2000-2001 season record of 42-0, the first Fighting Scot wrestler ever to earn a perfect record.

You will meet Josh Koscheck in this issue and learn more about this fine young junior from Waynesburg, Pa. I hope you share my unabashed pride in his momentous achievement and the promise of more to come. He has a chance to become Edinboro's first four-time All-American and the first ever to win two national championships.

Frank G. Pogue, President
Edinboro University

On behalf of the Alumni Association and its Board of Directors, I extend congratulations to Josh Koscheck on earning a national championship. What a wonderful tribute to a fine young man and the wrestling program at Edinboro University. The Alumni Association has supported the athletic program in various ways over the years. Annually there are funds budgeted for advertising in athletic event programs, for golf outings and dinner sponsorships, the Hall of Fame, and through the administration of numerous athletic-related scholarships.

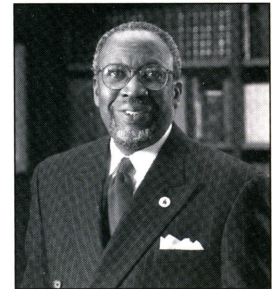
The Alumni Association also supports the University and all students through a wide variety of programs. Every year budget support is directed to the Commencement Brunch, lapel pins for the new graduates, the Highland Ambassadors, the University Discretionary Account, the Highland Games, various promotional items, and more – totaling more than \$65,000 a year. Additionally, the Association provides \$40,000 annually for Alumni-Admissions Grants. It has created four different \$25,000 endowments and administers thousands of dollars annually in various scholarship awards.

The Association would not be able to provide this kind of support without your help. In addition to the annual fund, the Alumni Association often enters into programming and services to benefit alumni, such as a VISA credit card, group insurance, and long-term health planning, which also generate unrestricted revenue that can be directed as needed. Additionally, the Alumni Board manages a strong investment program to provide longevity for all of its endowments.

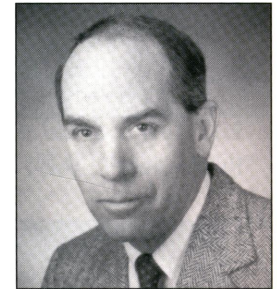
And, of course, the Association is supporting and promoting the Fighting Scot Statue project to provide an area for students and alumni to gather, as well as to instill pride and spirit in the Fighting Scots!

Again, congratulations, Josh! You will undoubtedly be an alumnus we will be very proud of, as we are of all our 40,000 alumni around the world!

Daniel Higham '70, President
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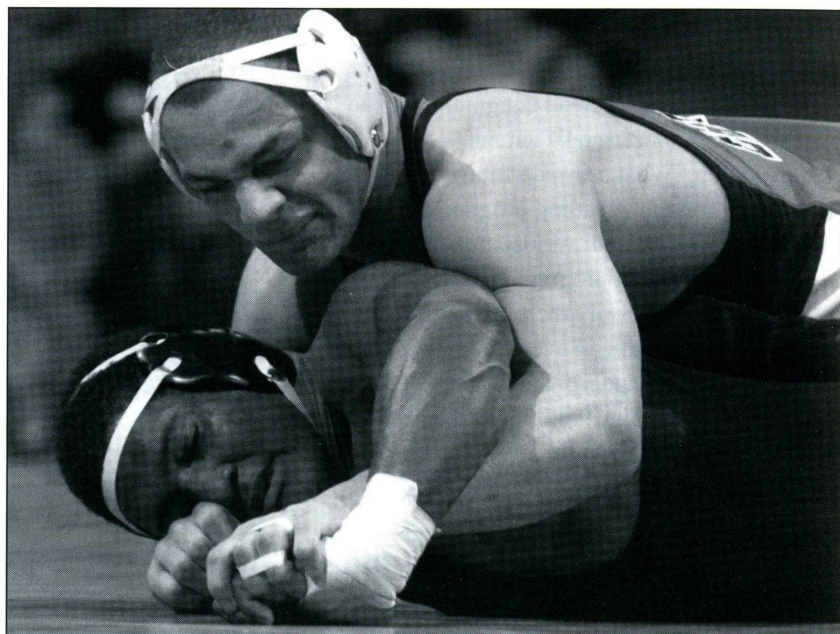


*Edinboro President
Frank G. Pogue*



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THE MAKING OF A CHAMPION



*Above:
Josh Koscheck
dominated his
championship match
against Army's
Maurice Worthy.*

As the final seconds ticked away, Josh Koscheck glanced up at the scoreboard. He released his hold on Maurice Worthy for the first time in the better part of seven minutes and rose to his feet.

His right hand raised by the referee, he walked over to head coach Tim Flynn whose huge bear hug gave the first sign of something special. At that point Koscheck allowed himself to smile. Assistant coach Lou Rosselli and trainer Gary Hanna congratulated him.

Around Koscheck, thousands of fans in Iowa's Carver-Hawkeye Arena applauded, including a small contingent of Edinboro fans who roared their approval. They were the few who realized the significance of the victory.

Worthy, a senior from Army, was the last of Koscheck's five wins at the NCAA Division I National Championships and was good for the national title at 174 lbs. The torch had finally been passed from Sean O'Day, the only other Fighting Scot to win a Division I national crown. O'Day's championship came in 1989, though several grapplers had challenged the standard only to fall a victory short.

Like O'Day, Koscheck would have to taste defeat at Nationals before earning the right to stand at the top of the podium. As a redshirt sophomore he entered the event as the third seed, upset second-seeded Rick Springman of Penn in the semifinals, but then lost a 3-0 decision to undefeated Byron Tucker of Oklahoma in the championship match.

A year later, Koscheck would not be denied. And despite his calm exterior, Koscheck was excited, yet relieved, as he walked off the mat on March 17, 2001. "I was kind of happy," Koscheck noted as he struggled to express his feelings. "I had worked so hard. I was happy not only for me, but for my coaches. I felt pretty pleased. I'm not one to get excited, but I was pretty happy. The whole thing was so nice, from coming out of the tunnel, wrestling the match, and the awards presentation. I can't explain the feeling."

If not for Cael Sanderson, Koscheck might well be considered the most dominant competitor in Division I wrestling. His five wins at Nationals came by a combined score of 41-7. The journey began with a 15-3 thrashing of Eastern Illinois' Louis Taylor. Next came a 5-0 win over Luke Moore of Ohio University.

In the quarterfinals, Koscheck, the number one seed, handed 8th-seeded Nathan Coy of Oregon State a 6-1 setback. Next up was a semifinal match against fourth-seeded Tyrone Lewis of Oklahoma State. Koscheck beat the Cowboy by a 7-2 score to reach the title bout for the second straight year.

Worthy entered the match at 34-0, while Koscheck was also perfect at 41-0. The Edinboro grappler jumped to a quick 4-1 lead after one period with a pair of takedowns, then scored an escape to begin the second period for a 5-1 advantage. He capped his incredible season with a point for riding time and two stalling points for an 8-1 win.

The victory capped possibly the most outstanding campaign ever turned in by an Edinboro wrestler. He won his third straight Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference title, becoming one of only seven Fighting Scots to accomplish that feat since 1947. He successfully defended his Eastern Wrestling League championship and was named the Outstanding Wrestler in both tournaments. With two EWL crowns, he becomes just the fifth Fighting Scot to earn multiple crowns.

Not only did the redshirt junior become the first Fighting Scot to go undefeated at 42-0, he allowed just one takedown all season long. That came in a 5-4 win over Gabe McMahon of Iowa at the National Duals in January.

Thanks to Koscheck and fellow All-American Dave Shunamon, who placed sixth at 197 lbs., Edinboro finished 12th at Nationals. While head coach Tim Flynn had hoped for a top-ten finish, the Fighting Scots placed higher than any other school on the east coast, and the team's 46 points were the most ever for an Edinboro squad.

Four years ago, it would have been hard to predict such success for Koscheck. Highly-touted as both a wrestler and football player at Waynesburg (Pa.) High School, he placed second in the 1997 PIAA championships at 160 lbs. to finish with a 117-24 high school mark. On the gridiron, he was considered one of the top running backs in the WPIAL. Koscheck was leaning heavily toward football as his choice of sports in college.

"Football was my priority," admitted Koscheck. "There was no way I was wrestling in college. I didn't like the weight cutting. It was too hard. It's neat how life can change and throw you into a situation."

Koscheck strongly considered Pittsburgh, where he would attempt to compete in both sports. A number of other Division II and III institutions pursued him for his gridiron skills. In the end, Flynn and then head coach Bruce Baumgartner persuaded Koscheck to join the Edinboro wrestling program.

"They were really interested in me," recalled Koscheck. "A lot of schools were. I was impressed with their attitudes and the way they talked to me. They told me they could make me a champion. I knew I could always play football here. I could fall back on that. The coaching staff was the key. They were young. I wanted somebody I could talk to and hang out with."

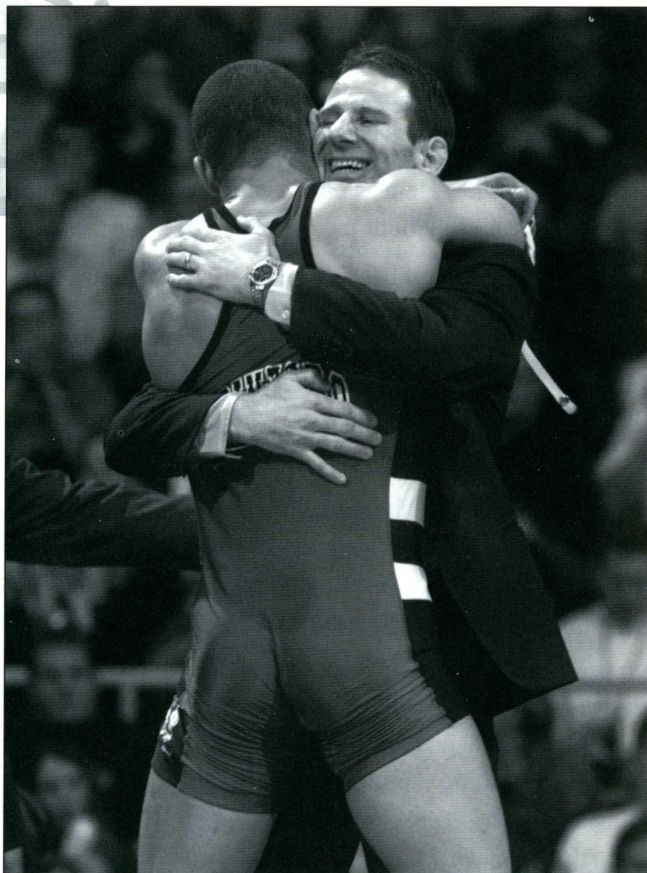
Now totally committed to wrestling, Koscheck is constantly in the weight room or the wrestling room. "People don't realize the daily sacrifices he has made,"

Flynn said. "Most college students can eat what they want, drink what they want, and go to parties. He works out two times a day. He sacrifices his Thanksgiving, his Christmas, his breaks, and his summer."

The turning point likely came during Koscheck's freshman year. As a Prop 48 case, he could work out with the team and wrestle independently while redshirting. But that first year he was introduced to a pair of individuals who could serve as role models in his workouts.

"I was on my own a lot," admitted Koscheck, "but I did have Tony Robie to work out with, and Lou (Rosselli) was training at that time. I tried to do what they did. That probably made me who I am today. I wasn't training right. They got me into coming in to lift at 6 a.m. and coming back to work out again at 3 p.m."

While competing in numerous tournaments, Koscheck posted a 12-5 record, including a first place finish at the Miami (Ohio) Open in 1997-98. Still a well-kept secret entering the 1998-99 campaign as a redshirt freshman, he served notice that he would be a force while competing against a very strong field at 174 lbs. He finished with a 31-9 record with 7 falls, earning EWL and PSAC Freshman of



Josh hugs Head Coach Tim Flynn following his 174-lb. championship match.

the Year accolades. He won the first of his three PSAC Tournament titles, then qualified for Nationals with a third place finish at the EWL Championships.

Koscheck faced a grueling road in his first Division I Nationals, going 6-2 to finish fourth. He advanced to the third place match thanks to a 4-2 win over Leo Giel of Rider before losing to West Virginia's Sam Kline for the third time by a 3-2 count.

Now faced with high expectations, Koscheck did not disappoint as a sophomore. He finished with a 38-4 record, successfully defending his PSAC crown and earning his first EWL title thanks to a 5-2 win over 12th-ranked Nick Mengerink of Pitt. He was honored as the PSAC Wrestler of the Year and shared EWL Wrestler of the Year honors with Vertus Jones of West Virginia.

While Koscheck doesn't feel any single match has served as a springboard for his success, his victory over Penn's Rick Springman in the 2000 NWCA All-Star Classic definitely made the top contenders in the weight class sit up and take notice. Koscheck's takedown with 18 seconds remaining provided the winning points in a 3-1 sudden victory decision over the second-ranked Quaker.

Koscheck won his first four matches at the Nationals before losing in the finale to Tucker, becoming Edinboro's third NCAA runner-up since 1997.

That setback would prove to be his last, having won 51 of his last 52 matches. He was once again recognized as the Outstanding Wrestler by both the EWL and the PSAC.

With so many accomplishments, what does he do for an encore? Koscheck has already set his sights on his senior year. "The ultimate is to be a four-time NCAA Champion. I can't do that, but I have a chance to do it twice. My main goal is to get better, to lift weights, run, work harder than I did last year.

"My main focus now is staying healthy, try to get stronger and improve," he continued. "I have to keep my focus. I've seen it happen. A returning champion comes back and finishes sixth or seventh. I don't want that to happen."

To prove his point, Koscheck was back working out just two days after returning to the Edinboro campus following Nationals. He has taken time out recently to partake of his other passion – fishing – but not at the expense of his wrestling workouts.

While quiet and unassuming when it comes to the sport of wrestling, mention fishing and you immediately can sense Koscheck's excitement.

"Fishing is my second calling," he grinned. "I just love it. It's such a thrill when you tie something and then go out and catch something on a fly you've made. Wrestling is so hard, and along with school, you get very stressed.

"I would love to be a professional fly fisherman. In college you can't do too much of it. I only started fly fishing when I came here. Before that I had bass fished. I've been tying my own ties for two years. I'd love that more than sitting behind a desk."

Koscheck still has some unfinished business on the wrestling mat, but he also put forth the same intensity in the classroom and will graduate this summer with a degree in criminal justice. He will remain at Edinboro for his final year of eligibility while either working on another undergraduate degree or beginning work on a master's degree.

In the meantime, he continues to keep Edinboro in the spotlight along with the heavy hitters of the wrestling world. "What Josh has accomplished has helped with a little bit of everything," admitted Flynn. "We've gained exposure on ESPN, for instance. It sheds light onto Edinboro and the wrestling program, and the University as a whole."

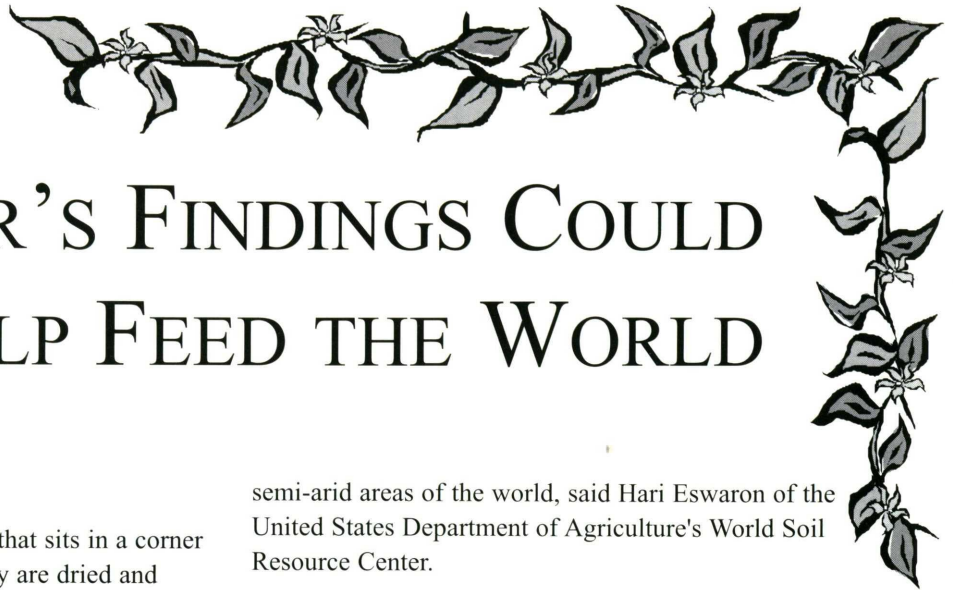
Koscheck wouldn't have it any other way. After struggling to come to grips with his football vs. wrestling decision, he has found Edinboro the perfect solution. "Look at what Edinboro has to offer in terms of coaching staff, training partners and education," he pointed out. "The community is kind of small, but with the opportunity to be big with Erie close by. Edinboro is the perfect place. The training partners are excellent. You get a good education. And the coaching staff is excellent. I don't see them as coaches, I see them as friends. They're father figures – you can call on them anytime. They're always there for you. They bend over backwards to make us successful.

"I thank God I've been put in this situation to be around them as coaches and friends. Their work ethic is incredible."

And in case Koscheck's future opponents carry a glimmer of hope for a future letdown, he cautions them. "You can never be good enough in anything you do. There's always room for improvement. You can train 365 days a year, twice a day, and I still believe you won't be there."

With that thought, he continues to train, looking to become Edinboro's first four-time All-American, and its first two-time National Champion.

– Robert Shreve



RESEARCHER'S FINDINGS COULD HELP FEED THE WORLD

The stock and leaves of the pepper plant that sits in a corner of Kiran Misra's office at Edinboro University are dried and withered, a handful of deep-red chilies seem to hang on more out of habit than reason.

The clearly dead plant is a source of pride for Misra. It once lived and even thrived, producing the peppers in highly saline, or salt-laden soil that would kill most plants.

Creating plant varieties that survive in such conditions is Misra's calling, and it holds out the promise of making a hungry world less so.

Salt-laden soil affects about one million square miles worldwide, limiting agricultural production or even making it impossible. The problem grows greater every year, and it is one of the leading reasons why deserts are expanding in arid and

semi-arid areas of the world, said Hari Eswaron of the United States Department of Agriculture's World Soil Resource Center.

Asia, Africa and Australia – where the Australian Academy of Sciences calls soil salination “the white death” – are the hardest hit regions of the world. The salts rise to the surface and form a white crust in which nothing can grow, creating a ghostly landscape.

Soil salination can be caused by many things, including irrigation. As the applied water evaporates the salts contained in the water and salts leached from deep within the ground accumulate. In many coastal areas it also results from lands being flooded by seawater during storms.

In much of the world doing something about poverty at the most basic level means addressing agriculture issues so that people can feed themselves, Misra said.



It is a problem that's all too familiar in her native India, where about 17.2 million acres are unusable and farmers eke out a living on salt-laden land that provides only marginal yields.

“When you grow up in a poor country and you see poverty all around you, you want to do something about it,” Misra said.

Developing food plants that can survive in saline soils is her way of doing something.

Five years ago the Edinboro University professor joined the Centre for Research and Development of Waste and Marginal Lands that is located in the state of Uttar Pradesh, India. Misra learned of the center while

doing consulting work for the Utar Pradesh Council for Agricultural Research. The center is dedicated to finding ways of making saline wastelands productive.

Misra's salt-tolerant plant varieties hold the promise of doing both.

If her plants survive and produce food, then the land becomes productive, at least to some degree. The growth of the plants also helps reclaim the land by loosening soils, which among other things allows salts to drain away.

"The research is of great importance," said Lowell J. Fuglie, an agricultural and hunger specialist with Church World Service, who is based in Senegal, Africa, a nation that also struggles with salination of its soils. "If crops are developed which offer a farmer income, allow him or her to use this marginal land, and at the same time improve the soil, then these are great benefits indeed." Church World Services raises funds to help feed the world's hungry, emphasizing self-help through improvements in agriculture.

Misra painstakingly collects seeds from varieties of rice, okra, peppers, wheat, corn and other food plants that she suspects of having a higher than normal tolerance to saline conditions. From those seeds she refines and breeds for ever-increasing tolerance.

"There are over 150,000 different types of rice. We have planted more than 600 and out of those (we) hoped to get two, three or four which will thrive. It is very labor intensive and very time consuming," Misra said.

"I've seen some of the preliminary work they have done at the center in India and it amazes me they can raise the crops they are...in those salt soils," said Eric Randall, dean of the school of Science, Management and Technologies at Edinboro, which is Misra's department.

Just as amazing, he said, is the passion and dedication Misra brings to her work and her desire to do work that changes and improves people's lives.

"If we can do it in India, we can do it in Africa, and if we can do it in Africa, we can do it anywhere. There is no reason it would not be transferable," Misra said. "I love doing this. You take a place where nothing grows and you produce something on it, and a family can survive. Our main aim is for the people who own the land to become self-sufficient."

Producing enough food to feed the family is the first and biggest step toward self-sufficiency. Next comes the ability to produce a surplus to provide a cash flow, she said.

Misra has spent much of her life in the Philippines, where her father was a researcher with the International Rice Research

Institute. The institute is the world leader in developing new varieties of rice, in developing rice that's disease-resistant and in finding ways to increase production for what is perhaps the most important sustenance grain on the planet.

Misra attended high school at the International School in the Philippines alongside diplomats' sons and daughters. Most of her schoolmates had little interest in agriculture and little understanding for her enthusiasm for the subject.

Her classmates, she said, were not exposed to the agricultural aspects of life and what that meant at a very fundamental level to people and the world.

"I grew up in an environment where I saw what it meant," Misra said.

It set the direction for her education, and her life.

She earned a bachelor's degree in cell biology at the University of the Philippines and gained acceptance to graduate program in plant breeding at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., coming to the United States in January 1979.

"My husband was also accepted at Cornell, but we did not know that when we met," Misra said.

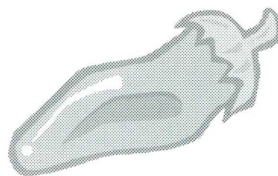
Her husband, Ram Misra, is an engineer at Channellock Inc. in Meadville. They have two sons, Rajeev, 21, a senior at Pennsylvania State University, and Sunil, 16, a junior at McDowell High School.

Misra obtained her doctorate from Cornell in 1984. She found her way to Edinboro University in 1990 after her husband accepted an engineering job in Jamestown, N.Y.

"I never thought I would end up in education, my interest was research, but I can fulfill that through my work with the center. Education adds another element," Misra said. Basic plant science is sometimes overlooked in this age of DNA modification and cell biology, but it is of practical value at the most fundamental level, she said.

Teaching at Edinboro provides the opportunity to interest others in science and research and to show its practical applications and the impact it can have on the lives of many people.

"It seems fitting," she said.



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EDINBORO GRAD ELECTED TO SECOND TERM AS PSEA PRESIDENT

Patsy J. Tallarico was recently elected to serve his second term as president of the Pennsylvania State Education Association at the May House of Delegates held in Pittsburgh. Prior to this position, he served two terms as vice president and two terms as treasurer. Tallarico's commitment to public education, its students, and all school employees is paramount to his mission as president of the largest association in Pennsylvania.

Tallarico graduated from Edinboro University in 1966 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and in 1968 with a master's degree in education. He began teaching at the New Kensington-Arnold School District in 1966, serving his first four years at the elementary level followed by 25 years at the middle school. Additional courses in the use of computers in schools at the University of Pittsburgh helped him institute the middle school's first computer classes. Other accomplishments at the district include coach of boys' varsity and junior varsity football as well as girls' volleyball and softball. As the computer club's sponsor, students were introduced to the computer world, both within education and the business community.

Prior to his election as an executive officer, Tallarico served as local, county and regional president of PSEA, a member of the PSEA Board of Directors and the PSEA budget committee. He was also the liaison to the Special Education Board, member of the Instruction and Professional Development Committee, and the Grievance and Building Committees. Since 1976, Tallarico has been



a state delegate to the National Education Association Representative Assembly.

His community involvement ranges from being a coach and manager, to member of the board of directors and treasurer of the Lower Burrell Little League, to volunteer announcer for the Lower Burrell Youth Football Organization, to local PTA member. He also established a district-wide blood drive for employees and families and is active in the Holiday Toy Drive.

Tallarico is the recipient of the Columbus Society Outstanding Educator Award, and the Parents as Partners for Education Award, along with his wife Maria.

Patsy and Maria have been married for 32 years. Maria was education/disability coordinator for Armstrong County Head Start and an elementary teacher in the New Kensington-Arnold School District. They have two sons, Frank, a systems engineer for a computer firm in Pittsburgh, and Mark, a student in his last year of law school at Duquesne University.

As president of PSEA, Tallarico strives to make Pennsylvania aware of the successes in its public schools and vows to facilitate growth and improvement. "Together, parents, the community, and the PSEA with its members can and will advance the quality of education in our public schools," said Patsy.

— Coleen G. Hites

SINGER TIMES THREE . . .

A well-kept secret has just been shared with the Edinboro Family. Former Edinboro State College athlete, graduate, and retired English teacher Douglas Spaulding '56, is grandfather of not one, not two, but three world-famous singers.

The famous grandchildren include Nick Carter of the Backstreet Boys, Spaulding's oldest grandson and heart throb to millions of teenage girls all over the world. If that isn't enough, Spaulding has another grandson, Aaron Carter - Nick's younger brother - who at the age of 13 is listed in the *Guinness Book of Records* for having the most gold records under the age of ten.

And it gets better. Just recently, a third member of the Carter family - 14-year-old Leslie Carter - has joined ranks with her two brothers. Having signed with Dreamworks, Leslie recently completed her first album after experiencing her first summer tour with "All That Music." Her single, "I Need to Hear it From You," is currently climbing the charts.

Nick was intrigued with musical performances at an early age. When he was three years old, Doug and his wife, Linda, took him to see the opera "Hansel and Gretel" in Chautauqua. "He was enthralled and stood on his seat for the entire performance," said Doug. Now

at the age of 21, Nick is a member of the band that has sold more than 55 million records worldwide in less than three years. Their album, "Millennium," dominated the worldwide charts at number one in 25 countries including Holland, Norway, Greece, Portugal and Switzerland, and is certified 12 times platinum in the U.S. The Backstreet Boys made history when all 765,000 tickets for their 11-week, 39-city 1999-2000 North American arena tour sold out within one hour of going on sale. The group has received several awards and nominations from Entertainment Weekly, American Music Awards, MTV, Grammy Awards, Blockbuster Music Awards, People's Choice Awards, Billboard Music Awards and World Music Awards. They recently appeared on Jay Leno's show and sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" at this year's Super Bowl in Tampa.

Nick appeared on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" with fellow Backstreet performers Kevin Richardson and Howie Dorough to raise money for charity. Nick is currently being sought by Andrew Lloyd Webber to star in the revival on Broadway of his musical "Sunset Boulevard."

Aaron recently starred in "The Seussical" on Broadway with Kathy Rigby. A showbiz veteran at the age of 13, Aaron has been in business for five years and is the youngest male solo artist to have four Top 40 singles. Not to be outdone by his older brother, Aaron had his own float in this past year's Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The following day he appeared on "Good Morning America" to sing two hit songs from his new album, "Aaron's Party." After going gold in Norway, Spain, Denmark, Canada, and Germany, his first full album "Aaron Carter" hit the stores in the U.S. in 1998 and has since been a success.



"Backstreet Boy" Nick Carter and grandmother Jean.

There is more talent in this family. Nick, Aaron and Leslie have two sisters – one of whom is Aaron's twin – Angel, and 19-year-old Bobbie Jean (B.J.). While B.J. and Angel have decided not to follow in the footsteps of Nick, Aaron and Leslie, they, too, are equally talented as models.

“When I retired from teaching,” said Spaulding, “the thing I missed the most was interaction with the kids. My grandchildren have made it possible for me to keep that connection.”

Having been an English teacher in Pennsylvania, California, Arizona and New York, it is not surprising that he renewed his teaching certificate in California so he could tutor his successful grandchildren.

Spaulding's former wife, Jean Neal, whom he met while attending Edinboro, has also contributed to her grandchildren's education by tutoring them as well.

In his spare time, Spaulding is busy pursuing the family genealogy, writing a children's play (“The Witch's Eye”) and writing a play about Shakespeare's final days.

“I also hope to write a book,” Spaulding added, “on one of the most remarkable people I have ever met in my life – my daughter and the mother and inspiring genius behind these remarkable grandchildren, Jane Carter.

“I happen to think the mountain she has had to climb should be documented for the world,” said Spaulding. Jane faces challenges on a daily basis by being a caring and devoted mother who protects, guides and nurtures her children while shielding them from the dangers inherent in the music business. She has published two books on

her children with the first being on the *New York Times* bestseller list for 12 weeks.

After retiring from teaching in 1987, Spaulding was editor of three western New York weekly newspapers. He is past president of the Mayville

Chautauqua Lions Club, the founding co-chair of the Chautauqua Catholic Community and recently retired as President of the C-POWR (Chautauqua Property Owners Who Rent).

He has been host and producer of a local access television show, “Chautauqua Conversation,” as well as a guest host of Senior Report, a prime-time weekly, hour-long, call-in show airing in northern Chautauqua County on Saturday mornings.

Doug and Linda worked with President and Mrs. Clinton when the Clintons were in Chautauqua to prepare for the debate with Bob Dole. As the Chautauqua town committeeman, Spaulding took approximately eight hours of video of the Clintons' visit. He has an upcoming interview with Hillary Clinton on “Chautauqua Conversation” and expects that she will discuss her personal experiences as a woman, a mother and advocate for children, as well as the First Lady.

While at Edinboro, Spaulding played football and basketball and was involved in a number of theater productions. He worked as a dishwasher in the Haven Hall dining room and wrote press releases on athletic events at Edinboro. He was also the sports editor and editor-in-chief of the *Spectator*.

“I am really thrilled to be able to share these life events with all my dear friends who shared my life with me at Edinboro,” said Spaulding. “It was truly one of the most beautiful times in my life.” Spaulding and his wife Linda reside in the Chautauqua Institution and rent apartments to summer guests at the Patrick Henry.

– Coleen G. Hites



13-year old Aaron with his grandparents.



Leslie and her grandfather.

TWIST OF FATE PUTS ECOLOGIST ON TRAIL OF ZEBRA MUSSEL

Twenty years of field research led to Laurie Parendes' interest in invasive species. Still, when she joined Edinboro University faculty in 1999, there was not a flicker of thought that an invasive species would soon land on Edinboro's doorstep.

But one did.

In October, zebra mussels were discovered in Edinboro Lake.

As a researcher, Parendes said it is an exciting opportunity to study an invasive species from the moment of discovery. As a conservationist, however, Parendes said she finds the creatures' arrival frightening.

The zebra mussel is sure to cause a vast change in Edinboro Lake's ecology and, eventually, in French Creek, she said.

Parendes said her hope is to find ways to control the species' spread and minimize its impacts. She and fellow Edinboro University professor John Ashley have received a grant from Pennsylvania Sea Grant to undertake such work.

Parendes conceded there is a certain irony to her interest and specialty in invasive species –

although her focus had been on plants – and arriving in Edinboro just ahead of an invasion. Perhaps, she said, it is more along the lines of fate.

“I could have been at any other university, or they could have appeared in some other glacial lake in the region. The timing of all this is quite intriguing,” Parendes said.

Growing up, Parendes' family moved up and down the East Coast from Connecticut to Florida, first following her father's military service and later his jobs. Eventually the family settled in south Florida, where Parendes spent most of her childhood, graduating from Coral Gables High school.

The outdoors was a big part of family life and that generated in her an early appreciation for nature and its mysteries.

“My father grew up going camping, and he passed that interest on to me. We would spend our vacation doing those kinds of things,” Parendes said.

When she left home for college and a major in biology at Wake Forest University in North Carolina, however, it was with the thought of a career in medicine.

“That didn't last long,” Parendes said. “I soon became much more interested in ecology.”

A trip to Ecuador in her junior year sealed the deal.

“It was a biologist's dream. We went to the Galapagos, the Andes and the Amazon basin. The trip was a strong influence,” Parendes said. “I had already decided the medical route was not my cup of tea and this seemed so much more interesting.”

Parendes went to graduate school at the University of Florida, earning a master's in forest ecology.

Less than a year later – in late 1984 – an unexpected opportunity came along. She found herself in Nepal working in a contract position with the Peace Corps on issues of women in development. There she developed an interest in

*Pictured below:
Laurie Parendes shows
a zebra mussel that was
found in Edinboro
Lake.*



the interplay between the land and its people and the distribution of life and species – in a word, geography.

Parendes returned to the United States in mid 1986 and landed a position with the California Department of Fish and Game's endangered plant program. Parendes worked on inventorying plants and plant communities, listing endangered plants and developing protection programs.

"That experience was probably the root of my interest in invasive species," she said. "So many plant communities were at risk because of invasive species."

The interest in geography that began in Nepal dovetailed with what she found about the transport and spread of invasive species. Biology, geography and ecology are not separable. The conservation of species transcends any one discipline, she said.

"In California I realized it was in conservation where biologic, geographic, ecological, political, social, and economic issues all come into play," Parendes said.

A desire to continue her education led her to the University of Oregon in 1991 and a doctoral program in geography with a specialty in bio-geography, which is the study of the distribution of plants and animals and why they are where they are.

"Invasive species are an interesting twist on that," Parendes said.

Field work in the Cascades followed and then a doctoral thesis on invasive plants.

With a Ph.D. added to her name Parendes began searching for a suitable teaching position.

"I was looking for a school like this (Edinboro) where there would be an emphasis on teaching, but still some opportunity for research," Parendes said.

There is now more opportunity - and need - than she ever imagined.

The discovery of zebra mussels in Edinboro Lake was the first confirmation that the organism had crossed the divide between the Great Lakes and French Creek watershed. Edinboro Lake drains into Conneaut Creek, which in turn empties into French Creek near Cambridge Springs.

French Creek is considered to be the most biologically diverse stream in Pennsylvania. French Creek is home to 26 species of mussels, two of which – the northern riffleshell and the clubshell mussel – are federally listed as an endangered species. As many as 83 species of fish can be found in the stream. Twenty-six of those are species of special concern in the state, including nine species the state considers endangered.

Wherever zebra mussels spread they have profound effects on the ecosystem.



For one thing they disrupt the aquatic food chain by removing nearly all phytoplankton and zooplankton in the areas where their populations have surged, leaving little food for other species. Their filtering ability is so great they are credited with significantly increasing the water clarity of Lake Erie. Their populations have become so dense that they smother native mussels and crowd out other species.

Clearly, the invasion of zebra mussels raises a lot of concerns for Edinboro Lake and French Creek, Parendes said.

She said she and Ashley intend to develop a monitoring program for zebra mussels in the lake, establishing baseline data of populations, distribution and impacts on the lake ecosystem.

They will also closely watch for the spread of zebra mussels downstream in Conneaut Creek and French Creek.

Most importantly, they are to come up with proposals for ways to control or reduce the impacts of zebra mussels and, if possible, slow their spread, said Steve Curcio, a spokesman for the Pennsylvania Sea Grant, a state-funded agency that studies the ecological health of the region.

"I think it's very unusual to have a situation where you are so early in the process. We don't know with certainty when the zebra mussels arrived in the lake, but certainly we are early," Parendes said. "I think this will provide us some information about invasive biology as a whole."

Specifically to the zebra mussel and its local impacts, it might also provide the information that leads to the ability to better control it, she said.

By John Bartlett, Staff Writer

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"FIGHT CLUB" AUTHOR ATTENDS HONORS PROGRAM CONFERENCE

Chuck Palahniuk, author of "Fight Club" and three other novels, was eight years old when he managed to lodge a washer on his finger. He wanted to wear it like a ring.

After a while, his finger swelled larger than the washer hole and he couldn't pull it off. He asked his father what to do. His father told him, "You're going to have to accept responsibility for everything you do in life."

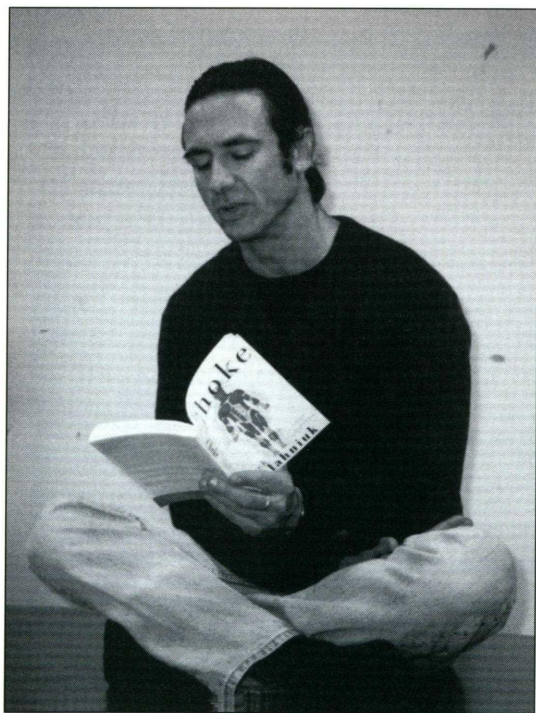
It wasn't a typical speech, as far as a Saturday afternoon in the Van Houten University Club was concerned, but the audience of administrators, professors, and students from universities all over the country were locked onto his words.

Palahniuk's father began sharpening an ax. The boy, now 38, reflected, "There was no drama.... Just the clarity of, 'I am in charge of my life. If I do things, I will pay the price.' There is no inherent tragedy or drama in this. It's something I have done and my father's

actually doing me a favor by helping me resolve this."

The boy placed his hand on a chopping block. The father swung the ax, missing on purpose. Then, the two found some grease and were able to work the washer off.

Somehow, after telling a story like that, Palahniuk was able to move to what seemed like an unrelated point. He said, "The thing that I know about books or about a movie I see, when I like it, is that it makes me want to do something."



Edinboro University honors student Christian McKinney apparently felt the same sentiments. Almost a year before the April 6 and 7 conference: "Postcards from the Future: the Chuck Palahniuk Project," honors program director Dr. Jan Kinch asked McKinney to compile a list of possible guest speakers for the University.

He had just read "Fight Club" and had seen the movie adaptation, so Palahniuk's name topped the list. At the time, he was also looking for an independent study project and pitched the idea of using Palahniuk's works as the basis. Kinch replied, "Why not hold a conference?" Planning and fund raising began during summer 2000. In August, Kinch's graduate assistant, Suzanne Bova, was assigned as a co-coordinator.

One year and more than 600 e-mail messages later, the conference on Palahniuk's fiction was held and the man himself was pleased to serve as the keynote speaker.

McKinney said he thought his personal highlight of the event would be meeting Palahniuk face to face. What impressed him most, however, was seeing all of the participants interacting with each other and with Palahniuk. By Saturday's end, nobody referred to Palahniuk (pronounced paul-ah-nik), as Chuck Palahniuk or as Mr. Palahniuk, but simply as "Chuck."

And the students were there with their analysis papers and their artwork, ready to present their thoughts on Chuck's work.

As the events were closing and Chuck stood before the full dining hall, he said, "Creation that generates creation is the highest tribute."

— David Hunt



JIM PROKELL: THE DESIGNER BEHIND THE PIPER

It's easy to see the piper at Edinboro University. No, not one of the human pipers attending a summer music camp or marching in the Homecoming parade . . . the one that appears on virtually every publication, flyer, notepad or advertisement put out by the University. Since the early 1990s, the black and white – sometimes the red and white – bagpipe playing, tartan wearing piper has been the official, and highly distinctive, logo of Edinboro University.

The man who created the logo for the University, Jim Prokell, is an Edinboro graduate and former star basketball player for the Fighting Scots from 1968-1972. To understand Prokell and the logo, one must appreciate his love for basketball and art.

Prokell grew up in Pittsburgh and attended a Catholic high school. Basketball was his passion. He spent his summers touring the asphalt courts of Pittsburgh's inner-city neighborhoods – Homewood, Crafton, Center Avenue, and the North Side. He became one of the city's best players. But because Prokell was not interested in becoming a priest, his high school was not eager to send his highlight reels to non-Catholic colleges.

Nevertheless, his skill on the city's playgrounds caught the eye of Ron Weaver, a senior for Edinboro basketball coach Jim McDonald. It was Weaver who told McDonald about Prokell. When McDonald saw him play in the summer of 1968, the school's basketball scholarships had already been given out. He was impressed enough by what he saw that he scraped up \$500 and asked track coach David O'Dessa to chip in another \$500.

"I think the thing that impressed McDonald," said Prokell, "was that I could dunk the ball even though I was only 6 feet tall."

Prokell chose to come to Edinboro because it offered him the three things that he wanted most: an opportunity to play basketball, an outstanding art program, and a way to avoid attending what he called "the University of Saigon."

Prokell accepted the "scholarship," made the freshman team and became the squad's sixth man – first player off the bench. That team was a good one, losing only one game all year.

Between his freshman and sophomore years – the summer of 1969 – Prokell had doubts about returning to Edinboro. Both the freshman and the varsity squads were loaded with great talent. It would be a struggle to make the team and retain his scholarship. He considered an offer from Pratt Institute, but all of his credits would not transfer. Prokell knew the only way he could remain in school was with a basketball scholarship at Edinboro. "I had to come back and play."

He stayed in Pittsburgh that summer and got a job with the ground crew at Three Rivers Stadium during the day and played basketball in the evenings.

He returned to campus early that fall to get a head start on practice. Much to his surprise, many of the players that were expected to return didn't, and Prokell made the most of his opportunity. Not only did he make the team, he became a three-year starter, played his way into Edinboro's record books, and helped the team to three consecutive trips to the NAIA playoffs.

Prokell was a three-time all PSAC first team selection, playing a major role as the Fighting Scots posted a 46-26 record in his three seasons. That included berths in the NAIA District 18 playoffs in 1970, 1971 and 1972. The 1971-72 Edinboro squad went 17-9 under coach Dave Rooney, capturing the District 18 Championship and advancing to the NAIA national tournament. While just six feet tall, Jim played forward, concluding his career with 1,196 points, fifth all-time at the time, and 593 rebounds, which was seventh. He averaged 15.1 points per game as a sophomore, 17.9 as a junior, and 16.7 as a senior. Jim was named to the All-Pittsburgh Post-Gazette First Team in 1971-72, and was a third team selection in 1969-70 and 1970-71. He went on to be selected by the Buffalo Braves in the 11th round of the 1972 National Basketball Association draft.

After a brief stint with the Braves, his basketball career finally ended, and he got on with his real calling in life.

"I wasn't sure I wanted to teach, but Joe Hack, the principal at General McLane's Parker Middle School offered me a one-year position filling in for a teacher on leave."

Prokell's real dream was to go to Boston to make his fortune as an artist. He did that for a few months until he discovered Bostonians don't take in outsiders easily. He nearly starved.

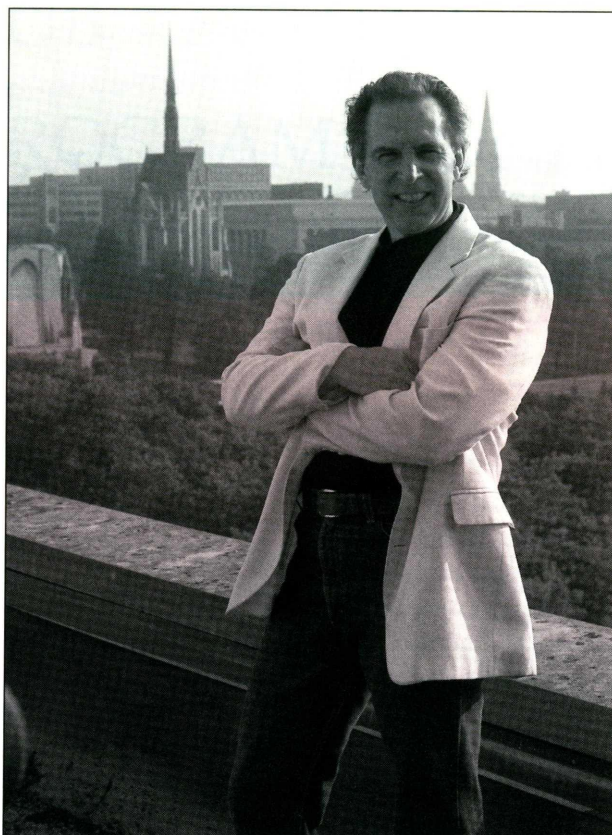
In the summer of 1973 he returned to Pennsylvania for his brother's wedding. There he met someone who offered him a teaching job at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. He accepted and has been in the Steel City ever since. After two years at the Art Institute he went into business for himself and started Jim Prokell Studios. He also taught at Pitt for 11 years in the evenings.

Prokell's business became one of the largest and most respected in the Pittsburgh area. Its client list included such Fortune 100 companies such as PNC, PPG and Westinghouse. Prokell's illustrations have appeared all over the country, winning hundreds of graphic awards.

At one time he had 15 employees, but computers revolutionized the industry, allowing him to do almost all the design work himself, with the rest being brokered out. Now he is his own employee.

"By myself I generate 50 percent of the business I had when I had 15 people. The work is really no different than before. I am able to acquire work and manage the process and the details."

Prokell became the creator of the piper almost by accident. He remained close to the University following graduation and kept in touch with O'Dessa, who had become vice-president for administration and institutional advancement. Around 1990, Prokell asked O'Dessa if there was something he



Jim Prokell

could do for the University. O'Dessa suggested coming up with a new logo.

After considerable research on the school's Scottish heritage, Prokell produced a layout featuring the piper. "My intent was to create something that would reproduce well, be distinctive, and work well however it was used."

The University accepted the logo overwhelmingly, making virtually no changes to the original design. Today it is among the most recognizable of all college logos.

One of Prokell's most recent projects for the University began two years ago when Mike Zahorchak ('37) approached Prokell at the University's annual Hall of Fame sports banquet. Zahorchak suggested the creation of a Fighting Scot sculpture. Prokell's first idea was for a small statue that would look at home on a desk or credenza.

During the winter of that year, as he worked on the design with Dan Higham

of U.S. Bronze, and talked with athletic director Bruce Baumgartner, he realized the project had much more potential. The idea was born for a larger statue, one that would serve as a focal point on campus for decades to come.

Prokell's vision for the 10-foot statue has it standing on a 4-foot pedestal, located along a walkway between McComb Fieldhouse and the University Center. His design calls for the statue to be part of a space with a curved brick wall and benches where students would feel invited to congregate.

Prokell wanted the design to be authentic to the historic tradition of the Fighting Scot, as popularized by Mel Gibson in *Braveheart*. He was assisted by Dr. David Cornwell at the Royal Scottish Museum in his research efforts to make certain the statue reflected the Bannockburn era of Scotland's fabled history.

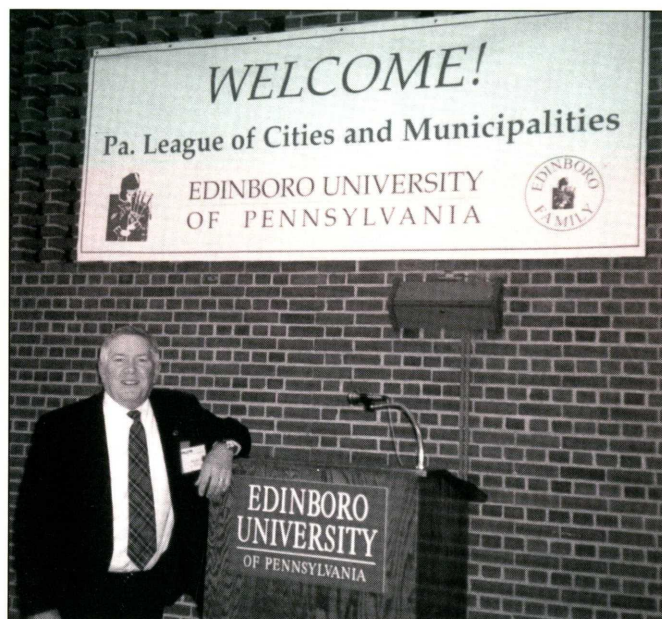
The statue itself borrows from the Fighting Scot cartoon figure that resides at center court of McComb Fieldhouse. Posed on one foot, muscles and sinews tensed, the Highlander wields a Scottish Claymore sword as if charging into battle. Prokell wanted to create a dynamic sense of tension – an image that seems almost alive – in sharp contrast to many statues of figures in rigid repose.

Prokell hopes the space will be just the start of a larger area featuring walkways and sculpture gardens leading all the way to Mallory Lake. "It will be a place for lovers and artists," said Prokell.

In addition to the main statue, Prokell is also designing smaller versions for sale including 12-inch, 24-inch and a limited number of 48-inch versions.

– Brian K. Pitzer

What's Happening on Campus



Franklin, Hermitage, Meadville, New Castle, Oil City, Sharon, St. Marys, Titusville and Warren. Allen was also recently appointed to chair the PLCM's University-Community Network, whose members represent communities that host state-owned, state-related and private colleges and universities, as well as community colleges. The 40-member network was created to assist officials in dealing with "town-gown" issues of mutual interest since more than half of the league's members host an institution of higher learning.



Edinboro alumna and former TV newswoman Cyndy Patton ('80) pictured receiving an Edinboro Family pin from President Pogue, was a featured speaker at the University's 2001 Women's History Month celebration. After nearly two decades at WJET-TV24 in Erie, she joined Erie's St. Vincent Health Center in 1999 as a media specialist. While at Action News 24, she was a reporter, morning news anchor and producer, noon news anchor and producer, and producer and anchor for WJET's first early morning (5:30 a.m.!) newscast. At the March event on campus, she discussed her career in the media and career opportunities in the media for women. Cyndy lives in Fairview, Pa., with her husband, Lee (also an Edinboro graduate), and their children Sara and Casey.

Trustee, alumnus, Alumni Board member, local business owner and mayor of the Borough of Edinboro Clifford "Kip" Allen ('98) sponsored the Northwest District spring 2001 meeting of the Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities (PLCM) with Edinboro University as the host site. The 15 communities that comprise PLCM's northern district include Bradford, Butler, Corry, Edinboro, Erie, Farrell,



Anthropology professor Dr. Renata Wolyneec, pictured with President Pogue, was the recipient of a 2001 Local History and Historic Preservation Award at the annual awards dinner of the Erie County Historical Society and Museums. She was nominated for the award by three 5th grade teachers from Millcreek Township for her program for school students at the Fort LeBoeuf Museum, but was also recognized for her involvement with other local history endeavors, including the Washington Trail, Lafayette Commemorative Days, and the Battles Museum of Rural Life in Girard.

University Receives NCATE Accreditation

The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education Unit Accreditation Board informed us recently that we have met the standards to achieve accreditation for our professional education unit.

The University hosted the NCATE examiners visit last October.

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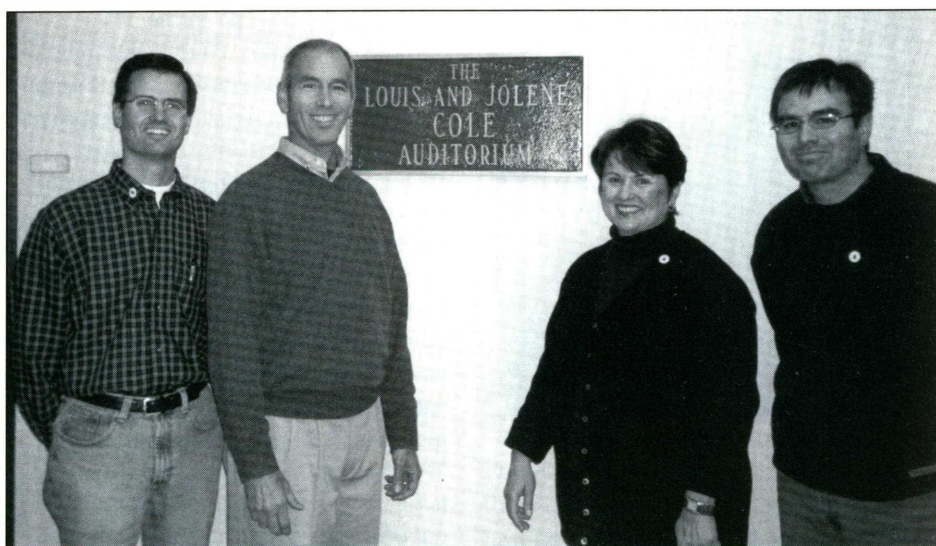


Former trustee, Alumni Association board member and Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Frank Jakovac ('73) joins President Pogue to present an Edinboro Family pin to His Excellency Ouch Borith, ambassador and permanent representative of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the United Nations. Jakovac, who introduced Ambassador Ouch and his family to Edinboro University – his daughter, Bonarasy, is scheduled to begin classes this year – is currently a member of the senior management team of Chemical Detection Excellence, Inc., a newly formed Delaware corporation working with Loch Harris, Inc., to develop and market new chemical detection technologies. Jakovac is involved in a project with the Cambodian government to remove an estimated two million land mines still buried in that country.



President Pogue and Dr. Seddon L. Bennington, director of Pittsburgh's Carnegie Science Center, sign the agreement that establishes a satellite office of the Science Center on the Edinboro campus. Through the new partnership - called CSC@EUP - outreach programs, summer camps, workshops and other programs will be offered to elementary school students in the region to enhance science literacy and increase participation in science and technology. The Carnegie Science Center, one of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, has been offering science, math and technology outreach programs to students, educators and families since 1991. More than 225,000 students participated in the Center's outreach programs last year.

Louis Cole ('65), former president, CEO and chairman of the board of the California-based Legato Systems, Inc., came home to the Edinboro campus recently to visit the Louis and Jolene Cole Auditorium in the new Arts and Sciences Center. With him are Jolene and sons Scott (left) and Daniel (right). Cole was in Erie to accept induction into the Cathedral Prep Hall of Fame at Prep's annual Headmaster's Dinner. During the 11 years Cole headed Legato Systems – a worldwide leader in enterprise storage management software – he saw the company through its initial public offering and grow annual revenue to more than \$250 million. He was recently named to the board of Tricord Systems, Inc., which designs, develops and markets innovative computer server appliances for content-intensive applications.





President Pogue presents Educator of the Year, Staff Member of the Year and Advisor of the Year awards to three Edinboro employees at the recent Spring 2001 University-wide Convocation. From second left: Dr. Cynthia Rebar, biology and health services department, was named Educator of the Year; Dr. Cheryl Lossie, coordinator of graduate studies, was Staff Member of the Year; and Dr. Michael Hannan, business administration and economics, was named Advisor of the Year. Pogue created the awards in the second year of his presidency to recognize faculty and staff members who demonstrate outstanding service to the University, its students, their colleagues, and the neighboring communities.

Edinboro Again Named to Top 100 Schools

For the seventh straight year, "Rugg's Recommendations on the Colleges," a California-based higher education directory, has named Edinboro University as one of the top 100 schools in the nation to offer students the best chance to gain from their education.

Edinboro University is listed in the book's 18th edition on the page titled, "Fred Rugg's One Hundred Colleges... Just Darn Good Schools," and is one of the 12 Pennsylvania colleges and universities listed. Only one other State System of Higher Education institution – Kutztown University of Pennsylvania – is on Rugg's list.

The directory is published by Frederick E. Rugg, a Brown University graduate and former director of secondary school counseling programs. Rugg based his year 2001 selections on interviews with more than 1,050 secondary school counselors who responded to the question, "What colleges do you believe offer students the best opportunity to maximize their education?"

Rugg said that his list of "Just Darn Good Schools" is the most valuable page in the book: "I hear more nice things about those schools than any others."



Pennsylvania's First Lady Michele Ridge, pictured with art student Scott Cornish, was a recent visitor to the Edinboro campus in conjunction with a birthday celebration for her hosted by Steven and Susan Kemenyffy at their home in nearby McKean. Two students (Cornish and Rachel Bliel, not pictured) presented Mrs. Ridge ceramics pieces from the exhibition being held at the time as mementos of her special visit.

Advancement News

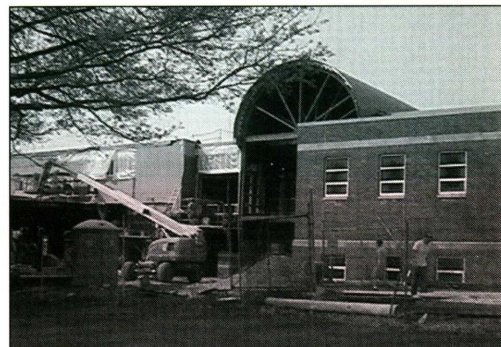
A New Shape on the Horizon: Crawford Center

Edinboro University is reaching for the sky! As the construction continues on the new Crawford Center for Health and Physical Education and Disability Resources, it looks more each day like the modern, attractive new facility that its designers had intended. Begun in March 2000, progress appeared slow to passersby as interior renovations to the existing Crawford Gym and exterior ground work for the new addition ensued through this past winter. But as spring approached and the ironwork on the addition took shape, one could begin to visualize the *new* Crawford Center.

The Crawford Center will be the much anticipated new home of the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD), the health and physical education program, and an athletic and recreation facility. An open-air atrium joins the original Crawford Gymnasium, built in 1942, with the 23,000 square-foot, two-story addition. In all, the complex will hold the facilities for health and physical education classes, a gymnasium, weight room and locker rooms, as well as the Office for Students with Disabilities. The OSD portion will contain administrative offices, computer labs, testing, tutoring and study areas, adaptive technology facilities, and a Living and Learning Center and apartment to facilitate independent living. An elevator, made possible by a grant from the Widener Foundation, will provide access to a Human Performance Laboratory on the second level.

Currently, the Pennsylvania Department of General Services, which is administering construction, has projected completion by August 31, 2001. Devore

Construction, Inc. of Meadville is the general contractor. The University plans to occupy the building in January 2002.



The Crawford Center is a major initiative of the University's Campaign for Excellence, a capital campaign seeking contributions to support scholarships, capital improvements, athletics, and arts and cultural programming. A commonwealth Shared Cost Funding program that requires the University to provide 25 percent of the cost of construction funds the Center only in part. Many naming opportunities exist for donors to make a significant contribution to this important project. For more information about how you can make a difference, contact Joseph Grisanti, Director of Development at 814-732-2992 or jgrisanti@edinboro.edu.

Edinboro Vice President is Honored

The community of advertisers, marketing public relations and related professionals of the Erie region that make up the Erie Ad Club recently bestowed a prestigious honor on Edinboro University's own Bruce Q. Whitehair, vice president for development and marketing.

Whitehair received the Erie Ad Club's George Mead Distinguished Service Award at its annual award program on April 6. Whitehair, who served as president of the Erie Ad Club in 1988, earned the honor for his accomplishments and service contributions throughout his nearly 25-year career. Before joining Edinboro University in 1999, Whitehair, a 1973 alumnus, served as manager of corporate communications at Lord Corp. in Erie until 1995, when he joined PNC Bank as vice president of public relations.



“Campaign for Excellence” Capital Campaign

Edinboro University recently completed major steps in the organization of its capital campaign. Ketchum, Inc., independent consultants, were contracted to determine the University's capacity to successfully complete a campaign. The consultant completed its assessment in two stages: a planning study to assess the University's public image in the community and level of potential support from constituents; and an internal audit of the University's capability to implement and conduct a capital campaign.

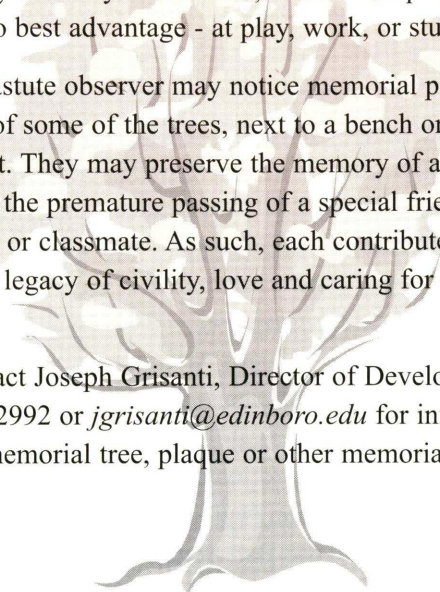
The company presented its conclusions and recommendations to the Edinboro University community on March 19. The study's findings were strongly positive. Robert Carter, president of Ketchum, Inc., recommended a campaign goal of \$10 million, and in his presentation he urged the Edinboro Family – its leadership, faculty and staff, alumni, students and parents, and the regional communities – to rally around this important movement that will determine the future of Edinboro University for years to come. For more information about how you can become involved in the capital campaign, contact Joseph Grisanti, Director of Development at 814-732-2992 or jgrisanti@edinboro.edu.

Memorial Trees

Anyone who walks around the campus can't help but soon notice the variety of natural features that adorn the University's grounds. Trees, shrubs, ornamentals and natural areas provide interest, beauty and a sense of well-being. The historical trees along the older part of campus appear as if they might reveal a few secrets about the University's history. All around, students employ these settings to best advantage - at play, work, or study.

The astute observer may notice memorial plaques at the base of some of the trees, next to a bench or other point of interest. They may preserve the memory of a loved one or mourn the premature passing of a special friend, colleague or classmate. As such, each contributes to a historical legacy of civility, love and caring for one another.

Contact Joseph Grisanti, Director of Development, at 814-732-2992 or jgrisanti@edinboro.edu for information about a memorial tree, plaque or other memorial.



In Memoriam

The Edinboro University Family celebrated the memory of Guy Lewis Trezona on March 29th at a dedication ceremony at the Baron-Forness Library on March 29. Guy Trezona ('85) passed away on February 18, 1989 from complications due to AIDS. A collection of HIV/AIDS-related books, journals, videos and informational materials was amassed from the generous memorial contributions from friends and family in an effort to educate students about the disease, prevention and social impact.

Guy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pasquino were special guests of honor. President Pogue presided over the ceremony. Dr. James Drane, a close friend of Guy and his family, delivered a personal message. Various members of the campus community attended the dedication.



From left: President Pogue; Guy's parents Joseph Pasquino and Margaret Trezona Pasquino; professor emeritus Dr. James Drane; and Dr. Don Dilmore, associate vice president for University libraries.

Alumni Activities

2001 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

ART

Daniel Burke ('72)

Since receiving his master's degree in art education from Edinboro, Daniel has won prizes and honors in more than 60 juried competitions, very often receiving Best of Show. Twenty-seven of those awards have come from national and international art shows. These recognitions have included three Memorial Awards at the Carnegie Museum of Art, the Chautauqua Art Association Award, Mainstreams' Award of Excellence, honors at the Greater New Orleans International Exhibition, the Appalachian National Drawing Competition, and Ball State University's Drawing and Small Sculpture Show. Fellowships Daniel has received have included a Mid-Atlantic Arts Council grant for works on paper, and he has twice been the recipient of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts Visual Arts Fellowship. Daniel has a long list of participation in various shows at museums; including the Williams College Museum of Art in Williamstown, Mass., the Minnesota Museum of Art, El Paso Museum of Art, Butler Institute of American Art, and Carnegie Museum of Art, just to name a few. His resume also includes shows at many universities including Edinboro, Clarion, Millersville, Mercyhurst College, Allegheny College, University of Dayton, and Keuka College. Invitational exhibitions of note have included Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center in Buffalo, Greenview Arts Centre in Chicago, the

Westmoreland County Museum of Art and the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art. Daniel's paintings and drawings are in the permanent collections at the Laguna Gloria Art Museum, IBM Corporation, Blue Cross, North Carolina National Bank, Del Mar College, Southern Utah State College, Clarion University and the Erie Art Museum, as well as other corporate and private collections.

In addition to being a very active artist, Daniel has been a juror and curator, is active with professional associations, and has been a full-time faculty member at Mercyhurst College since 1969.

Clinton Karlsen ('93)

Clint received a bachelor of fine arts degree in applied media arts, and graduated *cum laude*. He interrupted his education to return to active duty with the U.S. Army during Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He received a National Defense Medal and an Army Lapel Button, and was honorably discharged.

Believed to be the first photographer to receive a Distinguished Alumni Award, Clint currently works for the Las Vegas Review-Journal, and also does freelance work. Free-lancing has given Clint the opportunity to work for *USA Today* (twice being published on the front page), CNN, *ESPN The Magazine*, *Rolling Stone*, MTV, the Associated Press, and several national and international newspapers. He has covered all types of stories including news, sports, features and business

stories. Clint has received numerous awards for his work from the National Press Photographers Association, the Nevada Press Association, American Photo Magazine, and the Society for News Design, among others. Clint's photograph of Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lewis nearly toppling over the top ropes during their heavyweight title fight in 1999 earned him a runner-up award from the Alfred Eisentaedt Awards, and publication in *Life* magazine's collector's edition featuring the best magazine photos of the year. The photograph was originally published as a two-page spread in *ESPN The Magazine*.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Gary Geisel ('70)

Gary received a bachelor of science degree in secondary education. Earlier this year he was named president and chief operating officer of Provident Bankshares Corporation in Baltimore, Maryland. Provident Bankshares Corp. is the holding company for Provident Bank, the second largest independent commercial bank headquartered in Maryland. With more than \$5.7 billion in assets, Provident serves individuals and businesses through a network of 98 offices in Maryland, Northern Virginia and southern York County, Pa. Provident Bank also offers related financial services through its wholly owned subsidiaries.

Geisel has more than 30 years in the banking industry, including serving as a senior vice president for Equibank in Pittsburgh and Baltimore, and an executive vice president for Citizens Bank in Laurel, Maryland. While with Provident he has been responsible for the business initiatives of the Community Banking, Human Resources and Marketing divisions, as well as the Operations Group and the bank's Provident Investment Center subsidiary. Gary directed two acquisitions by Provident, as well as growth into the Northern Virginia market, and in-store branch expansions with Wal-Mart, Metro Foods, and Shoppers Food Warehouse.

As president, Gary will provide leadership as part of the bank's executive team, working with the chairman and three executive vice presidents. Gary also serves on the boards of directors for Goodwill Industries and Westminster House, and the advisory board of the National Aquarium.

EDUCATION

Armendia Dixon ('78)

Armendia received her Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from Kent State University. She received the M.Ed. in secondary administration from Edinboro and her undergraduate degree from Jackson State (Miss.) University. She has done further studies in library science at Northern Illinois University and Manhattan College in advanced placement. She is retired from the Erie City School District where she served as director of secondary education and principal of Strong Vincent High School. She serves as a consultant for curriculum auditing and curriculum writing and facilitated the design for the Northwest Collegiate Academy, now in its fourth year in the Erie public schools.

She has served as a member of the Visiting Committee Middle States Association, adjunct professor at Kent State University, the Pa. Board of Private Academic Schools, and Director of Urban Teachers Project at Kent State University. She is presently on the Advisory Board of the International Institute in Meadville and founder of the Meadville Latchkey Program, which is now in most of the public schools in Crawford County. Her professional memberships include Delta Kappa Gamma, National Council of Teachers of English, Phi Delta Kappa, Association of Supervision and Instruction, and Erie Public Schools Administration Association. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and a volunteer at the Wesbury Retirement Community.

Armendia has received numerous service awards: Woman of Color, Professional Woman of the Year, Teacher of the Year, Y-Teen Advisor of the Year, Distinguished Service Bicentennial Award, Young Matron Missionary Award, Erie Head Start Award, Who's Who in American Education, Who's Who in the East, Who's Who in the World Internationals, and Who's Who in Sororities and Fraternities.

She and her husband, Harrison D. Dixon, Jr., have one son, Harrison D. Dixon, III; they live in Meadville and belong to Stone United Methodist Church.

Sandra Metzler ('91)

Sandra teaches English at Seneca High School in Wattsburg, Pa. She received her bachelor of science degree in education, with certification in secondary English, and graduated *summa cum laude*. Sandra actually began her career as a volunteer parent, assisting Edinboro Elementary School in completing the application to become a Blue Ribbon School, for which it was selected and recognized nationally. Full-time employment took Sandra to Virginia. The Westmoreland County school superintendent had contacted Edinboro University to identify its most qualified English teacher because he had been so pleased with previous Edinboro graduates. While at A.T. Johnson Middle School, Sandra was involved in organizing several programs and served as the only faculty representative on an alternative education program committee. However, after about a year-and-a-half, Sandra and her family decided to return to the Edinboro area, and in 1993 she was hired by the Wattsburg School District.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards Selection Committee was immediately struck by how involved and dedicated Sandra is, not only to her profession, but also specifically to her students. Letters from many students spoke to how she always makes each one feel special, taking extra time with them as they need it, especially with "at-risk children." There was also a period of extenuating circumstances following the suicide of a student, during which time she allowed classmates to openly discuss what they were experiencing. Several letters from students specifically addressed that period of time and how much her support helped them deal with the tragedy.

Sandra is also involved in many extra activities at Seneca. She was instrumental in the initiation of The Ophelia Project and a companion program for boys, called "Seneca Solutions." She is involved with the Newspaper In Education program, among other things. Sandra has worked with

Edinboro University's Office for Students with Disabilities for more than ten years, both as a student and an alumna.

NATURAL SCIENCES

Patricia Messmer ('79 and '83)

Patricia R. Messmer, Ph.D., R.N., C., F.A.A.N., received her master of science in nursing and master of arts in rehabilitation counseling from Edinboro. A leader in the field of nursing research, she is currently the associate for nursing research at Mount Sinai Medical Center & Miami Heart Institute in Miami Beach, Fla. Her career has spanned a wide variety of positions beginning as a staff nurse at Presbyterian University Hospital in Pittsburgh. She was on the teaching faculty at Edinboro University, the University of Cincinnati, and Penn State. As an assistant professor at Villa Maria College, she also served as the RN program director. Pat was the director of nursing education and research at Tampa General Hospital, and prior to her current position she was the director of nursing research at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach.

Pat has an extensive background in teaching and mentoring. She has written and received grants worth more than \$770,000. Her exhaustive list of publications, papers and presentations is astounding, yet she finds time to remain active with national professional organizations, including the American Academy of Nursing, the Academy of Parliamentary Procedure and Law, the American Nurses Association, the Florida Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau International and the Beta Tau Chapter, and many, many more.

There is nowhere near enough space to list them here, but among Pat's numerous honors and awards are recurring recognitions from the American Nurses Association, the Florida Nurses Association, and Sigma Theta Tau International, including the Outstanding Community Leadership award from the Beta Tau Chapter in 1998. She was named in *Who's Who in the World* (17th edition, Marquis); *Who's Who of American Women* (twice); and she has been given several honorary memberships from the Greek Registered Nurse's Pan Hellenic Society and the Honor Society at the School of Nursing at Florida International University.

Earlier this year Pat became a laureate in the Smithsonian Research Collection in Washington, D.C., for her study, "Companion Phones Reach Out and Touch in Emergency Department." Pat's Ph.D. is from the University

of Pittsburgh, and she is a fellow of the American Academy of Nurses, a very prestigious honor.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Dennis Duffy ('70)

The Honorable Dennis M. Duffy is currently the assistant secretary for policy and planning for the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs. Serving in this capacity since receiving Senate confirmation of his appointment by President Clinton, he was sworn in on April 7, 1995. Mr. Duffy also serves as the VA's acting assistant secretary for congressional and legislative affairs.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is the federal government's second largest executive department, responsible for a nationwide system of health care services, benefits programs and national cemeteries for America's 24 million veterans and their dependents. With an annual budget of \$48 billion, the VA employs some 219,000 people at hundreds of VA medical centers, outpatient clinics, regional offices and national cemeteries throughout the country.

Dennis is the principal adviser to the secretary for strategic planning, policy research and analysis, and program evaluation. He is responsible for managing the Department's strategic planning process and implementation of the Government Performance and Results Act. As the VA's acting assistant secretary for congressional and legislative affairs, Dennis also serves as the principal adviser to the secretary on all congressional activities affecting the VA. He works directly with members of Congress and senior Congressional staff, and is responsible for coordinating the development of the VA's annual legislative programs and actively promoting them in Congress.

A U.S. Army veteran, Dennis served as a combat infantryman and squad leader with the 23rd Infantry Division in Vietnam. His military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Dennis is the recipient of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs Meritorious Service Award (1995) and the Secretary's Exceptional Service Award (2000). His professional affiliations include serving as a member of the Leadership Forum at the Institute for the Study of Public Policy Implementation, American University, and as a principal with the Council for Excellence in Government; and as a

member of the Government Performance Consortium, National Academy of Public Administration.

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Theotis Braddy ('86)

Theotis Braddy is the executive director of the Center for Independent Living of Central Pennsylvania, in Harrisburg. Theotis earned his B.S. in social work from Edinboro and a master's in social work from Temple University in 1988. Due to a high school football accident at the age of 15 from which he became disabled, he has advocated on behalf of persons with disabilities for more than 22 years.

Theo has worked at CILCP since 1988 when he was hired to establish and administer the Center. Theo has created an independent living center that has become a

strong and growing voice for persons with disabilities. He was instrumental in planning the first and second Pennsylvania statewide independent living conferences, and served as chairperson in 1997. Theo also served as co-chair of the Pennsylvania Statewide Independent Living Council, and works diligently toward ensuring that the Americans with Disabilities Act is fully implemented to allow for full participation of all citizens with disabilities.

Theo serves on a number of community boards and committees. In September of 1998 he joined the Temple University faculty as an adjunct professor, teaching social welfare policy at the Temple University Harrisburg Campus. And in 1997, Theo received his calling and entered the ministry. He is an associate minister at East Shore Community Church in Harrisburg.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS!

Parents and Families Organization Looking for Volunteers

Is your student following in your footsteps at Edinboro University? Are you interested in interacting with other parents of Edinboro students? If so, then the Parents and Families Organization is looking for you!

President Pogue created the "PFO" to promote positive parent and family relations and to provide advocacy and a communication link between the University, present and future students, and their parents and families. Members serve as goodwill ambassadors informing others about the strengths and needs of Edinboro University and its students. All parents and family members of currently enrolled students are automatically members of the organization. Your level of activity depends upon you!

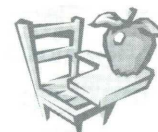
Currently, the PFO meets annually as part of the Family-Legacy Weekend held in the fall semester (September 22, 2001). At last year's meeting, Dave and Darlene Anderson, of Bradford, Pa., were elected as the co-chairs. They

encouraged parents and families to get involved and help this organization grow. Dave and Darlene have helped to generate a PFO e-mail list, and have been instrumental in the creation of a PFO web page, which will be launched late spring or early summer. The website will enable parents and families to communicate directly with each other, or campus officials.

To find out more about how you can get involved with the Parents and Families Organization, please contact Dave and Darlene at ddss@webtv.net, or (814) 368-3879. You can also contact one of the campus coordinators: Mr. Kahan Sablo, associate vice president for student life, ksablo@edinboro.edu or call (814) 732-2768; or Ms. Janet L. Bowker, director of alumni affairs, bowker@edinboro.edu, or call 800-526-0117. And keep checking the Edinboro University website!

Edinboro Alumni Recognized as "Golden Apple Award Winners"

Erie television station WJET-TV24 and Giant Eagle recognize local teachers who are nominated by their students for the dedication and effort they contribute to their profession. Congratulations to the following alumni who were award recipients in 2000-2001:



William Benoit ('87)
J.W. Parker Middle School

Deborah Dudenhoefer ('77)
Mill Village Elementary School

Terri Erie ('85)
Edison Elementary School

Anne Luddy ('76)
The Gertrude Barber Center

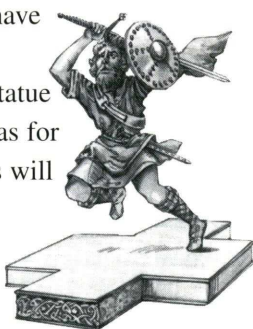
Carol Perrotto ('66)
Belle Valley Elementary School

Janet West ('70)
Northwestern Elementary School

Fighting Scot Statue Update

Since the beginning of the Fighting Scot Statue Brick Campaign, we have raised more than \$36,000 from selling nearly 800 bricks and pavers. That is a great beginning to this project and represents participation from alumni, students, parents, employees and friends of the University.

Although the final costs of the project are still to be determined, we know that we still have a way to go before this project is finished. The development of the statue itself continues to evolve, as do ideas for fund raising. Planned opportunities will include black and white prints, and limited edition watercolors of the statue. Additionally, we plan to offer 24-inch and 12-inch versions of the bronze statue. Other ideas are still being developed as well.



Currently the planned timeline for the project targets Homecoming 2002 (October 12) for the unveiling of the statue and mall area. Please continue to watch the *Alumni News* or your mail for more information on this exciting project!

New Edinboro University License Plates to be Distributed by PennDOT

PennDOT is in the process of replacing nine million old license plates in Pennsylvania. There are 68 Special Organization license plates, including Edinboro University's. Those Pennsylvania drivers with one of the specialty plates (on an actively registered vehicle) will automatically receive a new plate with the same number as the old plate. The new plate will be mailed along with a registration card and the appropriate expiration month/year sticker. As part of a pilot program to deter sticker theft, most Philadelphia residents will receive a rear window document in place of the traditional month/year license plate sticker. Approximately two weeks after the plates are mailed, a follow-up letter will be sent to the new plate recipients to ensure that customers receive their plates and that all materials are correct and complete. This process will take place over the next several months.

The new Edinboro University plate will resemble the new Pennsylvania plate. PENNSYLVANIA will appear across the top of the plate in white lettering against a blue background. The Scotsman logo, two stacked letters (EU)

and five numbers will be embossed (raised) in blue against a white background in the center of the plate. Edinboro University will be embossed with blue lettering against a yellow background across the bottom of the plate.

For an informational fact sheet, please contact the Alumni Office.

Photo Corner



Approximately 125 alumni and friends attended the chapter event in Charlotte, North Carolina, on March 30. Held in conjunction with the National Ceramics Association Conference, Professor Emeritus Donna Nicholas was a major sponsor of the event. Thank you, Donna!



The gang in Charlotte also celebrated Donna's birthday (seated at right) and they demonstrated their admiration and respect for her with a standing ovation.

A dinner was also held in Raleigh. Although a smaller group, everyone had a great time. (Our apologies for not having a photo of that event.)



Some of our esteemed athletes of the '50s gathered recently for a photo at the Alumni House.

Check our website for photos from this year's Reunion Weekend and the 50th reunion of the class of 1951.

If you have an idea for a reunion during Homecoming Weekend (or any other time of the year!) please call the Alumni Office, and we'll do all we can to assist in planning an event.

Homecoming 2001 – October 12-14

More details and registration information will appear in the next issue of the *Alumni News*, but we wanted to remind you of the date and some special highlights!

GOLF OUTING – Later than last year, if the weather is a problem at this year's outing, we'll plan on partying anyway! At Culbertson Hills, Bob and Don Orr enjoy hosting our outing and always take good care of us! Last year's golf outing netted more than \$7,000 toward Association programming. Bigger and better than ever, proceeds this year will benefit the Fighting Scot Statue project. The cost this year will be \$100 per golfer and includes greens fees and cart, expanded fun/skill contests on the course, a pre-round putting contest, refreshments on the course, hole-in-one opportunities, a dinner buffet featuring a variety of fresh roasted meats, a silent auction and raffle with big prizes, and prizes for everyone, as always! Hole sponsorships are available for \$100, and we're looking for prize sponsors also. For more information or an advanced registration form, call the Alumni Office at 1-800-526-0017, or email us through the website at www.edinboro.edu.

FRIDAY NIGHT BASH – a long-standing tradition, this too, is held at Culbertson Hills and features complimentary hors d'oeuvres, a DJ, prizes, and a cash bar. Meet all your friends here and start the Homecoming Weekend off right!

SATURDAY PARADE AND FOOTBALL – This year's parade theme is "Monopoly," so there are sure to be some terrific and colorful floats, as always! Watch the parade at the Alumni House, or another favorite spot. Stop by the President's complimentary reception in front of the Diebold Center for Performing Arts on Meadville Street. The game starts at 2:00 p.m., and the Fighting Scots will host the Clarion Golden Eagles. Stop by the alumni tent for refreshments and a chance to win prizes – including two round-trip airline tickets compliments of Edinboro Travel!

THE TARTAN 5K FUN RUN AND TOT-TROT – Closing out the weekend will be the tenth annual Tartan 5K and Tot Trot. For a 5K-race registration form contact the Alumni Office.

The health and physical education department organizes the Tot Trot, which challenges children 8 and under to age-specific races against local celebrity runners. Registration information will be in the next *Alumni News*.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

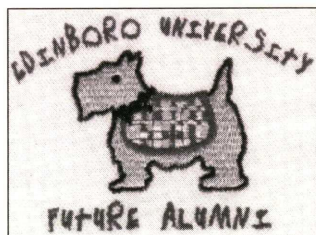
**CONTACT US FOR ADVANCE INFORMATION
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Edinboro Apparel Program

Infant/Youth Apparel

All items will be embroidered with a Scotty Dog and "Future Edinboro Alumni" logo

- * Red sweatshirt (6 mos.-YL)
- * Red fleece vest (YS-YL)
- * Red bubble romper (Onesie) (6 mos.-24 mos.)
- * Denim jumper dress (2T-5/6)
- * Denim bibbed overalls (6 mos.-5/6T)
- * Denim bibbed front shorts (6 mos.-18 mos.)
- * Youth red polo (YS-YL)
- * Youth red ballcap with 'Boro on front and "Future Alumni" on back



- * Black lined windshirt (M-2XL)
- * Men's red or white polo shirt (S-3XL)
- * Ladies red or white polo shirt (S-XL)
- * Red heavyweight sweatshirt (S-2XL)
- * Red or white turtleneck with 'BORO embr. (S-2XL)
- * Red 1/2 zip fleece (S-2XL)
- * Red full zip fleece (S-2XL)
- * Red fleece vest (S-2XL)
- * Red fleece blanket
- * Long-sleeved red or white polo (S-3XL)
- * Red or khaki cap with 'Boro on front & Alumni on back

Adult Apparel

All items will be embroidered with your choice of logos:

DESIGN A: Original piper logo

DESIGN B: Bagpipes logo – NEW!

DESIGN C: Highlander logo – NEW!



Promotional Items and Clothing Available Visit the Alumni Web Site

Looking for Edinboro University Alumni clothing? Check out the Alumni Association website at www.edinboro.edu/cwis/alumni/alumni.html for items available to order and information on other services and programs.

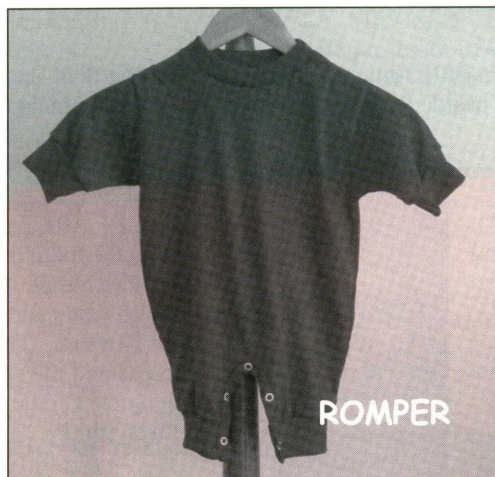
Currently you can order sweatshirts, denim shirts, golf shirts, windshirts and polar-tech pullovers, all with the Piping Scot logo and the words "Edinboro University Alumni" embroidered on the left front chest. Youth sizes are available in some items, and you can order the shirts without the "alumni" if you like. Prices vary.

We also have a baseball hat available that is tan with a Royal Stewart Tartan bill embroidered with Edinboro University on the front and "Boro Alumni" on the back. Additionally, we have a stocked supply of the unique Edinboro University Alumni tapestry, ready to be shipped!

If you don't have internet capability and are still interested in these items, just call us at 1-800-526-0117 and we'll send you an order form! Get your alumni clothing today!



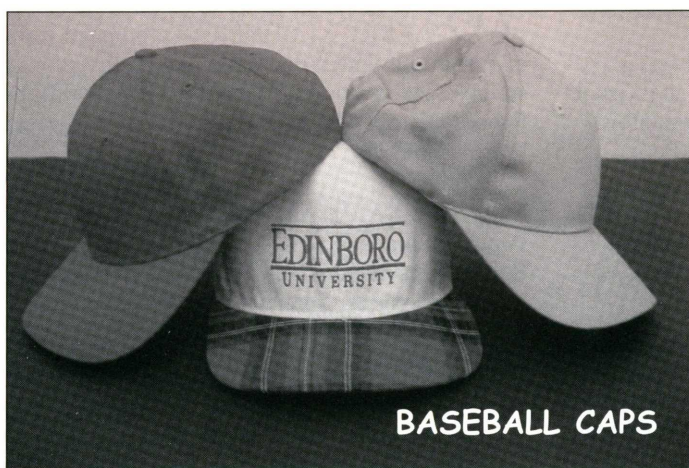
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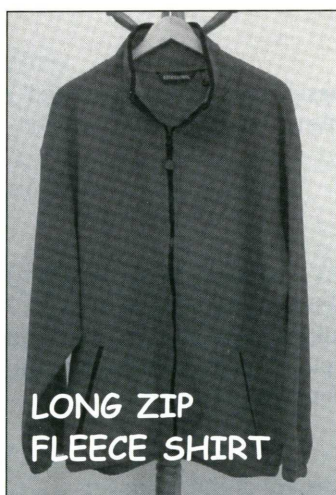
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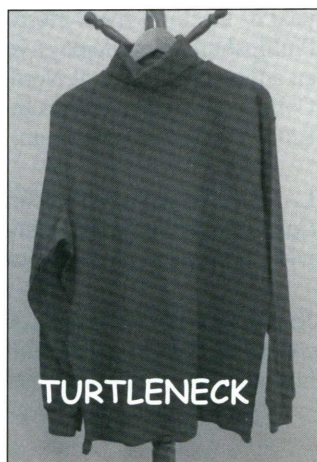


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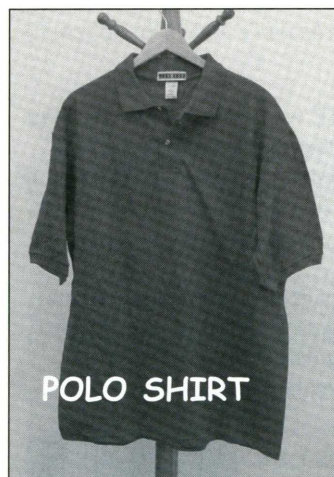


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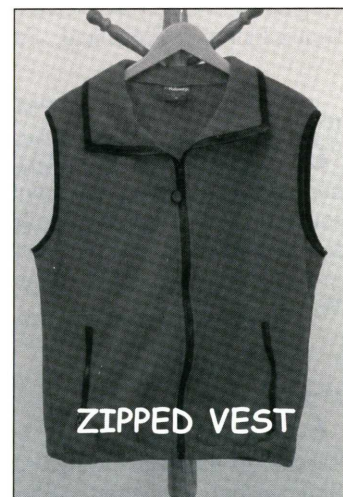
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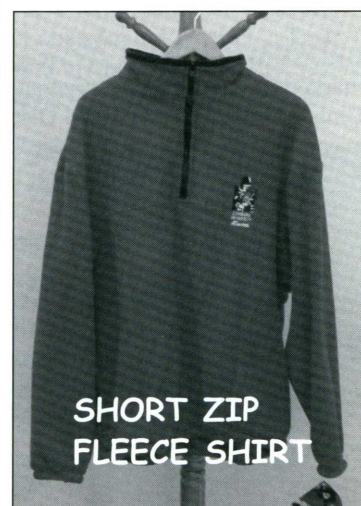
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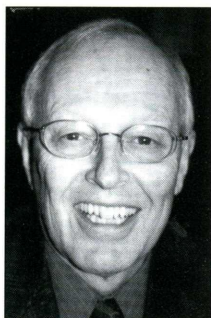


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NewsNotes

Alumni who have contributed to the 2000-2001 Annual Fund or the Fighting Scot Statue project (as of February 23, 2001) are indicated by a ☆. If you don't see a ☆ beside your name, contact the Development Office (814-732-2992) to make your donation. Thank you!

'57 RICHARD SIEGEL ☆ ➤ retired from the Morris School District and is now employed by Kean University as an adjunct professor for the fine arts department and he serves as an art education clinical supervisor. Richard and his wife, Iona, reside in New Providence, N.J.



'65 EDWIN PROBERT recently had a scholarship named in his honor at the Germantown Academy, the Edwin Probert III 1760 Scholarship for the Visual and Performing Arts. Ed has been teaching at the Germantown Academy since 1967. He resides in Fort Washington, Pa.

SANDRA (STITT) SCULLEY is a user support analyst for ICI Dulux Paints in Cleveland. Sandra resides in Stow, Ohio.

'70 SHARON (BOURA) HUDSON, along with her husband, Max, own Our Country Chalet Bed and Breakfast in southern West Virginia. The business has been doing very well for the past three years. You may visit their website at www.countrychalet.com. Sharon and Max reside in Bluefield, W. Va.

'73 CRYSTAL (CRAIG) MCGEE was awarded Outstanding Teacher of the Year for 2000-2001 and guest lecturer for Shippensburg University. She has been teaching for 26 years in the Southern York County School District. She resides in York, Pa.

BRUCE WHITEHAIR, ☆ vice president for development and marketing at Edinboro University, was honored by the Erie Ad Club with the George Mead Distinguished Award for his accomplishments over the past 25 years. Bruce and his wife, Rosemary, reside in Wattsburg, Pa.

'74 ROBIN CONNORS ☆ ➤ recently had a book published titled *Self Injury: Psychotherapy with People Who Engage in Self-Inflicted Violence*. Jason Aronson, Inc., published the book. Robin resides in Pittsburgh, Pa.



'75 ARETA KALOGERAS teaches instrumental music and is the marching band director for North Hills High School near Pittsburgh. She has been teaching at North Hills for the past 26 years and has been the marching band director for the past 12 years. This past January, the marching band represented the state of Pennsylvania in the Presidential Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C. Areta resides in Pittsburgh, Pa.

'76 LARRY KUSHNER ☆ graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a doctorate in administration and policy studies. He is a middle school principal with the Brentwood School District. Larry and his wife, Linda, reside in Washington, Pa.

STANLEY SAELLAM was recently appointed as the Pennsylvania Dental Association's chief operating officer. Some of his responsibilities include overseeing the PDA's human resources, financial, operational and office management functions. Stanley and his wife, Michelle, reside in Linglestown, Pa.

'79 JACQUELINE (McGRATH) MASI ☆ is a pharmaceutical saleswoman for Johnson & Johnson, Inc. She resides in Erie, Pa.

MICHAEL SATIRA ☆ is the president of the family-owned construction company Satira Construction, Inc. Michael lives in Penn Hills, Pa.

'80 KATHY HARTMAN ☆ is currently in her twelfth year of teaching vocal music at Phillipsburg High School in Phillipsburg, New Jersey. In addition to teaching music, she is an adjunct professor at Northampton County Community College where she directs the Women's Community Chorus. Kathy resides in Bethlehem, Pa.

LARRY JOHNSON ☆ is the manager of S.R. Snodgrass, A.C. Certified Public Accountants in Ashtabula, Ohio. Larry and his wife, Louise, reside in Ashtabula.

JANE ANNE (JONES) CLARE ☆ completed her 20th year as a teacher with the Lee County School Board. Jane and her husband, Terry, reside in North Fort Myers, Fla.

'81 (and '84) PAMELA ALESKY ☆ is a senior policy analyst with the American Red Cross. She resides in Alexandria, Va.

'84 (and '95) PATRICK HART is the assistant principal at Strong Vincent High School in Erie, Pa. He resides in Erie with his wife, Denise.

'85 LAURA (BOYCE) FRANZ has been working as a special education teacher since 1986. She is currently working at Conneaut Valley Elementary as an emotional support teacher. Laura and her family reside in Springboro, Pa.

LAURIE (CRANCE) BLOOM ☆ is the CFO for Target Printing, Inc., in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Laurie and her husband, Greg, reside in Wolcottville, Ind.

MICHAEL HARMAN ☆ was the winner of the Faculty Excellence Award for 2001 at North Harris College in Houston, Texas. He is currently working with students on a one-year research project through the Harris County Mosquito Control Department. Michael resides in Houston, Texas.

MICHAEL HIPPCHEM ☆ has won the Maryland/D.C. Minority Supplier Business Development Council's Buyer of the Year Award for 2000. This is the third consecutive year Michael has won the award. He was chosen for his outstanding contributions and proactive leadership to supporting and guiding minority-owned businesses establish themselves in the marketplace. Michael resides in Leesburg, Va.

'87 MARYLUE (McGRAW) WIESEN has been working for Catholic Charities for the past 10 years as the program director of the Special Needs Adept Program. She resides in Erie, Pa.

'89 TANIS (BODEN) CUNNINGHAM is now the principal of the Bradley Center School. She resides in Portersville, Pa.

'91 DR. MICHAEL THURANSKY is working at the Associate Spine and Joint Center in Mt. Lebanon, Pa. Michael resides in Pittsburgh, Pa.

DAVID GALL will be turning 35 soon and his wife, Connie, is planning a surprise birthday party for him. Any Delta Sigma Phi brother or little sister who would like to attend, please contact Connie at 1-800-642-7245 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

'92 MELISSA GIBSON, Ph.D. accepted a position as an associate professor of management in the Dahlkemper School of Business at Gannon University in Erie, Pa. Melissa resides in Albion, Pa.

GREG KUNTZ is an executive producer for radio shows for Renda Broadcasting in Pittsburgh. Greg has been working for Renda for nearly 5 years. He resides in Pittsburgh, Pa.

MARK MELKO is currently working at Grey Interactive, a branch of Grey Worldwide, as a creative supervisor. Mark designs interactive web sites for major corporations. He resides in New York, N.Y.

MARILYN (MILLER) WEGWEISER earned a Ph.D. in geology at The Ohio State University. She is currently an assistant professor of geology at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.

KURT SCHMIDHAMER, First Lieutenant, was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal upon discharge from the Marine Corps. He is returning to the Harrisburg, Pa., area to pursue a job as a special investigator with the Inspector General's Office. Kurt resides in San Diego, Cal.

'93 KATHI (HYKES) ADAMS has been with Children's World Learning Center since August of 1997. She was recently promoted to the position of Center director. She currently oversees a staff of 25, as well as 160 families. Kathi and her husband, Richard, reside in Manalapan, N.J.

CHRISTINE TOWNS ☆ (and '00) is a psychological services associate in corrections at SCI Huntingdon in Huntingdon, Pa. Christine resides in Duncansville, Pa.

'96 JENNIFER CADY moved to East Stroudsburg, Pa., and works for New York Life Investment Management.

SHAUNA (MILLER) BROWN is a sixth grade language arts and science teacher in the Deer Lakes School District at Deer Lakes Middle School. Shauna and her husband, Charlie, reside in Cheswick, Pa. She can be reached at csb2@nauticom.net.

KELLY (ROBERTS) MELLE ➤ is a special education teacher in the Penn Hills School District in Pittsburgh. Her husband, TIM '94, is a regional salesman for Software Solutions, Inc. They reside in Gibsonia, Pa.



ERIN WILEY is working as a transportation planner for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) in Oil City, Pa. Erin resides in Oil City.

JENNIFER WITTMACK is a speech therapist with the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit #5 in Edinboro, Pa. Jennifer resides in Erie, Pa.

'97 PAMELA BRUSOSKI was mentioned in an article in the April 3, 2001, edition of the *New York Times* for her role as stage manager for the play "No Niggers, No Jews, No Dogs." Pamela resides in Bethel Park, Pa.

JENNIFER CHERRY ☆ was recently promoted to personnel manager at Elk County Shop 'n Save in St. Marys, Pa. She has been working with the company since 1999. Jennifer resides in St. Marys, Pa.

'98 CLIFFORD "KIP" ALLEN ☆ accepted the position of chair of the Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities (PLCM) University-Community Network. He is currently serving as mayor of Edinboro. Kip and his wife, CHERYL '73, reside in Edinboro and both serve on the Alumni Board of Directors.

JASON GRANTZ accepted a position with Price Point Mail Order in Los Angeles to become the company's marketing manager. Price Point is the industry leader for mail order bicycle parts and accessories. Jason resides in Burbank, Cal.

GINGER JUART is the marketing manager of the Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre in Charlotte, North Carolina. She is currently learning to be a director of marketing for SFX Entertainment, Inc., and will be moving to Pittsburgh next year. She resides in Concord, N.C.

JESSICA McFARLANE was selected Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania for 2001. A certified special education teacher, public speaker, training manager, columnist and author, Jessica resides in Spring City, Pa.

DENISE OSHALL ☆ is a GIS Specialist for L. Robert Kimball and Associates in Ebensburg, Pa. Denise resides in Fallentimber, Pa.

MICHAEL ROMANO is currently a 10th grade world cultures teacher at Perry Traditional Academy in Pittsburgh. Michael resides in Pittsburgh, Pa.

'99 SALENA CARR was hired at the Sharon *Herald* after interning and working as a freelance photographer. Salena resides in Sharon, Pa.

MICHELLE (HAAS) FRANKS is a customer service representative in the marketing department of Reid Petroleum, Inc., in Lockport, New York. Michelle and her husband, Martin, reside in Corfu, N.Y.

'00 REBEKAH HENN ☆ is a battalion adjutant at Fort Bragg in North Carolina. Rebekah resides in Fayetteville, N.C.

BARBARA (KAMINSKI) JACOBOSKI ☆ is an SLP in the Mesa Public Schools in Mesa, Arizona. Barbara and her husband, Jeffrey, reside in Mesa, Ariz.

LAURIE KURUTZ is a producer at WSEE-TV 35 in Erie, Pa. She resides in Erie, Pa.

JEFFERY RUSH ☆ is a hearing enforcement officer for Lehigh County in Allentown, Pa. Jeff resides in Bethlehem, Pa.

MARRIAGES

'86 JOHN DEIGHTON and Conni, on December 27, 1999. They reside in Cape Coral, Fla.

'93 NOREEN (VITANZA) and James Courchene, on September 2, 2000. Noreen and James reside in Alpharetta, Ga.

'94 KRISTEN (SMART) and Michael Garcia, on March 31, 2001. Kristen and Michael reside in Cincinnati, Ohio.

'96 DORI (BLINT) and Robert Sekelsky, on September 9, 2000. They reside in Johnsonburg, Pa.

JULIE (SMITH) and Matthew Harrison, on November 25, 2000. They reside in Pittsburgh, Pa.

'97 JENNIFER (O'BRIEN) and BRAD DAVIS '94, on June 30, 2001. They reside in Mercer, Pa.

'98 BROOKE (PARKER) ☆ and Mark Phipps, on June 10, 2000. Brooke and Mark reside in Erie, Pa.

MELANIE (PRATT) and Ted Duggan, on August 12, 2000. They reside in Factoryville, Pa.

SCOTT SCARIOT and AMY (INGOLD), on July 15, 2000. They reside in Pittsburgh, Pa.

BIRTHS

'80 NORMA (BLACK) and Chris Brown, a son, Ross Howard, on November 30, 2000. He joins sister, Madison-2. Norma and Chris reside in Wytheville, Va.

'82 WALTER YATTA ☆ and Susan Yatta, a daughter, Amy Grace, on August 6, 2000. They reside in Somerset, Pa.

'84 PATRICK HART (and '95) and Denise, a son, Sean Michael, on March 28, 2001. He joins big brothers Patrick-10 and Ryan-6. Patrick and Denise reside in Erie, Pa.

'86 CHRISTINE (HEY) and WILLIAM MARN '88, a son, Eric Andrew, on July 25, 2000. He joins big brother Stephen-3, and

big sister Julia-6. They reside in Erie, Pa.

SHERRI (MCARDLE) and Steve Krautter, a daughter, Allison Lee, on May 3, 2000. Sherri and Steve reside in Edinboro, Pa.

'88 LAURA (FARINA) ☆ and Michael Stephen, a daughter, Emily Alexandra, on March 26, 2001. She joins big brothers, Michael-6, and Isaac-3 1/2. They reside in Gibsonia, Pa.

'89 KARLA (BANNON) and Solomon Clair, a son, Steven Solomon, on November 6, 2000. He joins big sister, Rachel-3. Karla and Solomon reside in Fredericksburg, Va.

KIM (KRISCUNAS) ☆ (and '93) and Brian Thomas, a daughter, Kelsey Mara, on January 6, 2001. She joins older sister, Jordyn-2. Kim and Brian reside in Pittsburgh, Pa.

NADENE (L'AMOREAUX) ☆ and Elmer Bland, Jr., a daughter, Emma, on January 28, 2001. They reside in Home, Pa.



➤ BRETT REARICK and BONNIE (PEARSALL) '88, a son, Ryan James, on March 19, 2001. He joins big brother Cory-1. Brett and Bonnie reside in North East, Pa.

EVONNE (SVEDA) and Tim Cooner, a daughter, Katherine Olivia, on February 16, 2001. She joins brother, Timothy-2. Evonne and Tim reside in Montgomery, Ala.

'91 KELLY (BABAY) ☆ and Ed Hess, a daughter, Emily Anne, on September 1, 2000. Kelly and Ed reside in Erie, Pa.

DORENE (DETWILER) and Dennis McLaughlin, a son, Jacob Gage, on March 16, 2001. He joins sister, Dani-2. Dorene and Dennis reside in Chandler, Ariz.

KATHY (MILOSH) and Robert Ryden, a daughter, Taylor, on August 6, 2000. They reside in Conneaut Lake, Pa.

'92 TODD MANCHESTER and DIANE (NOLDER), a daughter, Lauren Mackenzie, on December 8, 2000. Todd and Diane reside in Fredericksburg, Va.

'93 DARLENE (BUSH) and Robert DiFuccia, a daughter, Rachel Eileen, on June 27, 2000. She joins sister, Veronica-3. Darlene and Robert reside in Perryville, Md.

EILEEN (GATES) and Joseph Bittner, a daughter, Morgan Eileen, on September 1, 2000. Eileen and Joseph reside in Pittsburgh, Pa.

HOPE (LANG) and Robert Bolek, a son, Trent Arthur, on November 25, 2000. Heather and Robert reside in McKeesport, Pa.

'94 MARLA (MCFARLAND) and Scott McMeans, a son, Devin Scott, on October 24, 2000. He joins sister, Ashlyn. Marla and Scott reside in Warren, Pa.

'95 DANA (DRISH) and BRIAN SONGER '99, a son, Brennon Ethan, on December 6, 2000. He joins older brother Bailey-4. Dana and Brian reside in Edinboro, Pa.

BETSY (MIHALIC) and Chris Zemba, a daughter, Alyse, on August 22, 2000. Betsy would love to hear from her old friends at Edinboro. They reside in Mentor, Ohio.

'96 SHAUNA (MILLER) and Charlie Brown, a daughter, Kendall Delaney, on March 8, 2001. Shauna and Charlie reside in Cheswick, Pa. She can be reached at csb2@nauticom.net.

GINA (STUMPO) and ANGEL NEGRON '98, a son, Jaret Connor, on August 6, 2000. Gina and Angel reside in Mineral, Va. They can be reached at gla_806@hotmail.com.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Regina Gates, March 3, 2001. ☆

'23 MARGARET (DODGE) KINLEY, September 9, 2000.

'24 MARGARET MURRAY, February 1, 2001.

'26 DELIA (HOWARD) SHERMAN, on July 23, 2000.

'27 ELEANOR (AGNEW) SHONTZ, October, 2000.

EMMA (BECHTEL) NICKERSON, November 3, 2000.

MARGARET (FOSTER) ROCKS, April 4, 2001.

'31 ALICE (HARRINGTON) HAYES, September 1, 2000.

'33 ELISE (GIFFIN) HAWKINS, March 21, 2001.

BEATRICE (BOYD) TITZEL, January 2, 2001.

'34 JOHN HARVEY, March 1, 2001.

'38 WALTER HALL, December 1, 2000.

'39 ROBERT HILL, January, 2001.

'47 PAUL GUNN, February 25, 2001.

'51 GEORGE GALL, November 24, 2000.

'56 LUCILLE M. HEATH, December 18, 1999.

'71 SISTER URSULA FASIC, February, 2001.

'72 WILLIAM JOHNSTON, October, 2000.

'73 RICHARD HORNER, March 10, 2001.

'74 PATRICIA (TULLIO) ORAVETZ, April 10, 2001.

'75 JACK ALAN VANKIRK, January, 1999.

'82 MICHAEL KUCZAJ, March 4, 2001.

'94 DANIEL ROGERS, August 5, 2000.

'00 BRETT KOSOWSKI, November 22, 2000. ☆

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EDINBORO ATHLETICS

Seven New Members Inducted Into Hall of Fame

The Edinboro University Athletic Hall of Fame grew to 135 with the induction of seven new members on Saturday, April 28. The Class of 2001 was formally inducted at the 20th Annual Hall of Fame Awards Banquet. This year's inductees are:

Dennis Creehan ('71) made his mark first as a player, and later as the head coach of the Fighting Scot football program. Creehan was a standout defensive back, earning All-ECAC and All-State recognition as a safety. He was also accorded All-District and All-Pittsburgh Press honors. He captained the 1970 Lambert Bowl Team which finished with a 9-1 record. Creehan became the Edinboro head coach in 1979, serving for six seasons and posting a 39-20-1 record. His .658 winning percentage ranks first all-time, and he was named the PSAC West Coach of the Year three times. Under Creehan, the Fighting Scots set more than 50 PSAC and school records with four teams earning national rankings. Creehan has enjoyed an outstanding career, including head coaching stops at the University of South Dakota and San Francisco State. He was named the North Central Conference Coach of the Year in 1993 while serving as the head coach at South Dakota. He also gained experience at the Division I level in 1987-89 as the outside linebackers coach at the University of California, and was on the coaching staff of two conference champions and a 1986 Grey Cup team while serving as the defensive line coach and special teams coordinator for the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League. Creehan recently accepted a position as an assistant coach at Duke after previously serving in a similar capacity at Rutgers, and was also the defensive coordinator at Arkansas State University.

Sarah (Bishop) Jay ('90) was a teammate of fellow 2001 inductee



The 2001 Hall of Fame inductees: (left to right) Michael Willis, Montique Wade, Rick Killian, Sarah (Bishop) Jay, Dominic Masciantonio, Sean O'Day, and Denny Creehan.

Montique Wade, with the duo combining for 3,447 points while playing from 1986-90. A 5'9" guard, she was a three-time All-PSAC West first team selection while scoring 1,652 points, the third-highest total ever at Edinboro. She remains the career record-holder for field goals made (693), while ranking third in career field goals attempted (1,506), fourth in career free throws made (259) and eighth in career free throws attempted (341), tied for eighth in career steals (203), and ninth in career rebounds (565). She also holds the school career record for free throw percentage at 76.0 percent, and also set the season standard in 1989-90, making 105 of 121 for 86.6 percent. As a senior, she helped lead the Fighting Scots to a 27-3 finish, the most wins in school history, with Edinboro winning the PSAC Championship and advancing to the NCAA East Regional championship game. She was named the PSAC West Player of the Week five times. In addition to accomplishments in basketball, (Bishop) Jay was a standout in softball, earning All-PSAC West honors in that sport, as well.

Rick Killian ('81) is among the legion of championship runners for coach Doug Watts. A former standout at Girard High School, Killian was a walk-on athlete at

Edinboro who would go on to finish as a two-time All-American while competing in cross country/track and field from 1977-81. He earned All-America honors in the 800 meters, including a runner-up finish at the NCAA Division II outdoor national championships as a senior. His time of 1:49.23 remains a school record. In fact, Watts has discovered that his time is the second-best ever among small college performers in the eastern United States. Killian was also a two-time PSAC champion, setting the PSAC 800 meter record with a time of 1:50.05.

Dominick Masciantonio ('79) was a standout for the tennis team from 1975-79, posting an impressive career record of 110-32 in singles and doubles action. A two-time team captain, he reached the finals in singles and/or doubles of the NAIA District 18 and the PSAC Championships in each of his four years, capturing six championships. He won two PSAC titles, in 1976 and '78, and two NAIA District 18 crowns, in 1977 and '78, along with doubles in the PSAC and NAIA District 18 tournaments in 1977. Masciantonio was a two-time District 18 singles finalist (1976 and '79), and a PSAC singles finalist in '77. He also reached the District 18 doubles finals his other three seasons, and on two

more occasions reached the PSAC doubles finals. The 1977 Edinboro tennis team finished with a national ranking of 11th, with Masciantonio qualifying for the NAIA National Championships in 1977 and '78.

Sean O'Day ('90) is Edinboro's first Division I wrestling national champion. Previously selected to the PSAC Hall of Fame and the Eastern Wrestling League Hall of Fame, O'Day stands seventh in career wins at Edinboro with 116, finishing with a career record of 116-24-2. His .830 career winning percentage is sixth in the Fighting Scot record books, and his 37 wins in 1986-87 and 1987-88 is the 11th-highest season total. A three-time All-American, O'Day emerged as a sophomore at 142 lbs., placing seventh at the NCAA Division I Nationals. He finished with a 37-6-1 record and was the East Regional champion. He matched that win total in 1987-88, going 37-5-1 at 142 lbs., finishing first at the PSAC and East Regional Championships.

Montique Wade ('90) teamed with Sarah (Bishop) Jay to form a powerful one-two scoring punch for the Fighting Scot women's basketball team. Playing from 1986-90, she ranks second both in career scoring (1,775 points) and career rebounds (1,113). She is one of only two players in Edinboro history to score 1,000 points and pull down 1,000 rebounds. Her career rebound total is the fourth-highest ever in the PSAC. The 5'8" forward was a three-time All-PSAC West first team selection, and was named the 1989-90 PSAC West Player of the Year after averaging 18.2 points and 10.9 rebounds. In addition to her scoring and rebounding totals, Wade ranks second in career field goals made (689) and attempted (1,577), is second in career free throws attempted (616) and third in career free throws made (394), and third in career steals (284). She led the Fighting Scots in rebounding her final three seasons. In all, Wade was named the PSAC West Player of the Week seven times.

Michael Willis ('90) was a three-time honorable mention All-American on the gridiron, earning Associated Press Little All-America honorable mention accolades in 1988 and '89, and *Football Gazette* honors in 1989. In addition, he was accorded first team All-PSAC West honors at free safety as a junior and senior. Willis ranks tenth in career tackles with 329, including 158 solo. He broke up 25 passes, recorded 6 interceptions and 4 fumble recoveries and forced one fumble while playing in 36 games. His finest season came in 1988 as he finished with a team-leading 111 tackles, adding 4 interceptions and 12 passes broken up. The following season he finished with 100 hits, breaking up 7 passes and intercepting a pass as Edinboro went 8-3 and reached the NCAA Division II Playoffs for the first time. That included a career-high 22 tackles against Clarion. Willis finished as the second-leading tackler as a freshman, totaling 77 hits.

Edinboro to Host Local NFL Rivals

The National Football League is returning to Edinboro University. Edinboro Athletic Director Bruce Baumgartner has announced that the NFL's Buffalo Bills and Cleveland Browns will invade northwestern Pennsylvania on August 3 and 4 for two days of practice and scrimmage.

Starting in 1978, the Buffalo Bills and Cleveland Browns annually played a rookie scrimmage at Sox Harrison Stadium. When that series ended, the Bills entertained the Pittsburgh Steelers in the early 1990s, but the last time Sox Harrison Stadium hosted the NFL was 1995.

Unlike the previous scrimmages, which mainly featured rookies and free agents, the two days of workouts will showcase the entire 80-man squads of the Bills and the Browns. Local football fanatics can get a first hand look at players such as Buffalo's Eric Moulds, Sam Cowart and first round draft choice Nate Clements, while Browns' backers can view Tim Couch, Courtney Brown and Gerard Warren, the third pick in the recent NFL draft.

"We're very excited that Buffalo and Cleveland have chosen Edinboro University as the site for two days of drills," said Baumgartner. "Football fever will just be getting started in August, and we think that we'll be able to provide tri-state football fans with an up-close look at some of the best players in the NFL, and at an affordable price."

The practices and scrimmage will be the first opportunity for first-year coaches Gregg Williams of the Bills and Butch Davis of the Browns to see their squads against outside competition, one week before the opening of the exhibition season. "I've always felt that there is tremendous value in these types of arrangements during training camp," said Williams. "I think it's good for a team to take a break from practicing against each other and go against someone other than your teammates."

Former Miami (FL) mentor Davis is equally excited as he begins his first season as an NFL head coach. "We are very excited about our trip to Edinboro University in August. This will be an excellent opportunity, at the right time of training camp, to practice against a very talented Buffalo team. This will give us a great opportunity prior to our first preseason game to evaluate our progress as a team."

Friday's practices, which will be open to the public, and the kickoff time for Saturday's scrimmage will be announced as they become available. In addition, Baumgartner expects to have tickets available at several locations in addition to the Edinboro Athletic offices.

Tate, Kaufman, Walcavich Reap Plenty of Honors

The Edinboro University men's basketball team enjoyed another outstanding season under head coach Greg Walcavich, finishing with a 21-7 record. The veteran mentor, along with two Fighting Scot standouts, received plenty of postseason recognition.

Walcavich, in his 12th season at the helm of the Fighting Scots, was named the PSAC West Coach of the Year. He received the honor after guiding Edinboro to its first PSAC West crown since 1985-86, after the league's coaches had predicted the Fighting Scots would finish no higher than fourth.

The 20-win season was the sixth for Walcavich. The career recordholder for wins, he recorded his 200th victory as the Fighting Scot head coach early in the season. He now owns a 217-122 record at Edinboro and is 371-185 in 19 years as a head coach.

Adam Kaufman joined Walcavich as one of the top honorees in the PSAC, being named the PSAC West Player of the Year. A 5'11" guard, the senior concluded a brilliant career by leading the PSAC in assists for the fourth straight year. He finished with 249 assists, topped only by his school-record 273 assists as a freshman. That gave him 936 career assists, the second-highest total in NCAA Division II history.

Kaufman averaged 11.4 ppg. to give him a career total of 1,148 career points. That is good for 16th all-time at Edinboro. In addition, Kaufman finished his career ranked second in career steals (213), third in career three-pointers made (161) and attempted (467), sixth in career free throws made (291) and ninth in career free throws attempted (362). And maybe most impressive of all, he played in a school-record 116 games, starting every contest.

Kaufman earned second team *Division II Bulletin* All-America honors. In addition, he earned a spot on the PSAC West first team for the third straight year following his selection on the second team as a freshman.

Despite Kaufman's many achievements, the most decorated Fighting Scot was Kenny Tate. The 6'4" forward landed on three All-America teams in addition to joining Kaufman as a first team All-PSAC West selection. He was a first team Daktronics Division II All-American, was named to the *Basketball Times* second team for the second consecutive year, and joined Kaufman on the *Division II Bulletin* elite, earning a spot on the honorable mention unit for the second straight year.

Tate became just the third Fighting Scot to score 1,000 points in his career in his first two seasons. He once again averaged a double-double, finishing with 18.4 ppg. and 10.5 rpg. He had 11 games of 20-or-more points, giving him 26 games of 20-or-more points in his two seasons. He has scored in double figures in all 54 games in his career.

The junior posted 21 double-doubles this past year, and has 32 in his career. He already ranks 21st in career scoring with 1,049 points, and is 16th in career rebounding with 560. He totaled 516 points this season, the 11th-highest season total, after scoring 533 points a year earlier. His 293 rebounds in 2000-01 ranks seventh on the season charts, after pulling down 267 in 1999-2000.

Baumgartner Inducted Into EWL, PSAC Halls of Fame

Edinboro University Athletic Director Bruce Baumgartner was inducted into a pair of Halls of Fame this past winter. The Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference honored Baumgartner at the PSAC Championships held at Clarion University on Saturday, January 27. Just over a month later the Eastern Wrestling League followed suit on Sunday, March 4 during the second day of the EWL Championships.

Baumgartner served as the Fighting Scot wrestling coach from 1990-97, compiling a 70-36 record. He led Edinboro to its only perfect season in school history in 1996-97 with a 14-0 record. The Scots finished in sixth place at the NCAA Championships, and Baumgartner garnered his second EWL Coach of the Year Award. It marked the highest finish for an Edinboro contingent at the event.

Named the U.S. Olympic Wrestler of the Century by Globalaxxess.com last summer, Baumgartner officially retired from competition in the summer of 1998 when he became Edinboro's athletic director, ending his career undefeated against American wrestlers since 1981.

A four-time Olympic medalist, Baumgartner claimed the gold medal twice (1984 and '92), one silver medal (1988) and concluded his career with a bronze medal in the Atlanta games in 1996. He became just the sixth U.S. athlete to medal in four Olympiads with his bronze medal performance. The medal also marked his 13th in world-level competition, the most by any grappler in history.

Baumgartner was honored by his Olympic teammates in 1996 as he was chosen to carry the American flag at the opening ceremonies before an estimated worldwide television audience of more than 3.5 billion people.

2001 Football Schedule Announced

Edinboro University head football coach Lou Tepper has announced the 2001 Fighting Scot football schedule. The ten-game slate includes all six PSAC West opponents, along with PSAC crossover contests against West Chester and East Stroudsburg. The Fighting Scots, who were 5-6 in Tepper's first season as head coach, will once again open their season against Ashland.

Local rival Gannon has been added to the schedule, but Tepper was disappointed when Mercyhurst withdrew from the 2001 scheduled contest due to a conference scheduling conflict.

Tepper would like to see the Fighting Scots going up against Gannon and Mercyhurst on an annual basis. "I'd love to see an Erie Championship Trophy established between us," continued Tepper.

The 2001 season opens on Thursday, August 30, when the Fighting Scots travel to Ashland for a 7 p.m. tilt. A year ago the Purple Eagles handed Edinboro a 24-17 setback in Tepper's Edinboro coaching debut. The Fighting Scots will then entertain Gannon in the Sox Harrison home opener.

The PSAC wars begin on September 22, with the Scots facing a stern test against perennial power Slippery Rock. The month of September ends with the second night game of the campaign, a 7 p.m. kickoff on September 29 at California (Pa.).

Edinboro will be at home for three of its four October dates, beginning with home tilts against Lock Haven on October 6 and Clarion on October 13. The latter contest is the annual Homecoming affair, bringing back memories of the exciting come-from-behind 30-29 Homecoming victory over the Golden Eagles two years ago. Edinboro will travel to Indiana (Pa.) on October 20, then return home for the first of two PSAC crossover games on October 27, with West Chester providing the opposition.

Tepper's second campaign will conclude with a pair of road games in November, with the Scots travelling to Shippensburg on November 3 and East Stroudsburg on November 10.

The former head coach at Illinois looks for another spirited race in the PSAC West. "With the competitiveness of the western side, we must improve a lot to compete, and we expect to do that," said Tepper.

Tepper also announced that the Fighting Scots have come to a two-year agreement to play Tiffin in a home-and-home series in 2002 and 2003. One of Edinboro's PSAC crossover opponents will change in the future, as well, with the Scots scheduled to oppose Kutztown and East Stroudsburg from 2002 through 2005.

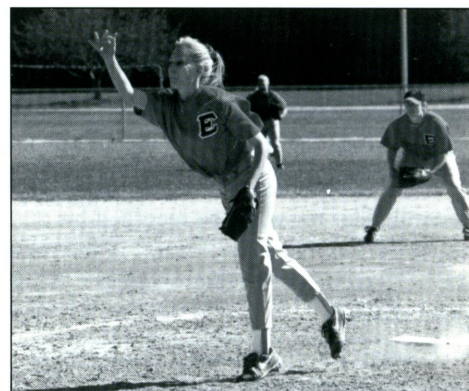
2001 Football Schedule

August 30	at Ashland (7 p.m.)
September 8	GANNON (1 p.m.)
September 22	SLIPPERY ROCK (1 p.m.) Family Legacy Weekend
September 29	at California (7 p.m.)
October 6	LOCK HAVEN (1 p.m.)
October 13	CLARION (2 p.m.) Homecoming
October 20	at Indiana (1:30 p.m.)
October 27	WEST CHESTER (1 p.m.)
November 3	at Shippensburg (1 p.m.)
November 10	at East Stroudsburg (1 p.m.)

Baseball and Softball Teams Crown New Strikeout King and Queen

Edinboro's baseball and softball teams did not enjoy great success on the diamond this spring, but a pair of individuals turned in record-setting performances. Seniors Brianne Taylor and Bill Bendis set new career strikeout records for the softball and baseball teams, respectively.

Taylor, a right hander from nearby Fort LeBoeuf High School, shattered Lisa (Mazur) Zoltowski's record for career strikeouts, finishing with 515. Zoltowski fanned 395 during her career. Coach Dan Gierlak fielded a youthful team which finished with a 9-28



Brianne Taylor

record. Taylor was one of the bright spots, finishing with a deceiving 7-19 record and a 2.63 ERA. She struck out 166 batters in 157 2/3 innings. The 515 strikeouts is the sixth-highest in PSAC annals.

The left-handed Bendis turned in a strong season after sitting out the 2000 campaign following arm surgery. He anchored coach John "Ace" Radovich's rotation, finishing with a 3-5 record and a 2.21 ERA. Like Taylor, he many times suffered from lack of run support, as his teammates scored fewer than three runs per game when he took the hill.

Bendis broke Shaun Hayes' career strikeout record, finishing with 235, a total which is also fourth in the PSAC record book. Hayes, who concluded his career just a year earlier, had 195 career strikeouts. Bendis also tied his own season strikeout mark, finishing with 74.

Both Taylor and Bendis had an opportunity to set career win records, as well, but came up just short. Taylor totaled 37 career wins, two shy of Mazur's 39 victories. Bendis, meanwhile, fell one win short of tying Hayes' standard of 19 career victories.

In Memoriam

Edinboro University cheerleading coach Becky Decker passed away on January 25 following a long battle with cancer. She was 28 years old, and survived by husband Brian, a former All-American defensive back and assistant coach for the Fighting Scots.

After graduating from Gannon with a degree in therapeutic recreation, Decker took over as the Fighting Scot cheerleading coach in 1997. She held the position until late this past year when health problems finally forced her to step down.

In addition to instructing the Edinboro cheerleaders, she served as the dance team advisor at Penn State Behrend for two seasons, and coached the Erie Invaders' cheerleaders, an Arena League football team, last summer.

Decker was a member of the Buffalo Jills, the dance team for the NFL's Buffalo Bills, in 1996 and '97. She was named the Rookie of the Year in '96 and the Veteran of the Year the next season.

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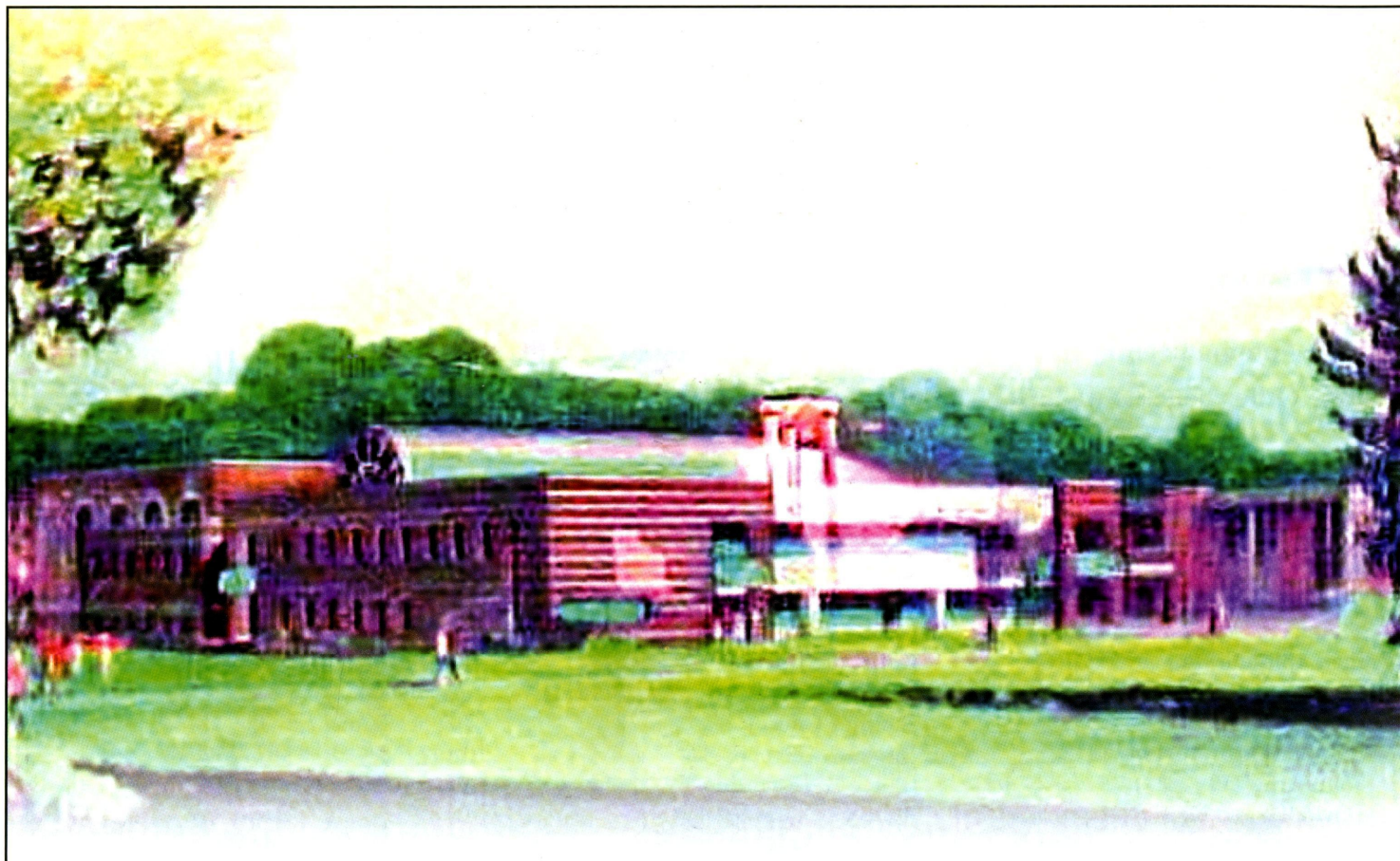
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