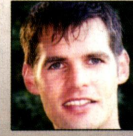
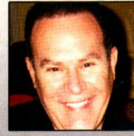


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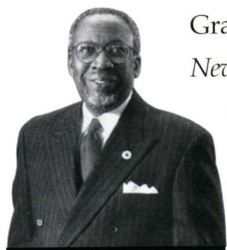
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS



Gracing the cover of this issue of the *Alumni News* is James Earl Jones, who was our keynote speaker at the Frank G. Pogue Honors Scholarship Luncheon on Tuesday, February 10. Although his face may not be instantly recognizable to some, his voice is one of the best known around the world. His is the voice of Darth Vader in the original *Star Wars* trilogy and of Mufasa in *The Lion King*. Jones is currently the spokesperson for Verizon.

Those of us who were fortunate to be in attendance at the luncheon were mesmerized by his insightful discussion of how culture affects us and how we affect culture. It was an unforgettable event.

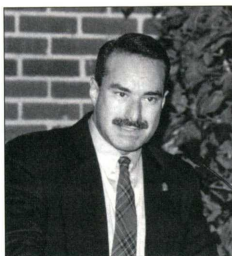
Much of this issue is dedicated to what we call our "California Connection" – graduates of Edinboro University who have gone on to successful careers in the Golden State. They include John Novello '70, one of the most successful keyboardists in the nation and one of the top keyboard instructors; Jackie George '72 who has an established career as a Hollywood producer; Larry Price '86, CEO of Medical Lifting Concepts; Jeff Abraham '79, president and owner of Technical Resources; and Patrick Zentis '89, animator and artist for animated and live-action films.

All of these wonderful stories are reminders of the theme the University has adopted as we look forward to the Sesquicentennial celebration in 2006-2007: "Building a prosperous future through academic excellence and civility."

Other stories feature Teacher of the Year Jason Drake; Virginia teacher John Tice, Jr.; and current student Dawn Fleming who conducted dolphin research during a Florida internship.

These successful people are outstanding examples of the value of an Edinboro University education. Their success, and the success of thousands of other Edinboro graduates, can be neatly summed up in a simple motto we now use: "You can get there from here."

Frank G. Pogue, President
Edinboro University



As a longtime member of the Alumni Board, I have been fortunate to become aware of many Edinboro graduates who are building, experiencing and enjoying remarkable careers. President Pogue's message names just a few we recently connected with while holding chapter events in California. All in all, we met some 100 terrific alumni, and more than 700 live there.

This list of impressive graduates is not restricted to the West Coast. Indeed, through the many alumni chapter events hosted throughout the country over the years, we have met countless alumni who have embarked on extraordinary careers. We enjoy meeting these successful graduates and often report their stories in the *Alumni News*. Additionally, some of these graduates are nominated and selected for Distinguished Alumni awards.

Another way we are made aware of the fascinating careers of our alumni is through the self-reporting feature of the 'Newsnotes' section of the *Alumni News*. We review these items for publication and often contact individuals for more information for a story or a DAA nomination.

So please attend a regional event in your area to make a connection (sorry that we can't be everywhere), or use the 'share your news' form in this magazine or from the website, and let us know what you are doing. You could be the next cover story of the *Alumni News* magazine mailed to your former classmates!

And please keep the legacy stories coming. You'll find three such stories in this issue, and it's truly wonderful to see families who have trusted their education to Edinboro University for generations.

Jim Geronimo '86
Alumni Association President

JAMES EARL JONES

FEATURED AT HONORS SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

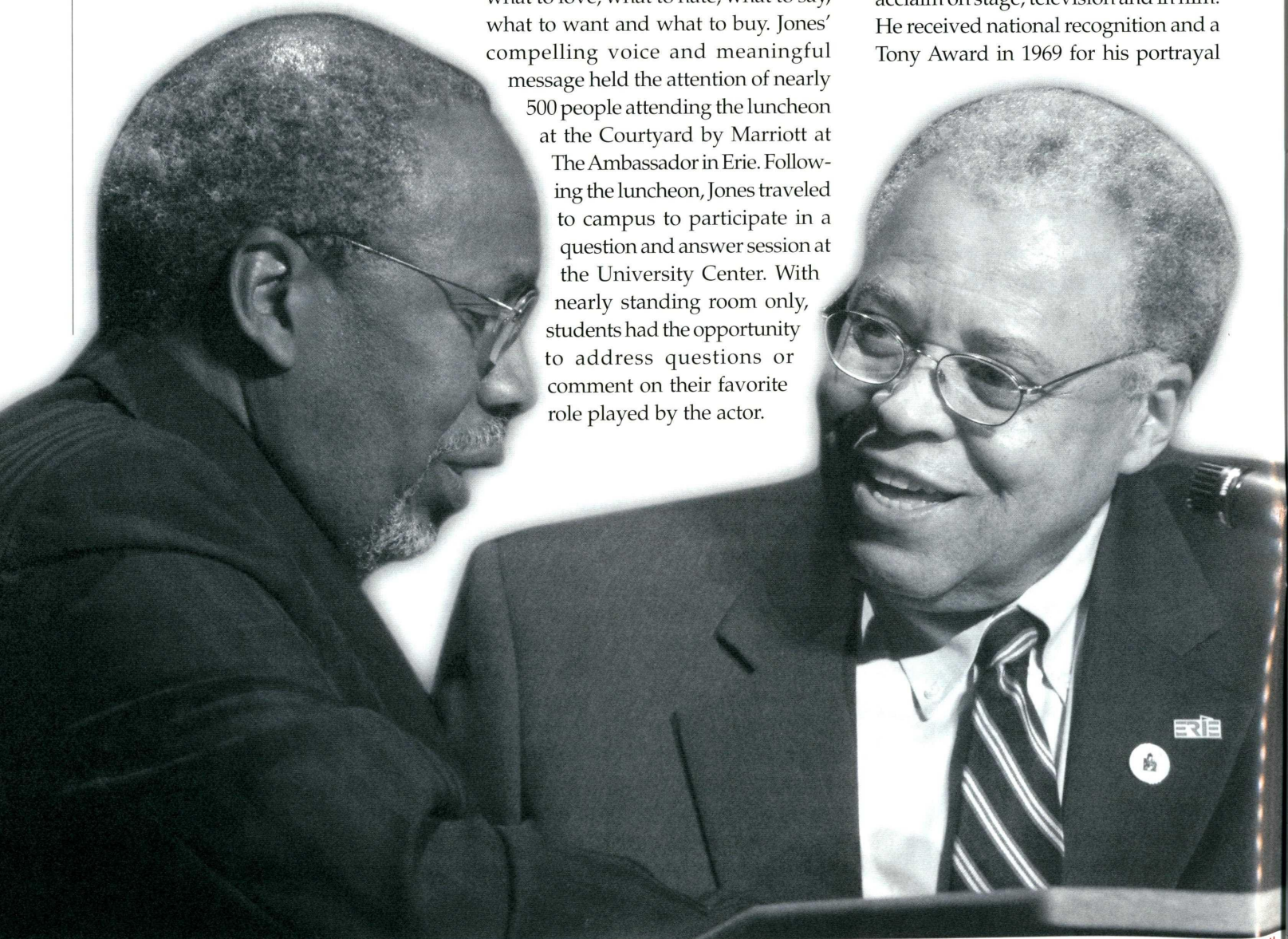
One of America's most recognized actors and spokesperson for Verizon, James Earl Jones, delivered the keynote address at Edinboro's Fifth Annual Frank G. Pogue Honors Scholarship Luncheon on Tuesday, February 10. Jones opened his speech by quoting a few famous words to President Pogue – "May the force be with you." He then spoke on "The Culture Quest: How Culture Affects Us

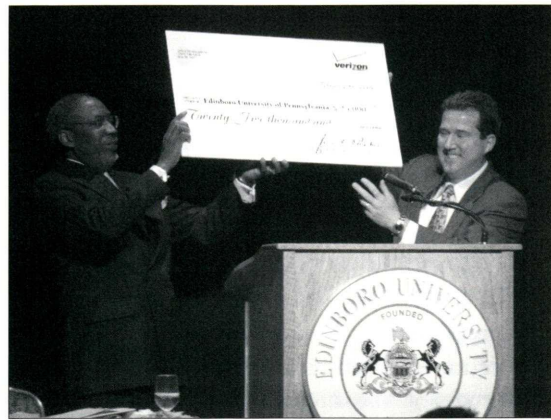
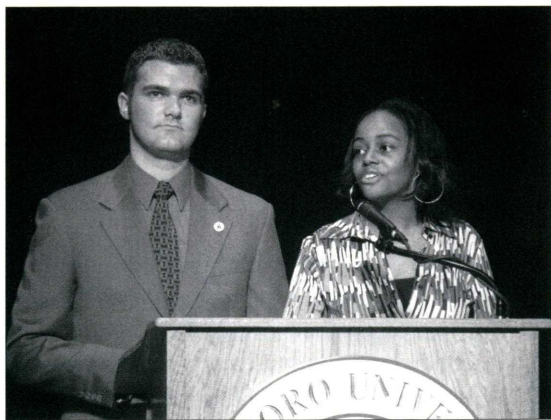
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and How We Affect Culture," discussing how he believes culture and language guide our lives and control what to love, what to hate, what to say, what to want and what to buy. Jones' compelling voice and meaningful message held the attention of nearly 500 people attending the luncheon at the Courtyard by Marriott at The Ambassador in Erie. Following the luncheon, Jones traveled to campus to participate in a question and answer session at the University Center. With nearly standing room only, students had the opportunity to address questions or comment on their favorite role played by the actor.

Jones' deep distinctive voice has become known to millions through his character of Darth Vader in the films *Star Wars* (1977), *The Empire Strikes Back* (1980), and *Return of the Jedi* (1983); most recently as Mufasa in *The Lion King* (1994); and through many television commercials including the voice of CNN, the Bell Atlantic Yellow Pages and Verizon Communications.

His acting career has won him acclaim on stage, television and in film. He received national recognition and a Tony Award in 1969 for his portrayal





of Jack Johnson, the first black world heavyweight boxing champion, in *The Great White Hope*. He won a second Tony for best actor in 1987 for his performance in *Fences*. He made his film debut in Stanley Kubrick's *Dr. Strangelove*, and has been in numerous films since that time. Some of his movie credits include: *Coming to America*, *The Hunt for Red October*, *Field of Dreams*, *Sommersby*, *Excessive Force*, *Sneakers*, and *Patriot Games*. In addition to his big-screen work, Jones has been seen in many television movies and series. Jones also received critical praise in the literary world for his book, *James Earl Jones: Voices and Silences*, a memoir published in 1997.

Among his many honors and awards, Jones holds honorary doctorates from Yale, Princeton, and the University of Michigan. In 1992, he was awarded the National Medal of Arts by President George Bush. He is also the recipient of the prestigious NAACP Hall of Fame Image Award for his great contributions to the arts.

Receiving the **University's Award of Excellence** at the luncheon was Jacqueline Ratcliff Nwokeji, deputy chief of the support service division for the City of Erie Police Department. Nwokeji received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Edinboro, completed training at the Pennsylvania State Police Academy, the FBI Rape Investigation course and the Southern Police Institute on sex crimes. As the deputy chief, Nwokeji supervises more than fifty employees in six separate units. She began her work at the lower ranks of the police force in a "non-arrest" city position that introduced young people to police work. She later became one of two women hired to increase the minority representation on the force. She worked as a street patrol officer for more than 20 years, became a detective with the juvenile unit where she earned her sergeant stripes, and in 1999 was promoted to a lieutenant for criminal investigations in the juvenile unit before being named deputy chief. During her career, she has handled all types of cases from robberies, burglaries and thefts to assaults and sexual offenses.

Proceeds from the luncheon benefit the Frank G. Pogue scholarship endowment that now exceeds \$170,000.

The **University's Business Award of Excellence** was presented to DAD's Pet Care. The Meadville-based company donated \$250,000 to the University in support of an education access center in Meadville. DAD's president, Rick Lang, said the company has long been an advocate of providing ongoing educational opportunities to the adult population in western Crawford County. When complete, the new facility will occupy 20,000 square feet in the renovated Bessemer Building and will serve as a regional educational venue for educational providers and the public sector for meetings, training sessions, seminars and workshops.

"Over the years, this event has not only enabled us to raise important scholarship dollars, but it has provided the University with a venue through which we can involve the northwestern Pennsylvania community in the mission of the University," said President Pogue.

"In addition, we have been pleased to introduce some notable citizens to the region – including Mr. Jones, COO of Motorola, Inc. Mike Zafirovski, former Attorney General Janet Reno, actor Ben Vereen, and disabilities advocate Ted Kennedy, Jr."

At the end of the luncheon the President and Chief Executive Officer of Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc., James O'Rourke, presented a \$25,000 check to President Pogue from the Verizon Foundation for the University's Latino Leadership Development Program. The program, now in its sixth year, aims to increase access to education for the region's Hispanic youth population, to improve math and science competencies, and to encourage students to pursue postsecondary education. In addition to the \$25,000 presented at the luncheon, Verizon has provided funding that allowed for the purchase of laptop computers, a vital component to the program.

The Frank G. Pogue Honors Scholarship Luncheon is held each year to raise funds for scholarships directed toward high achieving students at Edinboro University. Proceeds from the luncheon benefit the Frank G. Pogue scholarship endowment that now exceeds \$170,000.



EDINBORO GRAD ADDS "BLACKHAWK HELICOPTER PILOT" TO HER MANY ADVENTURES

By Jean Shanley, Meadville Tribune

Editor's Note: Amy is a 1995 graduate of Edinboro University.

Amy Martin has always been up for an adventure. She's led fishing parties in the wilderness of Alaska. She's been a house painter and a cook in Glacier National Park in Montana and an Internet anti-piracy specialist in Pennsylvania. And now she is one of only 175 female Blackhawk Helicopter pilots in the U.S. Army.

Today, U.S. Army Warrant Officer 1 Martin, formerly of Meadville, leaves for a one-year assignment at Camp Stanley, South Korea, where she will fly a UH-60L Blackhawk Helicopter for the 2nd Infantry Division.

Her primary mission will be air assault.

She initially faced two significant hurdles: helicopter pilots can't be over 29 years old, and she was 29 when she joined the Army; and, at 5-feet-2-inches, she was considered too short because pilots have to be able to reach everything in the cockpit.

However, she was able to get a waiver on the age requirement and prove she

could reach the various controls in the cockpit. With that, she achieved a dream that started several years ago.

The road to being a helicopter pilot started in Alaska when she worked at a fishing camp. Although she only worked there for two seasons in 1997 and 1998, the seed was planted that would lead to her career as a helicopter pilot.

Guests were delivered to the remote fishing camp via float plane, and

Martin got to know the pilots very well. "One man said I had missed my calling – that I should be flying," She recalled.

Returning to Pennsylvania, she worked in Edinboro for Intellectual Properties, Inc., as an Internet anti-piracy specialist.

Always looking for new challenges, she recalled the words of the helicopter pilot and decided to find out if he was right.

She received a Women's Aviation Scholarship and got her private pilot license. Next stop: The Army, where she eventually entered flight school. She enlisted for six years.

At about the middle of the training, pilots are given the opportunity to choose, based on their rank, which aircraft they want to fly. Because her rank was high, she was able to get the Blackhawk slot. "It's a really nice helicopter which has a versatile mission," she said.

Today she is a commercial instrument rotary wing pilot qualified in the UH-60 Blackhawk and she is on an overseas mission.

But she's not worried, even with reports of helicopters crashing in Iraq making headlines.

"I'm kind of excited about getting actual flying experience and becoming a competent pilot," she said. "If I had to go to Iraq (after Korea), I will have one year of experience in evasive tactics."

But she's not dwelling on that. Instead, she's looking forward to the new challenges. "I always liked adventure," she said of her many career choices.

When she leaves the Army, she points out the many opportunities for pilots in civilian life – including Medivac pilot and firefighting helicopter pilot.

"It's very challenging, very fulfilling," she said of serving as a pilot.

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DAWN FLEMING ACCEPTED AT THE DOLPHIN RESEARCH CENTER'S INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

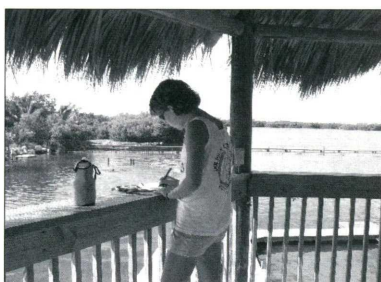
Edinboro University psychology student Dawn Fleming spent her fall semester in the heart of the Florida Keys at the Dolphin Research Center (DRC). She was one of two lucky students accepted in the Center's research internship program. This not-for-profit organization is dedicated to creating a greater understanding and appreciation of marine mammals. The Center accomplishes this through observational research that always keeps the health and well-being of the 16 resident dolphins a priority. Extensive statistics are maintained on everything from blood chemistry to water temperature in the lagoons to the calorie content of the dolphins' diet. Spread over three acres of land along the Gulf of Mexico, the Center houses outdoor classrooms with 90,000 square feet of seawater lagoons.

DRC became popular in 1962 when Hollywood filmed *Flipper* on location and starred five of its dolphins. Some of the dolphins at the Center today are descended from those *Flipper* stars. The research center has since grown to include several educational programs open to the public. Many world-renowned scientists have also studied marine mammal cognition, communication, calf development, conservation and dolphin assisted therapy at the Center. All research projects are approved by DRC's research oversight committee ensuring that the projects are not invasive and do not cause the animals undue stress.

This unique, natural setting provided Dawn the opportunity to participate in cognitive based studies and observational behavioral studies – all of which are done voluntarily by the dolphins that range from two years to 50 years of age. She observed dolphin-child therapist classroom and water sessions; participated in hands-on activities such as setting up and tearing down the research equipment; and recorded data gathered from the studies in a database. She also helped with the feeding and house cleaning for the tropical birds that live at the Center.

"Dolphins are extremely intelligent mammals," said Dawn. "They have personalities like humans. When they get to know you, they talk to you and even play by splashing you with water or by throwing seaweed at you when you walk by."

As an intern, Dawn was required to develop and conduct personal education goals. "This was an experience of a lifetime –



Dawn participating in research observations in DRC's research tower. Photograph taken at the Dolphin Research Center, Grassy Key, Florida

having the opportunity to learn about dolphins, the wildlife and plant life in the Keys and its culture" said Dawn, who appreciated the opportunity to be around dolphins on a daily basis. "To be an active part of a research team and see what amount of work it takes to keep it running was amazing." More information about Dolphin Research Center's program and projects can be found at its website: www.dolphins.org.

It is no surprise Dawn wanted to intern with these graceful creatures. She has a passion for animals that began at an early age. When she was 12 she started showing and training dogs. She is now a professional dog trainer and is certified in puppy to advanced obedience, competition obedience and police dog training. She recently started her own professional dog training business called "Goodawgz." Dawn not only trains dogs, but also provides in-home classes for birds and cats. The services she offers are described on her website www.geocities.com/goodawgz/.

A member and president of a 4H canine training club, Dawn has participated in pet therapy groups and has worked with one of the greatest trainers in the country. She has also conducted public education classes for the care and adoption of animals. She has fostered rescued dogs and cats and has helped train dogs so they can be adopted through Grey Save of NWPA and Because You Care, Inc., programs which find homes for displaced animals.

Dawn did not journey to Key West by herself. Her curly coated retriever, Kali, accompanied her for the 1,442 mile drive and three-month stay. Kali is a show dog who will compete in the show ring, hunt tests and obedience trials this year.

While in the Florida Keys, Dawn deep-sea fished, snorkeled, parasailed, and toured the 55-acre botanical gardens and a butterfly conservatory. She also experienced the "hawk watch" which is when thousands of raptors migrate through the Keys. Some fly on to Cuba, Mexico, the Caribbean and South America; others turn around to fly north again or fly down through Texas.

With her extensive background and the experience she has gained, her plans for the future are appropriate. Dawn would like to further her education in orientation and mobility and assist the blind who receive guide dogs.

Dawn is the daughter of Don and Debbie Fleming of Cambridge Springs.



Dawn shares a standing flipper shake with dolphin Sandy from the DRC dock. Photograph taken at the Dolphin Research Center, Grassy Key, Florida

California Dreaming...

It has been said that California is a state of mind. But for many highly successful graduates of Edinboro University, California is indeed the "Golden State." Often, they share a common story – growing up in humble environments, attending Edinboro, and pulling up roots to follow their dreams in California. We are delighted to share their stories and their triumphs with you.

JEFF ABRAHAM

While stories of unchecked corporate malfeasance have dominated headlines in recent years, the public rarely gleans any unsavory details from inside the executive suite until long after a multi-billion dollar company has fallen from grace.

Jeff Abraham ('79) engaged in a pitched "David vs. Goliath" battle against one of the world's largest corporations and emerged from the lion's den with shocking details about how a multi-national conglomerate does business – then put a stop to it.

Abraham is owner and president of Technical Resources, based in Huntington Beach, California, a recruiting firm for the semiconductor industry.

In May of 1996, Hyundai Semiconductor America, a division of the giant

Korean conglomerate, asked Abraham to recruit engineers for a new plant in Eugene, Oregon. By July, Abraham became suspicious when the company failed to contact some of his best candidates, although it had contacted others who might not have been as qualified. When he inquired with Hyundai, Abraham was told that it would not hire women and blacks. His corporate contact, the human resources director, told Abraham to keep his mouth shut.

Appalled and disgusted, Abraham continued to submit the best candidates for the position, regardless of race or gender, then told the president of the company what he had been told by the human resources director.

The next day the company severed its ties with Abraham. His firm was

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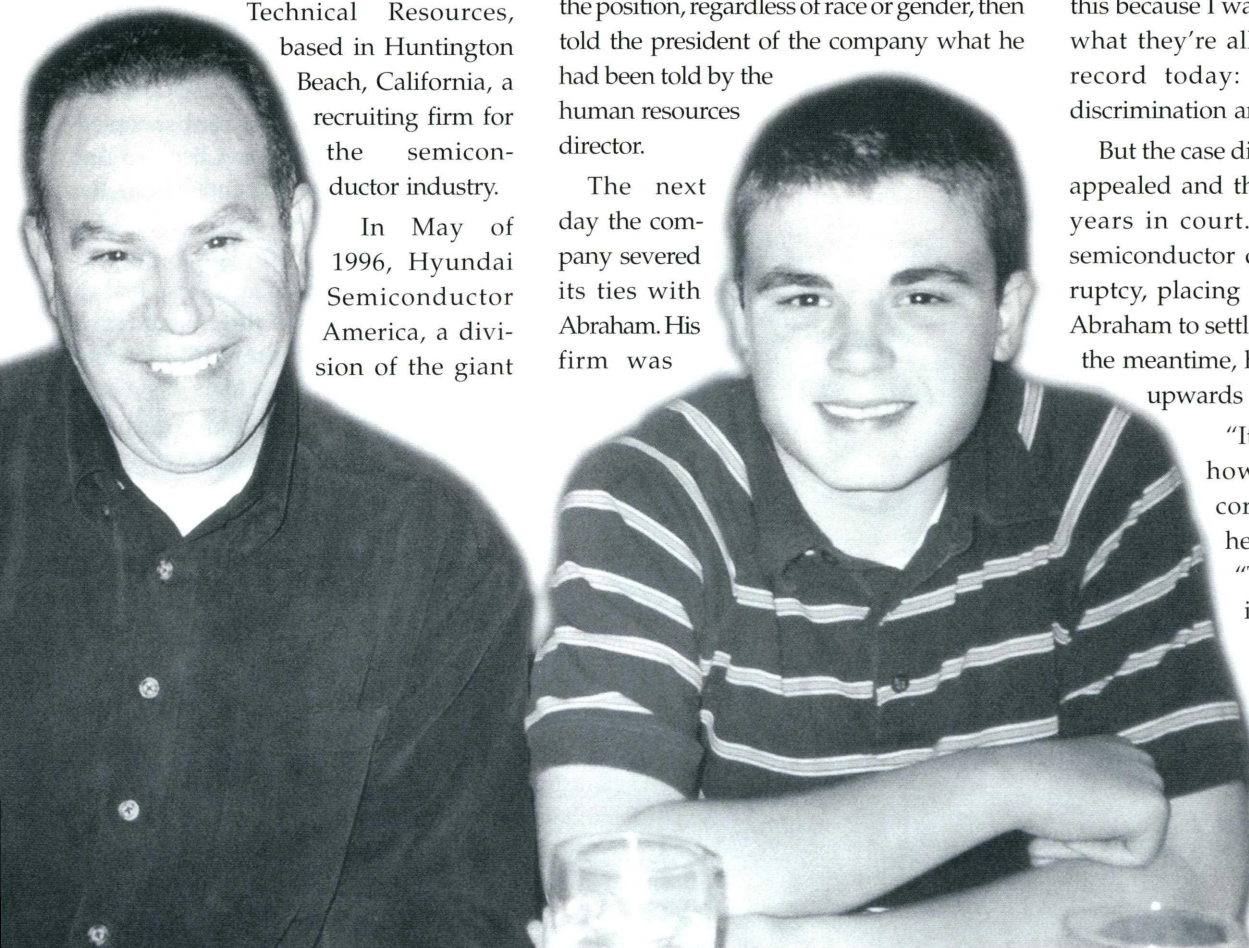
still owed \$87,000 by Hyundai, and it refused to pay Abraham unless he signed a post-dated contract claiming that Hyundai was an equal opportunity employer. He refused.

Abraham filed a lawsuit in Orange County Superior Court. A jury voted in his favor, and the court ordered Hyundai to pay \$9.5 million in damages. The *Orange County Register* quoted Abraham as saying, "The verdict is the truth. The award is beyond my wildest expectations. This has never been about money. I did this because I wanted the record to show what they're all about and it's on the record today: Hyundai stands for discrimination and intimidation."

But the case didn't end there. Hyundai appealed and the case was snarled for years in court. In a cruel twist, the semiconductor division filed for bankruptcy, placing additional pressure on Abraham to settle the case for pennies. In the meantime, his legal bills climbed to upwards of \$600,000.

"It was real education in how the legal system is corrupt beyond comprehension," said Abraham. "They were found unanimously guilty and I had to spend \$600,000 out of my pocket proving it."

Even more frustrating to Abraham was that the company suddenly stopped



denying that it had engaged in discriminatory practices. Instead, the appeal focused on legal technicalities.

Abraham finally settled the case in 2002. The financial details of the settlement are confidential; however, Abraham refused to sign a confidentiality agreement that would have muzzled him.

"The key point was getting the truth out," Abraham said, citing the story's coverage on CBS, *Forbes* magazine, and wire services that provided stories to every newspaper in the country.

Abraham said he did not financially profit from the case, and that is his point, exactly.

"I take a tremendous amount of pride in showing a corrupt multi-national conglomerate that everything here is not for sale," he said.

The son of immigrants, Abraham grew up in Canonsburg, Pa., where his father worked in a steel mill. He graduated from Canon-MacMillan High School and majored in speech communication at Edinboro University.

His four years at Edinboro are among his fondest.

"My memories of Edinboro could not be better," he said. "I remember the laughter and having fun. It's so important to enjoy your high school and college days. My education there enabled me to do what I want to do. Edinboro was what a college should be."

Upon graduation, Abraham had never flown in an airplane or even stayed in a hotel room. His first job was in technical sales with a company based in Williamsport. Abraham felt lucky to have been promoted within two years, to be driving the company's Buick Skylark and making \$22,000 a year. But after four years Abraham wanted to see more of the world.

He left his job and bought one-way airfare to California – a daring feat in his family, where his father had the same job for 45 years. Abraham was undaunted. If he failed, the worst thing that would happen was that he would have to return to his old job.

Abraham left with two suitcases, his life's savings of \$1,500 and a dream to pursue a career in the semiconductor industry. By his third interview Abraham had landed a job – he was hired on the spot.

After sprinting up the corporate ladder at some of the top semiconductor and chip-making companies, Abraham started his own company. With that milestone came another: At 31, he finally had to buy a car.

"I had never had enough money to buy one until I graduated from college and then I always had a company car," said Abraham. "I took so much abuse from my friends because everyone in Southern California has a thing for cars."

Abraham took the \$600 a month he saved by not having a car and insurance payment and put it into a savings account. Each

time he had around \$8,000 he started buying small condominiums, which became the seed money for starting Technical Resources.

During his years in the semiconductor industry, Abraham had developed an extensive international network of contacts and relationships. He created Technical Resources with the idea to hire the best designers and engineers himself and then "lease" them to chip-making companies, much like a high-tech temp agency.

Today, Technical Resources has 63 high-end "temps" and seven recruiters. His experience made him a top player in the recruiting business and made his company one of the most respected in the field.

Abraham credits much of his success to knowing his limitations and focusing on his strengths.

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"I knew I wasn't going to be on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* or *G.Q.*," he said. "Athletics and good looks were not on the list of blessings I received. But I knew that I wanted to have my own business, and hard work and good ethics were something I had in abundance."

While Abraham's 12-hour work days demonstrate his commitment, he now tailors his work schedule to his role as a single parent. Because he does business with companies in China and Taiwan, he must often be at work between midnight and 4 a.m.

Years of bruising litigation put tremendous pressure on Abraham and was a process that his son, Nick, 15, watched his father endure. Abraham plans to scale back on his working hours for the next three years until Nick leaves for college.

Coaching his son's sports teams – soccer, baseball and wrestling, became a big part of his relationship with his son.

"My role as a parent tops everything else," Abraham said. "Being actively involved has allowed me to get to know his friends and their families."

Abraham is looking forward to retiring when he turns 50. He has undergone prostate surgery and six months of chemotherapy. Each day, he appreciates the time he has to spend with his son.

"I have lived in the same house for 13 years because my parents moved twice during my teen years, and I think providing stability for children during their teen years is critical, if you can do it," he said.

"I love my life," Abraham said. "I don't live extravagantly. I find the things that bring me the most happiness are not monetary. Watching my son mature into a young man, running along the beach, and having access to every culture on earth within a half-hour drive from my home amazes me."

"I cherish every day on earth. The whole point is to enjoy your life."

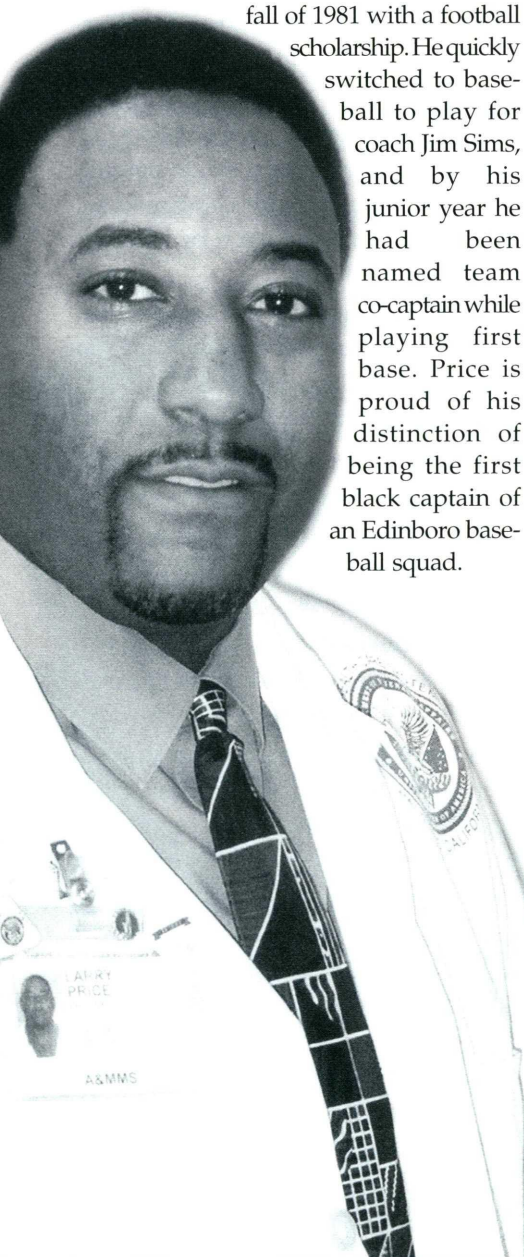
Here's a quiz. Who are the four most famous baseball players from Donora, Pennsylvania?

Answer: Stan Musial, Ken Griffey Sr., Ken Griffey Jr., and Larry Price.

Well, okay, maybe Larry Price isn't famous yet, and his baseball days are well behind him, but Price ('86) will likely become very famous, very soon, for his idea that promises to transform health care facilities across the nation.

It's a long way from the steel mill town of Donora to the upper levels of the health care industry, but Price is well on his way there thanks to his education at Edinboro University, his training in the U.S. Army, and his experience in California hospitals.

Price came to Edinboro University in the fall of 1981 with a football scholarship. He quickly switched to baseball to play for coach Jim Sims, and by his junior year he had been named team co-captain while playing first base. Price is proud of his distinction of being the first black captain of an Edinboro baseball squad.



Following graduation with a degree in communication, Price enlisted in the U.S. Army and was trained as a combat medic. That first contact with the medical field was likely the key that led to his current career. He left the Army after four years but was recalled for the Gulf War in the early 1990s and served in Saudi Arabia.

Price relocated to California following his discharge from the Army. Using his communication skills learned at Edinboro, he found a series of jobs in sales that eventually put him in contact with area hospitals. He also returned to school to study surgical technology. His first job was an entry level position with the San Jose Medical Center. Working his way through the ranks, he joined the Stanford University Medical Center and later the V.A. Medical Center in Palo Alto where he is currently the Chief of the SPD division which deals with logistics, purchasing and distribution of operating room and clinical supplies. He supervises 42 employees in 10 medical and clinical locations. Price currently serves as a faculty member at Bryman College in Hayward, California specializing in surgical technology and medical assistant programs.

As early as his stint at San Jose, Price was thinking of starting a new business, one that would fulfill a need that all hospitals and nursing homes have: lifting and transporting patients. Price realized that one of the leading causes of work-related injuries among nurses and other medical personnel is improper lifting of patients. Many of the injuries are caused by improper lifting techniques. Not only are the safety and well-being of the patients at risk, but the medical facilities lose personnel to injury while facing the costs of disability and insurance.

Price believed he had a solution that would solve all of those problems. He knew from experience that by using personnel who were trained in proper lifting and transporting techniques, patients could be moved safely without undue risk to patients and staff. Furthermore, he realized that if these services were

provided by an outside vendor, the hospital could reduce its costs and protect its staff.

Price's company, Medical Lifting Concepts, was formed a little over a year ago following a six-year pilot project conducted in various medical centers throughout the United States. Studies showed a decrease in back injuries among nurses, patient injuries caused by hospital staff, staff injuries, stress and burnout. The studies also reported increases in the quality of patient care, employee attendance, and staff productivity.

The pilot project also produced dramatically reduced worker's compensation costs among health care facilities where tested.

The company provides certified lifting teams made up of two or three technicians who have been trained in lifting techniques. Price said one key factor that makes his concept attractive to medical facilities is that Medical Lifting Concepts takes responsibility for all lifting in the facility. It allows nurses and other staff to focus on patient care without risking injury to themselves.

According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, one out of ten serious work-related back injuries involves nursing personnel, and about 12 percent of nurses leave the profession because of back injuries.

Workmen's compensation costs for back injuries among health care workers are an estimated \$1.7 billion annually.

Price says his company is breaking new ground in how medical facilities use contract help. He says his company is the only on-site vendor in medical facilities in the nation. Clearly, the potential for his company is enormous. The services Medical Lifting Concepts provide could be used by every hospital, clinic, nursing home, or out-patient surgery center in the nation. The website for his company is www.medicalliftingdevices.com.

While his company is getting started, Price retains his current position at the V.A. Palo Alto Health Care System. Price resides in San Jose with his wife Dawn and their daughter Nastasia.

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It's a long way from McKean, Pa., and Ft. LeBoeuf High School to London and the motion picture industry, but Patrick Zentis, a 1989 graduate of Edinboro University, is one of the rising stars of the visual effects world of Hollywood and beyond.

Patrick is now a veteran feature film matte painter and compositor. Matte painting is a visual effect technique that combines a wide variety of skills to create environments that are cost prohibitive or impossible to create in reality. Traditionally, a matte was a photo-realistic painting on glass that was perfectly aligned between the camera and set to create the illusion that the set was in the environment painted on the glass. In the digital era, computers have expanded the role of the matte painter beyond the limitations of oil paint and into the third dimension.

After graduating from Edinboro with a BFA degree in animation and cinematography, Zentis moved to Florida to pursue his dream of working in traditional animation or visual effects. While his attempts to work for Disney Feature Animation were met with rejection, he eventually was hired as a designer/illustrator at Walt Disney Creative Entertainment, a division that specializes in theme park scenic design. He worked designing stages and temporary attractions such as *The Lion King* and Mickeymania parades.

"Coming from a fine arts background, adjusting to a new creative medium isn't a difficult stretch," said Zentis. "Techniques and design limitations vary between mediums but the fundamental creative process remains constant. Fundamentally, I just like making things."

In 1994, he moved to California intending to pursue a career with Walt Disney Imagineering or Walt Disney Feature Animation but changed his focus to visual effects and post-production. That brought him to Open Films. There, he worked on national television commercials for respected advertising agency clients including Ogilvy & Mather, Chiat/Day,

McCann Erickson, DDB, Leo Burnett, Foote Cone & Belding and Bozell Worldwide on commercials for Pillsbury Tostitos, Post, Mazda, Kawasaki, Firestone, Mattel, Tyco, Ertl, Sizzler, Siegfried & Roy, and McDonalds. Aside from commercials, he also worked on matte paintings for *Star Trek* and opening sequences for *Courage Under Fire* and *Men in Black*.

Zentis left Open Films in 1999 with Robert Stromberg, an Emmy-winning and Oscar-nominated visual effects artist, to help start Stromberg's visual effects/matte painting company, Digital Backlot. There he matte painted and composited effects shots for *Identity*, *Kate & Leopold*, *Men in Black 2*, *15 Minutes*, *I am Sam*, *Haunted Mansion*, *Seabiscuit*, *The Astronaut's Wife*, *About Schmidt*, *Cast Away*, *Solaris*, *Dracula 2000*, *Battlefield Earth* and *Jack Frost*.

In 2002, Zentis moved to Digital Domain, the company that produced the special effects for *Titanic* and *Apollo 13*. There, he finished matte paintings for *The Day After Tomorrow*, an action thriller starring Dennis Quaid that is scheduled for a May release.

At the end of last year, Zentis finished a few shots for *Master & Commander* and

Haunted Mansion for Digital Backlot before being recruited as a senior matte painter/compositor by Cinesite (Europe) Ltd. Located in London, Cinesite is a Kodak subsidiary and is one of the

largest, most versatile visual effect facilities in the world. His job is to create, assemble and balance artificial environments seamlessly into live action sequences – all of which is done through digital compositing and painting. He will be primarily focused on *King Arthur*, starring Clive Owen. Like last year's *Pirates of the Caribbean*, the movie is being produced by Disney and Jerry Bruckheimer and should be one of this year's largest releases.

Zentis also expects to be involved with the next highly anticipated movie in the Harry Potter series: *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*. Another major coup for

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Cinesite was winning the special effects contract for *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, which is expected to begin shooting in April.

"Cinesite attracts great artists from all over the world," said Zentis. "The diverse mix leads to some very creative ideas. And, London is a very exciting place to live."

Zentis loves what he is doing now, but he would like to become a visual effects supervisor in the future. Zentis believes he has the variety of skills and experiences to be very effective in that role. "While it's important to have a blend of artistic vision and technical knowledge, being able to communicate with a variety of artists and inspire them to a common focus is the key to that job. We'll see..."



JACKIE GEORGE

When the Oscars were being handed out on February 29, Jackie George ('72) was watching from home in the Los Angeles area, rooting for *Lord of the Rings* and its producer Barrie Osborne. That's because George is a Hollywood producer herself, and Osborne is one of the producers she admires greatly, having worked with him on the Warren Beatty film *Dick Tracy*.

"He is still so down to earth," said George. "Not only is he a great craftsman, he's a real gentleman – kind, caring and humane."

Like her long-time friend John Novello, George is juggling several projects at once. She recently wrapped up production on *The Cheetah Girls*, a made-for-TV movie for the Disney Channel. And she will soon start production on an independent film *River to Grey Rock*, which will be filmed in Arkansas. Among the stars that are being sought for the film are James Earl Jones and Sean Austin. Another project in the works is a second made-for-TV movie called *Head Rush* for ABC television.

"There are so many projects going on now," said George. "It's my life story. We are constantly in

some stage of production for both film and television."

George has a passion for her work – making good films with a good message. Her "raison d'être" is to produce films that are entertaining yet thought provoking. "I love what I do – being creative, solving problems, working on scripts – all of the things that are unique to each film."

Among her film credits are *Batman and Robin*, *Demolition Man*, *Die Hard II*, *Richie Rich* and perhaps her favorite, *Dick Tracy*, which starred Warren Beatty, Al Pacino, Dustin Hoffman and Madonna. "The professionalism and creativity of everyone involved with that movie was amazing," said George.

Her career path to becoming a producer began at Edinboro University when she took a television directing class from Dr. Bob Wallace. "It was a brave new world for me," said George. "It was a really wonderful experience. It stirred up my creative juices. We could write, produce and direct our own productions."

George credits Edinboro with opening her eyes to the art realm by exposing her to professors and students who were artists,

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musicians and poets. "The whole world of arts and literature opened up to me," she said.

Following graduation, George and her best friend spent a year in Colorado. She returned home to Erie where her boyfriend and soon-to-be-husband, Jay Lewis, was playing drums in John Novello's band, C. J. Bri. Lewis and Novello eventually decided to study music together at the Berklee College of Music in Boston, and George went with them.

Following Novello's and Lewis' graduation from Berklee they all moved to California to pursue their professional careers.

George's break came while tending bar at a Los Angeles Sheraton. One of her regular customers, film producer Peter MacGregor-Scott, invited her to assist him on his next production, a Cheech and Chong movie called *Still Smokin*. George jumped at the opportunity and has been producing ever since.

In addition to the big-name films she helped to produce, George started her own company called Curious George Productions. She is an active member of the Directors Guild of America, the Producers Guild, American Film Institute and Women in Film.

She left Hollywood to return to Erie in 2000 to be closer to her family. During her 18 months here she became director of production for WQLN-TV where she produced *Underwater Graveyard* and the *Our Town* series. She returned to California in 2002.

Over the years George had lost contact with Novello. It wasn't until she was visited in late 2003 by Bruce Whitehair, Edinboro's vice president for development and marketing, that she learned of his whereabouts. Much to her astonishment, not only was Novello still alive and well in California but he was living just a couple of miles away. Since then, George and Novello have reestablished contact and are exploring possible joint projects.

Looking back on what she has accomplished so far, George gives much of the credit to the people who have helped to guide her career. "I have been blessed by so many good mentors and role models," she said. "I hope I am doing the same thing today for others."



The cast and crew of "The Cheetah Girls" for Disney Channel – (left to right) Carmen Arndt, production manager; Raven who stars as "Galleria"; Kiely Williams as "Aqua"; Jackie George, producer; Adrienne Bailon as "Chanel"; and Sabrina Bryan as "Dorinda"

It's hard to imagine a busier man – or a happier man – than John Novello. The 1970 graduate of Edinboro University is one of the top keyboardists and keyboard instructors in the country. But he is also a composer, arranger, musical director, producer, and budding film and video producer as well. And, for good measure, he finds time to write books.

A typical day would find him busily at work in his state-of-the-art digital recording studio, giving private keyboard lessons, responding to e-mails from his students all over the world who take his classes online, or squeezing a few minutes in to write a chapter for his latest book, *The Contemporary Keyboardist for Beginners*, and much, much more. His life is even easier because his studio is attached to his house. It's not unusual for Novello to awake late in the morning, give a lesson or two, and then stay up as late as four or five a.m. working in his studio. He is looking to hire an executive assistant to shop and run errands for him to give him even more time to be creative.

Novello is currently spending eight to ten hours a day in his studio producing the latest CD for his own trio called NIACIN. The other members are rock and roll bass legend Billy Sheehan and drummer Dennis Chambers. The high-powered rock/funk trio has produced five CDs including their most recent release *Time Crunch* on Magnacarta Records. In addition, he still finds a few minutes to work on his own solo recording simply called The John Novello Project.

His most promising project may be Carmel Helene, an exciting young singer who Novello gushes over. "She is going to be huge. She is the complete package – voice, looks, talent," he enthused. In working with Helene, Novello has taken on the combined roles of writer, composer, producer and, of course, keyboardist. He is putting the finishing touches on her CD which he will then pitch to the major record labels. By this fall he expects her debut album will be in record stores.

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Novello met Helene when she took voice lessons from his late wife, Gloria Rusch, who was a singer and vocal teacher. Although Rusch succumbed to her 14-month struggle with cancer in 2000, her spirit is very much alive and part of Novello's daily life.

"We had such a spiritual, inspirational journey together," said Novello. "We shared our love, art, music and our lives. We were a model couple, sewn together at the hip."

Although her battle with cancer ultimately ended with her passing, Novello believes it also served a positive purpose as it brought them closer together than would have been possible otherwise. "We gained something spiritually."

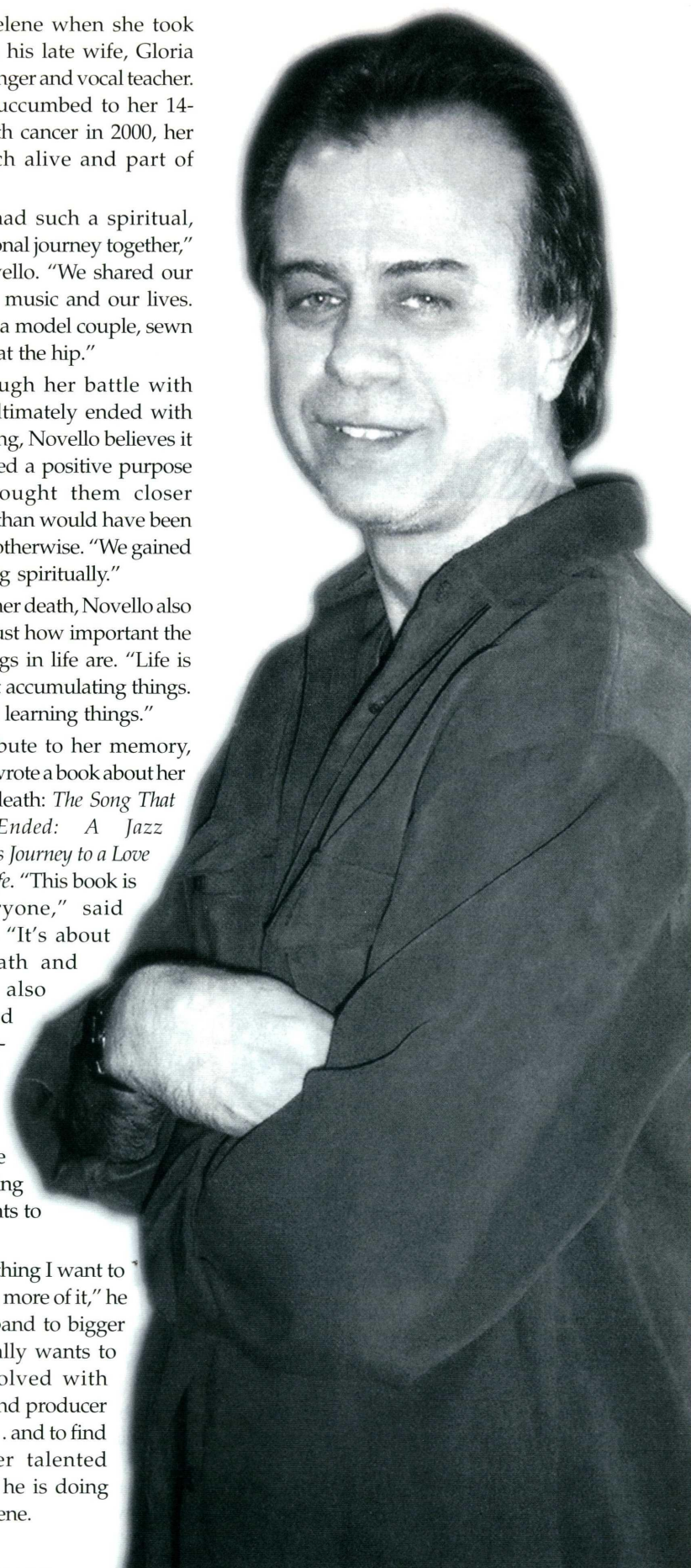
From her death, Novello also learned just how important the little things in life are. "Life is not about accumulating things. It's about learning things."

In tribute to her memory, Novello wrote a book about her life and death: *The Song That Never Ended: A Jazz Musician's Journey to a Love Beyond Life*. "This book is for everyone," said Novello. "It's about

love, disease, death and recovery." He also recently completed writing and producing her posthumous solo CD *Tightrope*.

What ambitions can he have for the future when he is doing exactly what he wants to do right now?

"I'm doing everything I want to do, I only want to do more of it," he said. "I want to expand to bigger games." He especially wants to become more involved with movies as a writer and producer behind the camera... and to find and produce other talented recording artists as he is doing now for Carmel Helene.



On a recent trip to California, Edinboro University's Vice President for Development and Marketing Bruce Q. Whitehair ('73) had the opportunity to visit with several Edinboro graduates who are enjoying successful careers in the "Golden State."



Jim Prokell ('72) and Bruce Whitehair met up with Sue Carlomagno ('68) at the Rose Pistola restaurant in San Francisco. Carlomagno is director of the Youth in Arts program in San Rafael, which provides Bay Area students with experience and instruction in the visual and performing arts. This past year marked the 10th anniversary for the annual Italian Street Painting Festival, a fund-raising benefit for the program. In celebration, professional and student artists re-created Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel's ceiling on the streets of San Rafael. The completed project was 25 feet wide by 65 feet long, approximately half the size of the original. The festival also included an Italian market with traditional and gourmet delicacies, continuous entertainment on a main stage, and roving musicians who circulated the festival grounds.



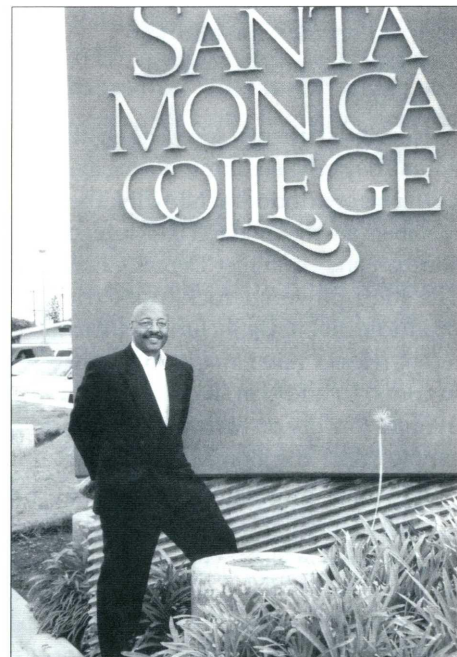
Jim Prokell, Doreen DiMassa and John A. Calderone, Ph.D. ('70) met at Posto Restaurant in Corona, California, to reminisce about their alma mater. Dr. Calderone is the chief executive officer of the Corona Regional Medical Center (CRMC). CRMC was established in 1992 and, as Corona/Norco, California's sole health care provider, has steadily expanded its services to meet the demands of the rapidly-growing community.



Bruce and Jim had the opportunity to visit with Nils Schroder ('64) and his wife Karen at their home in Concord. Nils is very loyal to his alma mater and enjoys participating in such alumni events as the Homecoming golf outings and the recent alumni event in San Francisco. Karen and Nils have generously contributed to the Fighting Scot Statue initiative, and their names will be engraved onto a plaque which is to be mounted on the base of the statue.



Edinboro graduate Col. Russell Hunter ('37) and his wife, Betty, are pictured at their avocado ranch in Somis, California. An Erie native, Hunter graduated from Edinboro with a bachelor's degree, and then became an engineer in the U.S. Air Force. After leaving the service, he had a successful engineering career at Rockwell International and now enjoys retirement and running the ranch with his wife.



Clifton Dobbs ('72) resides in Los Angeles with his wife, Carol Ann Dobbs ('72). Clifton is currently a counselor at Santa Monica College, the Westside area's leading job trainer and the nation's leader in transfers to the University of California system.

CALIFORNIA, Here We Come...

PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED THE CALIFORNIA ALUMNI EVENTS

Look for more regional events to be planned, possibly in your area, where we look for a large concentration of alumni. Don't be afraid to come out and have a great time – it doesn't matter if you don't know anyone when you walk in the door, because you'll

know everyone when you leave! We all have that "Edinboro bond" to make the event special! If you're interested in helping to plan an event in your area, please contact the Alumni Office at 800-526-0117, or eup_alumni@edinboro.edu.



San Francisco Area Event

The 20-plus alumni and guests attending the San Francisco area event were a lively bunch, personifying what a "reunion" is all about! This group bonded so quickly that one would have thought they all knew each other – as it turned out, some did but didn't realize there was an Edinboro connection! Two others found out they've been neighbors for years!

Charles Ansbach '68	Courtney Cambridge	Jolene Cole	Tan Matosian	Richard Retecki '64
Marianne Bordogna '75	Sue Carlomagno '68	Joyce Cook '66	Jack McGrogan '78	Nils Schroder '64
Arron Cambridge '02	Joe Carlomagno	Kate Geddes '66	Tomoko "Tammy" Okuda '66	Karen Kay
Marcy Cambridge	Louis Cole '65	Marilyn Matosian '61	Zita Pilhashy '65	Nicki Zarganis '64
				Charles Zarganis

Marina Del Rey Event

More than 30 alumni living in the greater Los Angeles area attended the event held in Marina Del Rey at the Harbor House Restaurant. The atmosphere was perfect on the patio overlooking the marina. The group mingled freely and then each introduced themselves and talked a little about what they've been doing since "life at the 'Boro." It was a great evening and we look forward to future events in this area!



Nabell Abul-Ela '02	Amy Dundon	Molly Flaherty	Jeff Watts	Nicholas Reid '01
Al Brown '59	Kathy Elias '84	Jacqueline George '72	Jeff McMurdy '79	Dawn Romagnola '02
John Calderone '70	John Elias	Shirley Harper '71	Sue McMurdy	Matt Stroup '00
Angeline DeMartines '51	Pam Erwin '76	Jennifer Kingshott '87	James Narducci '56	Beth Theobald '98
Joseph DeMartines	Patricia Flaherty '68	Thomas Martin '01	John Novello '70	Tim Wolkiewicz '99
Paul "Ed" Dundon '53	Shannon Flaherty	Jean McCurdy '64	Carmel Helene	Phuong Wolkiewicz



Carlsbad Event

On January 21, 2004 some 15 alumni living in and around the Carlsbad (San Diego) area attended an event held at the Karl Strauss Microbrewery and Restaurant. There are nearly 200 alumni living in the greater San Diego area, and this group had so much fun that they talked about having additional events in the future. Ron and Gayeann Gwynn are putting together some plans to host something at their home this summer, so watch for more information soon!

Angeline DeMartines '51	David Fresquez	Gayeann Gwynn	Edna Larsen '43	Judith Moniak
Joseph DeMartines	Marilyn Gilchrist '64	Jennifer Joniec '01	Beverly Larsen	Richard Partridge '74
Catherine Fresquez '73	Ron Gwynn '68	Timothy Kennedy '80	Bill Moniak '64	Margaret Wallace '69

MEMOIR OF DR. DANA BUSHNELL

Dr. Dana Bushnell, faculty member in the Philosophy Department, made a lasting impression upon the Edinboro University community of students, staff, and faculty. Her shy, luminous, feisty personality challenged the institution to be more compassionate and more responsive to the needs of women and the terminally ill. During her entire tenure at the University, Dr. Bushnell was coping with a terminal illness – a brain tumor. Through it all, her engagement with life brought a feeling of connectedness with the community to her friends and students.

Dr. Bushnell earned her doctorate in philosophy from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1989. Her dissertation was titled, “*The Depth of Persons: Metaphysical and Moral Issues in a Reductionist Theories of Personal Identity*.” While at Edinboro University, her concern for the individual continued with her work in feminist issues. During this time, the Philosophy Department housed the course, “Introduction to Women’s Studies.” Dr. Bushnell was hired to teach this course.

She taught with conviction and a sense of mission. Her efforts resulted in many tangible results. She worked with Dr. Jerra Jenrette, current chair of the History and Anthropology Department, and Linda Lacny, current Director of Sponsored Programs, on a number of Social Equity grants from the Pa. State System of Higher Education. Their projects included bringing a number of activist women to campus such as Dr. Jocelyn Elders, former Surgeon General of the United States.

Dr. Bushnell was instrumental in founding the Edinboro University Women’s Center. Today, the Women’s Center has space in Centennial Hall, a volunteer staff, and a regular series of lectures. A minor in Women’s Studies is currently available and a proposal for a Women’s Studies major is in process. When Dr. Bushnell arrived on campus, none of these things existed. It was a long struggle and involved many students, staff, and faculty over the years. As her illness progressed, Dr. Bushnell was often heard to say she was not a feminist. This seems at odds with her life’s work of

activism, teaching, and writing on the subject. This may have been a result of her aphasia or other effects of her illness. However, it could be seen as a continuation of her teaching. Her statement, “I’m not a feminist,” certainly made everyone ask many questions such as, “What is a feminist?” or “Am I a feminist” or “If Dr. Bushnell is not a feminist anymore, do we need feminists?” In the best sense of creating an inquisitive mind, her statement can be seen as a Zen koan – a question that leads to enlightenment.

Dr. Bushnell also spread her message of the dignity of all individuals through a book she edited titled *Nagging Questions: Feminist Ethics in Everyday Life*. After a successful hardcover printing, it is now available in paperback. She is missed by her many former students and friends on the faculty and staff at the University. Born in Baltimore, Dr. Bushnell died in Edinboro last year. Dr. Robert Cogan, her colleague in the Philosophy Department, has provided the following memories that were shared at her memorial last semester.

DR. DANA BUSHNELL: PROFESSOR, PHILOSOPHER, AND FRIEND

—By Robert Cogan, Ph.D.

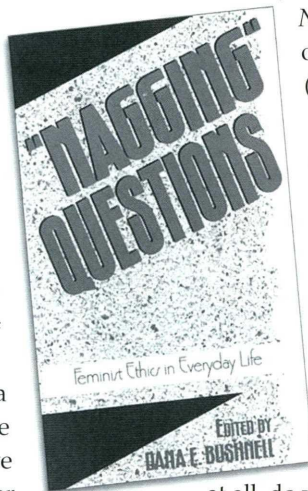
I first met Dana Bushnell when she came for an interview for our position for a feminist philosopher in 1989. She was one of several well-qualified applicants, and I strongly supported her for the position. Dana’s life among us turned out to be the best evidence that life is unfair, but that a strong person can cope with the greatest of adversities. She was hospitalized in August before the start of her first year teaching with us. I went to see her. She and her husband Brian had just come up from Louisiana and did not have any local support system. As she lay in the hospital bed I observed nurses speaking in hushed, stricken tones. If professional nurses were speaking about her in that way, I thought, she must have been going to die soon. She had a terrible diagnosis: a level 4 astrocytoma, brain tumor.

Dana was a resister: She resisted being stuck in a traditional feminine role and resisted dying young. The story of her resistance and continued life should have significance for us all. She went to Johns Hopkins for an operation and came back. She needed a year off for recuperation. But she must have had a wonderful surgeon, because he or she, more likely a surgical team, enabled her to live another ten years.

I evaluated Dana’s teaching performance a number of times during the ten years she taught with us. She moved and enriched the minds of many of our students, moving them toward a sense of social justice, including feminism, which she defined in her book, *Nagging Questions*, as “the application of the principles of human decency to the problems of women” (Introduction, pg. 5).

One of her qualities was intellectual honesty. One summer she proposed to me that we read Stephen Hawking’s book, *A Brief History of Time*, together. Each of us had read it alone and felt we did not understand it. So we began. We would meet in her office or mine, read passages aloud to one another and then try to explain them. At one point, about the middle of the book, one of us had read a particularly difficult passage. We talked about it awkwardly for a little while and then she looked at me and smiled sheepishly and said, “We really don’t understand this at all, do we?” I laughed and agreed, and we put the book aside.

Dana was courageous. She continued to drive her car despite worsening vision and to teach despite growing aphasia. You can imagine this is a terrible affliction for a philosopher, used to communication, dialectic, and argument. Eventually she started



to lose the ability to keep records, cover material, test appropriately and deal correctly with students. Richard Double, our chairman, and I stepped in to try to help. As her balance failed, I was afraid she would fall on the steps in Compton Hall. She eventually did fall, but only a couple of steps to the landing by the doors on the east staircase.

After she stopped teaching, I visited her at her home a number of times, especially when her husband Brian was gone, to make sure she was OK. It was a very rural, isolated house. She was fortunate to have one young neighbor, an Edinboro student, Alexis Snow, who ably looked after her. But I think it was pleasant for her to have another friend over. Although she couldn't speak much, we would sit and watch a profusion of wild birds at the feeder outside her living room window.

My mother had been in a nearby nursing home since October 2000. One day when my wife and I went there, they told us Dana was there. I inferred that she had finally needed too much care for Brian and Alexis to manage. Since I was already visiting my mother there, it was convenient for me to visit Dana as well. My mother died in January but I continued to visit. Dana's aphasia was getting worse and it was very frustrating to try to communicate. I was stunned to learn, one day, that she was there because Brian had gotten melanoma, sickened and died quickly. Apparently she had tried to tell me at an earlier visit that Brian thinks he is dying. But I hadn't understood. My wife had understood, but I either couldn't or wasn't able to hear it.

As her aphasia worsened, Dana tried to remain verbal, doing exercises provided by a speech therapist. Also, I bought her a CD player and books on CD's, including *The Divine Secrets of the YA YA Sisterhood*. Her hearing aid broke and I took it to Erie to get it fixed. She was conscious, but unable to use one arm and leg when my wife and I left for summer vacation in August. When I came back, she was not conscious. A nurse told me she was near death. Her brothers came and one told me by phone that if I wanted to see her again I had better visit soon. I had visited a couple of days before and she was sleeping peacefully. That was the last time I saw my friend alive, for when I arrived Sunday with a little bouquet of flowers, the nurses told me she had died the night before. Thus ended the short life of a philosopher who was courageous, intellectually honest and a decent human being.

The Women's Studies Committee, along with friends and family, has established a scholarship not only to cherish the memory of Dr. Bushnell, but also to encourage the same commitment to education and women's studies that Dana demonstrated during her life.

The Women's Studies Committee needs your assistance to endow this scholarship. There are many levels of participation that you and your family can undertake in the tribute. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who has a declared a minor in Women's Studies and has a minimum grade point average of 3.0.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH PFADT

Written by Coleen G. Hites

Captain Joseph Pfadt, an Edinboro University graduate and Harbor Creek school teacher, spent the past year on active duty for Operation Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. He left the states in March 2003 to serve in Kosovo and returned to his home in Harborcreek, Pa., on February 24, 2004.

Once a week Pfadt would volunteer teaching at the Rexhipi Elementary School. Kosovo is an extremely poor country and the war has left the school system in shambles. Pfadt made arrangements with Harbor Creek High School and the National Honor Society to donate items to the school in Kosovo. More than 100 boxes of school supplies and clothing, along with 25 computers, were collected and donated by the Harbor Creek school. In addition, the Bradford School District donated 11 computers. This generous donation, coordinated by Captain Pfadt, will benefit five different schools in Kosovo.

Because of his efforts in coordinating such a needy project, Captain Pfadt was recognized by the Directorate of Education and Science from the Municipal Assembly of FERIZAJ for his efforts, as well as the Harbor Creek School District. The Commanding General of Multi National Brigade East, BG Jerry Beck also recognized the Harbor Creek School District and its National Honor Society for their efforts with a plaque that Captain Pfadt presented to the school in March.

Pfadt holds two degrees from Edinboro and is working on a third. He earned a bachelor's degree in speech communication in 1988 and a bachelor's degree in secondary education social studies in 1992. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in education.

Pfadt has served in the Reserves and the National Guard in Erie with the 1/112th Infantry for the past 21 years. Edinboro University is very proud of its two-time graduate, Captain Joseph Pfadt, United States Army.



Pfadt takes time out from teaching to relax on the steps of the school with children in grades 5 through 9 who attend the Rexhipi Elementary School in Kosovo.



Pfadt, sporting an Edinboro University football jersey, participated in a talent show at Camp Bondsteel a week before Christmas.

MAPLEWOOD TEACHER WINS \$25K STATE AWARD

By Mary Spicer, Meadville Tribune

When Jason Drake ('99) found out that he had been selected to receive an honor that has been described as "the Oscar of teaching," his response was pure Mr. Drake.

"Maplewood is a special place," he said when the cheering and applause that filled the Maplewood Junior-Senior High School gym finally died down. "It's special because of all of us – the students, the faculty and the administration. As you drive around these back roads, you can see that there's a lot of morals, values and love in this community," he continued.

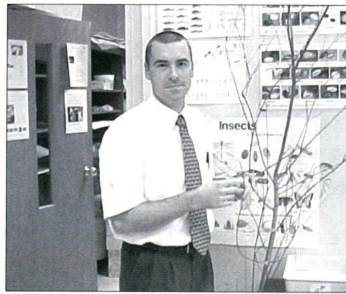
"You're incredible people to work with," he said, speaking to everyone in the room. "You deserve this as much as I do – I accept it on your behalf."

The biology teacher was seated near the top of the bleachers Wednesday afternoon when Gerald Zahorchak, Pennsylvania's deputy secretary of secondary and elementary education, tore open a navy-blue envelope and announced Drake's name as winner of a \$25,000 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. Drake is one of two Pennsylvania educators to receive the award in 2003; the department of education in each participating state selects a blue ribbon committee to recommend candidates to the foundation, and there are no nominations or applications. "You don't find us – we find you," Zahorchak said with a grin.

The purpose of Wednesday's gathering had been billed as "a surprise – a good one" by Penncrest School District Superintendent Ron Reyer and Maplewood Principal Mike Henegan, who wouldn't even tell Drake's wife, Wendy, why he wanted her to come to the school that afternoon.

"One teacher can influence thousands," Zahorchak said, asking all members of the faculty and staff to rise for recognition. "The quality of the teacher is the most important element in the classroom," he continued, "but the pay is not equal to the importance of the job – and they don't get thanked." The Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award, he added, was designed to right that wrong.

The full-blown assembly that preceded the announcement included the singing of the national anthem by the school's vocal ensemble and musical selections by the chorus and concert band. Zahorchak was accompanied by Parker Martin, a school improvement leadership specialist with the Pennsylvania Department of Education; representatives of State Sen. Bob Robbins and State Rep. Teresa Forcier were in attendance, as were Crawford County commissioners Jack Preston and Roger Williams and almost a full compliment of district administrators.



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Drake had as long as it took to make his way to ground level and then to the podium in the middle of the gym to figure out what to say.

"He's always doing things for other people," said Leah Brenner, a junior and two-year veteran of Drake's classroom. "When he was up there, he had one chance to build himself up and take pride in what he's done – and he was talking about the faculty and the students and everyone else. He's one of the most altruistic people in the whole world."

He's also an awesome teacher, according to the Milken Family Foundation, whose National Educator Awards are being presented to 100 teachers, principals and specialists in kindergarten through 12th grade education this year. Since the award was created in 1985, almost 2,000 educators from 47 states and the District of Columbia have received more than \$49 million from the foundation. The \$25,000 cash award, which will be presented during a national conference in June, can be put to whatever use the recipient wants.

One of the reasons Drake was chosen for the award is his focus on getting students to connect classroom studies with work on regional conservation efforts. Collaborators in those efforts have consistently been impressed.

"Jason has inspired his students to go beyond learning about science – to taking what they've learned and turning it into action," said Brian Hill, director of the French Creek Project. "They have worked to improve water quality in French Creek through cooperative programs with local farmers, and Jason has been a catalyst for a lot of our work in the Muddy Creek basin," Hill said in a Wednesday night interview, adding that it's wonderful that Penncrest School District has supported Drake in his efforts to get students out of the classroom.

"I can't think of anybody who would deserve it more," agreed Brian Pilarcik, watershed specialist with the Crawford Conservation District. Pilarcik has worked on five of the six major environmental projects Drake's students have completed since doing their first creek bank stabilization project in 2000.

"It's amazing what he can get his students to accomplish in a day," Pilarcik continued. "He'll go out there with 100 students, and they'll put 2,500 trees in the ground like it's nothing. They all respect Jason. They all look up to him, and when he says something, they'll stop and they'll listen."

His students agree.

"Mr. Drake has been the most completely-life-changing teacher I've had," said Brenner, as two classmates nodded their heads in agreement. "I had him for the first time last year, and the first two days I didn't even know what to think of him. He's crazy.

His class is a magic class, in that we go in there – and I’ve talked to other students about this, it’s not just me – you go in there and you have 45 minutes for a class. Take a couple of minutes to get started, and he’ll start a lecture or something and then you’ll take a quiz and then you’ll do something else and you’ll look at the clock and only half the class period is over. It goes on and on, but it’s fun the whole time. Maybe the clock in his room is different or something, but the time is really weird in there. And it’s so much fun – because he’ll go way off the subject, but then it ends up having to do with it. And you really understand what he’s talking about.”

“He improves your studies, he improves your learning, he helps you to follow your dreams and your goals,” she continued. “And every once in awhile, he puts in things about life – things about drugs and things that teenagers struggle with. And people listen to him, because he’s so much on our level. He’s like a kid in an adult body, and so he’ll talk to us about stuff within a lesson about science and it’s really neat, because people look up to him and people really take what he has to say seriously. He just has amazing power – that I don’t even know if he knows that he has – at this school. Hopefully, this will help give him an idea.”

The Drake File

Years in the classroom: 10

Subject: Biology, including Advanced Placement classes

High School: Maplewood

Special projects: Since 2000, Drake has led six crews of more than 100 Maplewood students each in creating stream-bank stabilization projects designed to project local waterways from crop runoff and animal damage, and a “living snow fence” of trees to block drifts along Interstate 79 near the Crawford-Erie county line. A seventh project is scheduled for early November.

Family: Drake and his wife, Wendy, live in the Centerville area with daughters Brooke, 5, and Heidi, 3. Their third child is due “around Christmastime,” said Wendy.

JOHN TICE JR. INSPIRES STUDENTS

By Andy Hill, Smithfield (Va.) Times

As John Tice Jr. quietly glides around his fourth-grade students at Windsor Elementary, he admires how attentive they are to their assignment just minutes before being released for a long weekend.

The entire school is notable for having well-behaved students, he said, but Tice’s students know he has prizes waiting for those who help keep his class orderly.

However, the 24-year-old Pennsylvania native believes the real rewarding experience will come when the students reflect on having a teacher in a motorized wheelchair.

Six years ago, Tice injured his fifth and sixth vertebrae in a headfirst collision at home plate while playing for Fort LeBoeuf (Pa.) High School’s baseball team. Despite being paralyzed from mid-chest down, he graduated this past spring from Edinboro University with a degree in elementary education.

The Windsor Elementary students were comfortable with his story, Tice said, and he hopes they can later recall it when in search of inspiration.

“Maybe they can look back on me and say, ‘Mr. Tice overcame his disability and

it didn’t slow him down. I can do anything I want.’” Tice said.

In the present, there are rewarding lessons about respect and being helpful. A “Star Chart” posted in Tice’s room keeps record of students who behave, pass out papers, keep the room tidy and help classmates with assignments.

When a student fills their column of stars, they get a prize before starting with a fresh chart. Tice said many of them are looking for more ways to help, even if

it is just assisting him with his coat.

“I like to think of the class as a team or family where we help each other out,” said Tice, who had two semesters of student teaching in Pennsylvania schools before taking his first full-time job in Isle of Wight. “I use the injury to my advantage, because I need a lot of help from them.”

The “Star Chart” is simply a behavioral management tactic, Tice explains, but he never feared unruly students would be an issue. While visiting the school during his job interview with Principal Dave Goodrich, he noticed how well the students behaved and listened. Tice said the fruits of his labor have come through the students and staff at Windsor Elementary.

“They are the best group of kids I’ve ever worked for,” Tice said. “They are very helpful and say ‘Yes sir,’ and ‘No sir.’ And the staff here really goes out of its way. Without that, I don’t think I could be as successful.”

While Tice does not have all of the same abilities as other teachers, he said his paralysis has no effect on his role as a teacher.

“I have to plan ahead a little bit more and come up with new ways of doing things sometimes,” Tice said. “I write out notes on an overhead and set up the room in a U-shape so I can get to students easier and talk to each of them individually.”

When students are asked about Tice, they are quick to compliment and slow to recognize differences.

“It doesn’t really matter,” Nicholas Powell said of Tice’s condition. “He’s cool and just like any other teacher.”

Lauren Ross said the class has been fun since they get to learn about “new things,” such as Indians, math and electricity.

“He teaches like everyone else,” she said. “We have to help him erase the board sometimes, but he’s not very different. He’s nice.”

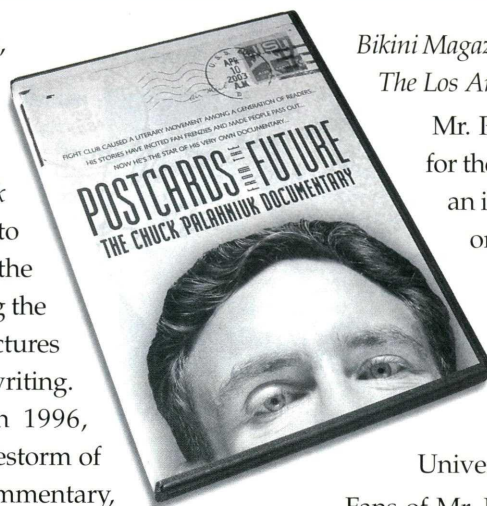
Michael Vines simply stated, “He’s still a person.”

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POSTCARDS FROM THE FUTURE - THE CHUCK PALAHNIUK DOCUMENTARY

In April 2001, writer, journalist, screenplay writer, and essayist Chuck Palahniuk visited the Edinboro campus to participate in "Postcards from the Future: The Chuck Palahniuk Project," the first academic conference to focus specifically on his novels and the movie adaptation of *Fight Club*. During the conference, Palahniuk gave several lectures on his life, his novels, and the craft of writing. Since the release of *Fight Club* in 1996, Palahniuk's works have received a firestorm of praise and criticism for the social commentary, philosophies and violence they contain.

Palahniuk is the author of the novels *Survivor*, *Invisible Monsters*, *Choke*, *Lullaby*, and the travelogue *Fugitives and Refugees* and has also contributed articles and short stories to several magazines and newspapers, including *Playboy*, *Gear*,



Bikini Magazine, *Blackbook Magazine*, *The Sunday Herald*, and *The Los Angeles Times*.

Mr. Palahniuk was on campus again in April 2003 for the second annual Chuck Palahniuk Conference – an interdisciplinary academic conference focusing on fiction. Through a unique competition, an award of \$1,000 was presented to Edinboro student Jamie Brackley based on his talent and ability in creative writing. The Palahniuk Writing Scholarship has been established and endowed at Edinboro University by Mr. Palahniuk.

Fans of Mr. Palahniuk have recently released a 90-minute documentary that prominently features Edinboro University and its students, conference presentations, readings, Q&A session, and book signings highlighting the April 2003 conference. The documentary is now available on DVD. For additional information, visit www.chuckpalahniuk.net.

PAUL MARTIN MEMORIAL STEINWAY PIANO FUND ESTABLISHED

The Edinboro Family was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Paul Martin, Ph.D., 63, of Kiawah Island, S.C., on Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2003.

Dr. Martin retired from Edinboro University after 28 years as a music professor and was a member of the Erie Philharmonic for 25 years, serving as associate conductor under maestro Eji Oue. He was an organist for St. John's and many other Charleston area churches. He also served as a rehearsal accompanist with the Charleston Symphony Orchestra for four years.

Paul was respected and loved by his colleagues and friends who knew him during his many years at Edinboro University.



As a result, the Paul Martin Memorial Steinway Piano Fund has been established in his honor.

Memorial contributions from friends, family and colleagues will allow the University to procure a Steinway D Concert Grand Piano. The instrument will be housed permanently in the newly renovated Louis C. Cole Auditorium – Memorial Hall and will contribute enormously to the facility's capacity to accommodate world-class performers and performances.

Please contact the Development Office at 814-732-2992 or e-mail bwhitehair@edinboro.edu if you would like to contribute to this fund in memory of Dr. Martin.

229 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Edinboro University will offer nearly a half million dollars in scholarship funds to its students during the 2004-2005 academic year. New and returning students will have access to 229 scholarships. Of the total amount, more than \$200,000 will be available for freshmen through 47 scholarships.

Unlike loans, scholarships do not have to be repaid and do not require recipients to perform services to receive them. A wide variety of scholarships are available to Edinboro students, such as the USI Academic Excellence Grant or the Alumni Admissions Grant offering recipients \$2,000 per year.

All scholarships are awarded and administered by the Office for Student Financial Support and Services and assist enrolled students in meeting their educational expenses. Students who are admitted to Edinboro, have filed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and have met the specific selection criteria are automatically considered for scholarship awards. Scholarship criteria can be based on financial need, academic achievements, athletic talent, fields of study, quality point average, SAT scores, class rank, recommendations of professors and teachers, and in some cases, geographic area.



Edinboro University speech-language pathology graduate student Vinita Rajah received a \$4,000 scholarship from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation in recognition of her demonstrated academic achievement and promise in communication sciences and disorders. She was one of four master's students in the country to receive this award. The award was presented at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation's Annual Foundation Founders Breakfast. Other awardees were from the University of Texas at Dallas, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and the University of the Pacific.



Dr. Terry Smith, Dean of Liberal Arts, (right) expresses appreciation on behalf of the University to David Bennett, President of Flexcut Tool, whose gift to the University enabled the purchase of a bell furnace used for firing and burning out ceramic shell molds in the Art Department. A reception and demonstration were held November 21 to recognize Mr. Bennett's generosity. David Bennett is a 1976 graduate of the University.

MILDRED P. SCHRYER - E. PAMELA PULLING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

We were saddened to hear that a longtime member of the Edinboro Family, Mildred P. Schryer, passed away July 1, 2003. Mildred set a wonderful example to students and staff with her endless generosity and kindness. In 1990, Mildred established a scholarship in memory of her sister, E. Pamela Pulling. Ms. Pulling graduated from Edinboro State Normal School in 1921. The E. Pamela Pulling Memorial Scholarship provides an annual award to a Crawford County resident majoring in education.

Mildred was an inspiration who will be sadly missed by everyone at the University and in the Edinboro community.

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

The Spring Alumni PhonaScot is off and running at full speed! The 30-plus callers are hard at work not only raising pledges, but acting as ambassadors for Edinboro University. The callers update and verify more than 10,000 alumni addresses, activities, and recent changes in employment.

These students are realizing the importance of scholarship dollars to the University and how focused the University is on student-centered teaching and learning. These funds have a great impact on the Alumni Association by supporting scholarships and alumni activities that benefit the students.

Every call the students make, whether it results in a pledge or not, is very important to them. They take their jobs seriously and feel a sense of satisfaction in connecting with alumni and updating them on recent campus news.

"I love talking about Edinboro with alumni who graduated in the 1930s just as much as talking about Edinboro with someone who graduated in 2003," said Christin Sambor '08.

"I also know that when I graduate I'll make a pledge when I get my call from a PhonaScot caller."

"We've talked with more than 7,000 alumni so far, and I personally want to thank those alumni who have pledged, but also those who have taken a few minutes to chat with me and update information." "I don't feel like I'm a telemarketer....I'm what the alumni used to be...a second semester freshman at Edinboro who lives in a residence hall and is taking classes toward a degree," said K.C. Kantz '07.

The PhonaScot will proceed until the first of May. Please be generous to the student when you get a call!

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS ESTABLISHED

RICHARD J. AND JOYCE M. GROMEN SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Richard J. Gromen dedicated 34 years of his life to the students of Edinboro University as a professor of history. Dr. Gromen and Joyce, his wife, became respected and influential members of the Edinboro community.

Joyce earned a Bachelor of Arts in speech communication in 1983, graduating *magna cum laude*. In 1985, Joyce earned a Master of Arts in student personnel services. Sadly, Joyce passed away in April 2002, leaving her husband of 51 years and three children: Margot, Doreen and Richard. She was a member of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Edinboro, the Edinboro Kiwanis Club, Edinboro Shadbrush, Edinboro University Women's Association, and the American Association of University Women. Mrs. Gromen was a former teacher of modern dance at Allegheny College in Meadville and taught speech communication at Penn State Erie – The Behrend College.

The scholarship is intended to provide recognition, motivation, and support to non-traditional students majoring in history.

NATIONAL FUEL SCHOLARSHIP

We are pleased to announce a generous gift from National Fuel for the establishment of the National Fuel Scholarship. This gift will endow a scholarship providing increased access to quality education to the residents of northwestern Pennsylvania. This support exemplifies the University's theme, "building a prosperous future through academic excellence and civility" and demonstrates National Fuel's strong commitment to our mission.

ART DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP

As the result of many years of contributions, the Art Department Scholarship has reached the endowment level and the first annual award will be made this year. This fund began with a \$100 donation several years ago, and its endowment to the \$10,000 level demonstrates how significantly a scholarship can grow through support and donations from our alumni, faculty and friends. The award will be made annually to a full-time art major nominated by at least one department faculty member, and who meets the grade point average and enrollment requirements.

STEPHEN PAUL DANOWSKI II MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR COMMUNICATION MAJORS WITH DISABILITIES

Stephen Paul Danowski II, beloved 24-year-old senior speech communication/media student at Edinboro University, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, November 20, 2003. He was a lifelong resident of Erie and attended Mercyhurst Preparatory School. Steve was well respected for his caring, gentle, and generous personality, his sense of humor, for his community involvement, and accepting the "Straight Edge" lifestyle by swearing off drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.

Steve, known to his fans as "Big Dawg," was active on the student radio station and in many television productions. He defined himself as a Cleveland Browns fan and an avid follower of wrestling. Steve competed with the Edinboro University Rolling Scots wheelchair basketball team; his disability from spina bifida required use of a wheelchair once he entered college. He was involved in Youththeatre and volunteered as a sound and lighting technician for numerous main stage productions at the Erie Playhouse. He was a life member of the International Thespian Society.

His father, Stephen, mother, Cheryl, and sister, Melissa, along with friends and family, established this scholarship to honor and cherish the memory of Stephen and to encourage the same commitment to education, community involvement, and enthusiasm and zest for living that Stephen demonstrated during his life.

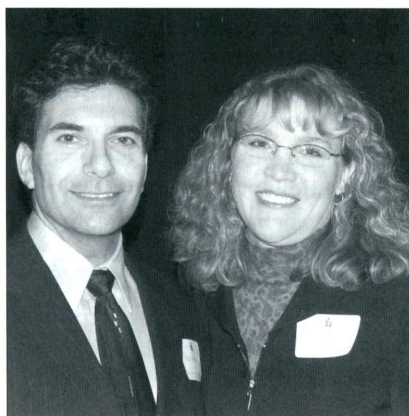
HIGHMARK INNOVATIVE NURSING PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

The Highmark Foundation has established a scholarship to provide increased access to education in the nursing profession. Highmark recognizes that economic barriers, single parenthood, family responsibilities and employment issues sometimes preclude access to education. This annual award will greatly increase the diversity of students by providing the means to offer support and incentive to non-traditional students.

As the demand and shortages of registered nurses continue nationwide, the need for skilled nurses is evident. This scholarship communicates to the student body that the region's health services community has invested in their futures and needs their commitment to serve their community. Preference will be given to non-traditional students enrolled in the innovative nursing program with a minimum grade point average of 3.0.

CELEBRATING GENEROSITY AND SCHOLARSHIP

More than 175 students, faculty and friends of the University enjoyed a wonderful evening at the President's Club Reception and Concert held on December 3 at the Diebold Center for the Performing Arts. The President's Club includes those who have generously provided a major gift in support of our students through scholarship philanthropy and our annual campaigns. This year's event provided an opportunity for our guests to interact with student scholarship recipients. The reception was sponsored in part by the Alumni Association and the Edinboro University Foundation, and we are grateful for their generosity. Following the reception, a concert was held at the Louis C. Cole Auditorium – Memorial Hall, featuring the "Scholars of London" who provided a lively performance of Christmas songs spanning five centuries and many traditions.



Andreas Zafiroopoulos and his wife, Betsy, enjoyed the festivities. Andy is the recipient of the Dr. K.V. Jacob Memorial Scholarship that is awarded annually to a student majoring in economics or business administration.



Dr. Nancy Rung (right) met with Kelly Cooney (center) and her mother, Christine Cooney. Kelly is this year's recipient of the Dr. Nancy S. Rung Scholarship, which provides an annual award to a female nursing student.



Jim Geronimo, President of the Alumni Association, and his wife Kirsti.

The first scholarship recipient for the Ryan E. Cappelletty Memorial Scholarship has been selected. Rachael Cappelletty is pictured with Kyle Rogers (scholarship recipient) and Rae Ann Cappelletty. Kyle is currently a sophomore at Edinboro University, majoring in criminal justice. The scholarship was established in memory of Ryan E. Cappelletty ('02) who was killed in the line of duty as a police officer with the Chesterfield County Police Department in Virginia. Friends and family of Ryan established this scholarship to encourage other students to mirror Ryan's commitment to education and enthusiasm for law enforcement.

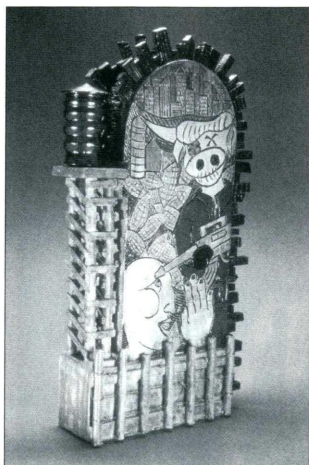


CERAMIC STUDENTS HONORED BY NCECA

Ceramic art students Stephanie Craig and Aaron Calvert were selected to participate in the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) 2004 Regional Student Juried Exhibition held in Indianapolis. Calvert's artwork titled "Sprawl with Urn" and Craig's "Seed Vessel" were on display at the Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center Gallery at the University of Indianapolis.

NCECA is a professional association of individuals and organizations with more than 4,000 members whose interests, talents and careers are focused on the ceramic arts. Its annual conference is the world's largest event held in the field of ceramic art.

The NCECA Regional Student Juried Exhibition showcases undergraduate and graduate student work from students in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania. This year's exhibition received 349 entries; 51 pieces were selected.



Sprawl with Urn by Aaron Calvert

Calvert graduated from Edinboro in December 2003 and is working at Laguana Clay Company in Byesville, Ohio. His artwork offers his respect and condolences for those affected by ravenous appetites. "We are imperfect by nature but making informed decisions is a step in the right direction," said Calvert. "Our environment is changing around us. My ceramic work questions whether this change is for the better."

Calvert holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in crafts, with a minor in

studio arts from Kent State University and a Master of Fine Arts in ceramics from Edinboro. His work has been published in *Clay Times*, *Pottery Making Illustrated* and *Ceramics Monthly*. He has participated in 21 exhibitions including the Erie Art Museum's 80th Annual Spring Show, and the "Spring Up, Sprint Out" exhibition in Cleveland.

Craig's sculptures in clay explore the task of transforming elusive memories into artifacts. "These sculptures recall forms found in nature, however discrete codes and obscured text mark the surface of the work," said Craig. "Upon close observation, handwriting is revealed and these marks suggest journal entries and the recording of history."



Seed Vessel by Stephanie Craig

She states the intention of her work is to evoke quiet contemplation and to elicit an awareness of the significance, the knowledge and the history that can be embodied in subtle, evocative objects.

Craig is from Vancouver, British Columbia. She is pursuing a Master of Fine Arts in ceramics at Edinboro. From the University of Toronto, she obtained a double major bachelor's degree in studio arts (painting) and French language and literature, with a minor in art history, and from the University of British Columbia she received a bachelor's degree in art education. Craig hopes to pursue a teaching career at the post-secondary level and she plans to continue to make ceramic sculpture.

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE NOW AVAILABLE

A new certificate in conflict management is now available at Edinboro University through its Master of Arts in Communication Studies (MACS) program in the Speech and Communication Studies Department. Completion of the five-course (15-credit hour) certificate will provide students with the analytical and practical skills necessary for mediating, negotiating and managing conflict that arises in the workplace and elsewhere. The certificate is designed especially for those working in organizations and institutions where ongoing conflicts or crisis events impede the realization of goals and objectives and undermines productive relationship development internally and externally.

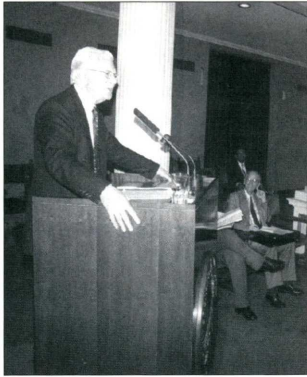
Students will take 12 hours of required courses in the areas of managing conflict, public relations management, advanced intercultural communication, and small group communication, in addition to three hours of an elective course offered through the University's MACS program.

The certificate courses will be offered beginning with the 2004 summer term. For additional information, contact Dr. Andrew Smith, MACS program head, Speech and Communication Studies at 814-732-2165 or e-mail arsmith@edinboro.edu.



President Frank Pogue is pictured with Mrs. Helen Jackson as the University dedicated the Dr. Gerald P. Jackson Department of Academic Support Services on January 30. This is the first academic department at the University to bear the name of an individual. Dr. Jackson served the University for nearly 30 years and was an untiring advocate for students. His legacy of service and civility will live on at Edinboro University.

DR. DRANE PARTICIPATES IN BIOETHICS ANNIVERSARY



Dr. James F. Drane, who has held the Russell B. Roth Chair of Bioethics at Edinboro University for several years, was chosen to deliver the keynote address at an international meeting in Santiago, Chile, organized to celebrate the anniversary of a program established to advance bioethics throughout Latin America. Dr. Drane had delivered the keynote address at the inauguration of this

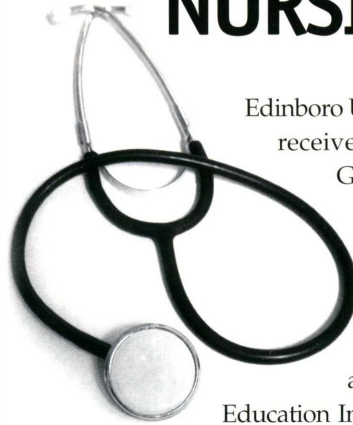
bioethics program 10 years ago. He has worked for many years to promote the discipline of bioethics in Latin America and is well known throughout the region for his conferences and publications.

Patricio Alywin, the President of Chile, was among the many distinguished guests who attended the inauguration ceremony. Many of the same guests returned for the anniversary celebration, including Dr. Julio Montt, former Minister of Health in Chile, and Dr. Carlyle Macedo, former head of the Pan American Health Organization.

The anniversary celebration was designed to promote support for the bioethics initiative by the government of Chile, the University of Chile, the Pan American Health Organization, Medical Associations and Academic Institutions throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. It was held at the beautiful Honor Auditorium (Salon de Honor) at the University of Chile, where the inauguration ceremony had taken place. The university president and the head of the Pan American Health Organization's bioethics program in Washington, D.C., welcomed the guests and carried out the ceremony.

In addition, an article by Dr. Drane titled, "Tinkering with God: Just how moral is conservative Catholic morality?" appeared in the Winter 2003-2004 edition of *Conscience*, the news journal of Catholic opinion.

EDINBORO RECEIVES NURSING GRANT



Edinboro University was recently chosen to receive a \$52,000 Nursing Education Grant for the 2003-2004 academic year. The Pennsylvania Higher Education Foundation and the Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) are providing the grant as part of the foundation's Nursing Education Initiative.

The goal of the Nursing Education Initiative is to help the Commonwealth's aging population, one of the largest in the nation, by providing support to educate future nurses. Balancing supply with demand in this growing profession is one of its main goals. Edinboro is one of 10 universities to receive nursing grants.

While the allocation of funds is still tentative, the money may be broken up into either two scholarships or two grants. The awards will be based on financial need and academic merit. The details of the award will be determined by the Nursing Department.

The Edinboro Department of Nursing has received a full five-year accreditation for the baccalaureate nursing program from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Currently, Edinboro offers three nursing undergraduate programs, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), a registered nurse to BSN completion, and the Innovative BSN. The Innovative BSN is designed for those students who are seeking a second degree.

Edinboro also offers a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree in which students can choose from two concentrations, nursing educator or family nurse practitioner. The MSN program is provided through the joint efforts of Edinboro, Clarion University and Slippery Rock University.

ABIGAIL NELSON SERVING HARRISBURG INTERNSHIP

Abigail Nelson of Kirtland, Ohio, is one of 17 students participating in The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS) program. She is a junior at Edinboro majoring in political science. As part of a 15-week internship program sponsored by the Educational Resource Group, Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, Nelson is working in the legal division prosecution office of the Pennsylvania Department of State



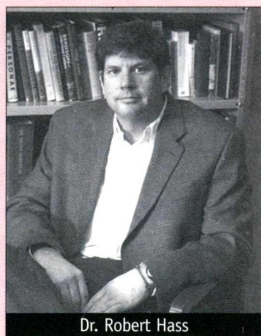
THIS provides students the opportunity to work in all areas of state government while earning a full semester's worth of credits. The program invites students from each of the 14 State System universities to participate.

Nelson will attend several academic seminars during her spring semester internship and will complete a research project as part of the program requirements.

More than 360 students from State System universities have participated in THIS since the program began in 1989, gaining valuable insight into state government operations at the policy-making level. Interns have worked with dozens of state agencies as well as in the offices of the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives and the attorney general.

Nelson is a 2000 graduate of Kirtland High School and is the daughter of John and Stephanie Nelson.

EDINBORO PROFESSOR RECEIVES CHOICE MAGAZINE AWARD



Dr. Robert Hass

Choice magazine's newest issue names a book authored by Dr. Robert Hass, an English and theatre arts professor at Edinboro, as one of its "Outstanding Academic Titles" of 2003.

Hass' book, *Going By Contraries: Robert Frost's Conflict With Science* (University of Virginia Press), is listed in the January issue as among the best in scholarly titles reviewed by *Choice*.

The magazine is a publication of the

Association of College & Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association.

According to the publication's website, only 10 percent of approximately 6,600 works reviewed in *Choice* and less than three percent of the 28,000 titles submitted each year receive the designation. *Choice* editors base their selections on the reviewer's evaluation of the work, the editor's knowledge of the field, and the reviewer's record.

Criteria for selection include overall excellence in presentation and scholarship, importance relative to other literature in the field, distinction as a first treatment of a given subject in book or electronic form, originality or uniqueness of treatment, value to undergraduate students, and importance in building undergraduate library collections.

In *Going by Contraries*, Hass argues that the central problem of Frost's career was a conflict between science and religion, a conflict ultimately resolved by Frost's immersion in the latest scientific theories of his day and his growing belief that scientific materialism – the philosophy that led to loss of religious belief in the 19th century – was untenable in light of new developments in physics.

In its February 2003 review, *Choice* claims that *Going by Contraries* provides "shrewd readings . . . of Frost's poems literally and metaphorically devoted to the scientific challenge." The review also states "in placing Frost in the main currents of 20th century intellectual history, Hass provides a lucid account of that history and its major epistemological and ontological ideas."

Hass was a featured speaker last summer at Dartmouth, where he presented a paper on Robert Frost, Ezra Pound and their relationship to the philosopher Henri Bergson. That paper was subsequently accepted for publication in the *Journal of Modern Literature*.

Hass, who joined the faculty at Edinboro in 2001, has published several articles and reviews on Victorian and modern poetry and is currently completing his own poetry manuscript, tentatively titled *Counting Thunder*.

EDINBORO RECEIVES \$50,000 GRANT TO STUDY PRISON-COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

A \$50,000 grant from the Center for Rural Pennsylvania to study the impact of prisons in the communities of Albion, Cambridge Springs, Dallas and Houtzdale was recently awarded to Edinboro University. This one-year study, conducted by professors Dr. Kevin Courtright, political science and criminal justice; Dr. Mike Hannan, business administration and economics; Dr. Susan Packard, professional studies; and Edward Brennan of Mercyhurst College, North East, will address what becomes of prison-community relationships after prisons are operational within rural communities.

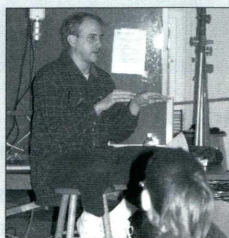
Questions remain regarding whether prisons revitalize their local communities. Addressing this, the study will employ different methodologies to measure community satisfaction and the perception of economic impact of prisons located within rural Pennsylvania. The four locations of this study were selected because of the different geographical areas of each and the length of time the prisons have been operational within their communities.

"We are very excited about the project and thankful for the opportunity to explore such an important issue for rural Pennsylvania," said Courtright, the study's principal investigator. "The Pennsylvania Department of Corrections is a major employer across the Commonwealth and we are most hopeful that the results of our research can and will be used to improve relationships between state correctional facilities and their host communities."

A final report will be submitted to the Center for Rural Pennsylvania based on the data collected through mail surveys sent to community residents, focus group interviews with selected local government leaders and community agencies, and interviews with prison management. The results of the research project will provide information regarding communities' long-term satisfaction with prisons, the perception of economic impact upon local communities and what might be done to improve prison-community relationships. This information will also benefit communities considering hosting a correctional facility in the future.



Rich Quade, a supervising animator from Pixar Studios, addresses Edinboro University of Pennsylvania art students during a master class on "Timing and Acting." Pixar Studios has been responsible for many important breakthroughs in the application of computer graphics for filmmaking and has created and produced five of the most successful and beloved animated films of all time: Academy



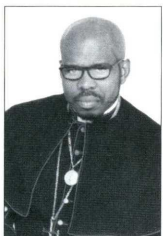
Award®-winning *Toy Story* (1995); *A Bug's Life* (1998); Golden Globe-winner *Toy Story 2* (1999); the Academy Award®-winning *Monsters, Inc.* (2001); and the Academy Award®-nominated *Finding Nemo* (2003). Quade supervised the films *Monsters Inc.*, and *A Bug's Life*. During an evening lecture open to the public, Quade talked about his career and work. His appearance was sponsored by the University's Animation Club.

EDINBORO PRESENTS FOUR AWARDS AT ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. LUNCHEON

Edinboro University celebrated the memory and living legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Eighth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Luncheon on Friday, January 30. The luncheon opened the University's month-long series of events observing Black History Month.

Edinboro President Dr. Frank G. Pogue presented the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award to four prominent citizens: Bishop Dwane Brock, Judge George Levin, Dr. Francine McNairy, and Denise Horton accepting for her mother, the late Mildred "Millie" Horton. The award presentations were the highlight of the luncheon program that each year honors the memory of Dr. King and his lifetime accomplishments.

BISHOP DWANE BROCK is the pastor and chief executive officer of Victory Christian Center of Erie, Inc. He has served in Erie since 1980 when, at the age of 20, he received his first pastoral assignment at the First Good Samaritan A.M.E. Zion Church. Start-



ing with just 25 members, he led the growth of the church to more than 300 members in four years. One of the first tasks he undertook was the problem of gang-related warfare and drug trafficking. After meeting with gang leaders, area residents, local businesses and government officials, he led the construction of a playground on the corner of 23rd and Holland in Erie. A graduate of Leadership Erie, Brock is a former president of the Erie Branch of the NAACP, former advisory board member of the Martin Luther King Center, and former economic advisor for the merchants of the Bayfront Mini Mall. He is currently board member and treasurer of the Erie Housing Authority, and vice chairman of the Erie Conference on African-American Affairs. Bishop Brock is administrative bishop of Fellowship Churches United and is the Episcopal head of churches in Cleveland and Cincinnati, Ohio.

The late **MILDRED "MILLIE" HORTON**

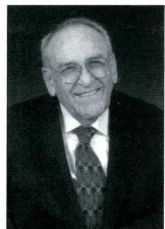


is considered by many to have been the backbone of the civil rights movement in Erie during the 1960s. This former president of the Erie chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored

People was an outspoken advocate for equal treatment of all races. She and her husband, Howard, were organizers of many civil rights protests against such things as racially insensitive required readings in schools and police brutality. She became involved in the

civil rights movement in the mid-1950s when her children began attending Erie's public schools. She was instrumental in obtaining public housing for unwed mothers and continued education for pregnant teens. She was involved in the recruitment of black teachers and administrators for the Erie School District; and she helped establish a dialogue among the community, local government and city police that helped endorse the hiring of ten black police officers. One of her most notable civil rights achievements was a victorious lawsuit involving a local restaurant that refused to serve black customers. The mother of 13 children and numerous foster children, Horton passed away August 21, 2003.

JUDGE GEORGE LEVIN, during his more



than 50 years of service to the courts of Erie and Pennsylvania as an attorney and judge, became a national leader in creating new programs to help offenders return to useful lives. In his first year as a judge on the Court of Common Pleas of Erie County in 1972, he instituted a program of community service for first-time offenders. It was the first such program in Pennsylvania and may have been the first in the nation. In 1990, while sentencing a first-time drug offender who was pregnant, he discovered there was no place he could send her. In response, he brought a group together to create the House of Healing, which provides transitional housing for women with non-violent offenses and their children. He is one of the seven founders of Stairways Behavioral Health, a residential facility for those suffering from mental illness. Judge Levin also championed causes for African-Americans. He sued the Real Estate Board of Erie for preventing homes from being sold to minorities. In the 1960s, when he served as

president of the Booker T. Washington Center, he chaired the first community-wide drive for funds for the African-American community.

DR. FRANCINE MCNAIRY is the President



of Millersville University of Pennsylvania. She began her academic career at Clarion University where she served as associate provost and counselor from 1973 to 1982. Dr. McNairy became an

administrator at Clarion, first serving as coordinator of academic development and retention, and was then appointed Clarion's dean of academic support services and assistant to the vice president for academic affairs in 1983. She joined the administration of West Chester University in 1988 where she served as associate provost and interim vice president for academic affairs. She was appointed provost and vice president for academic affairs at Millersville University in 1994 before becoming its president in 2003. Throughout her career Dr. McNairy has been dedicated to supporting diversity, multiculturalism and the retention of minority students. Her many presentations and publications have included "Cultural Diversity - The Challenge for Higher Education," "Retention of Culturally Diverse Students - Whose Responsibility Is It?" and "A Comprehensive Approach to Black Student Retention."

Dr. Pogue created the President's Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards during the first year of his presidency at Edinboro to acknowledge and recognize individuals in the region who exemplify the spirit, teachings and ideals of Dr. King. The annual awards luncheon, now in its eighth year, is held to bring people together to celebrate cooperation, optimism, and selfless service to all citizens of the community.

ALUMNUS MAKES SWEET INVESTMENTS

Alumni Board member Herm Tomer ('71) is a busy man. From running a land development company and golf course, to being a partner in a restaurant and biscotti bakery, Herm literally keeps on the move. In fact, the latter was the focus of a movie that Herm helped to finance called *The Bread, My Sweet*. Herm's restaurant and biscotti partner was the model for the film, written and directed by his partner's wife. Herm's wife Barbara and her sisters were extras in the Christmas Eve dinner scene, and the film was shot in Pittsburgh on site at the Enrico Biscotti store. The film is now available on VHS and DVD and renamed *A Wedding for Bella*. For more information about the awesome biscotti, check out

www.enricobiscotti.com and for those in the Pittsburgh area, the Enrico Biscotti Company Italian Ristorante in Shadyside is located at 5863 Ellsworth Avenue. Phone is 412-661-1050.



The Enrico Biscotti Co.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

The Music Department is producing a newsletter to keep alumni updated about exciting details regarding the program and facilities. Kristine Denton, who joined the music faculty in 1997 and teaches all the piano classes at Edinboro, launched the newsletter last year. Past issues of the newsletter are available on the web. Go to www.edinboro.edu, then academics and research, music department and follow the links from there. If you want to add your name to the mailing list, please contact the Alumni Office or e-mail us at eup_alumni@edinboro.edu. Indicate that you want the music newsletter and include your name, address and graduation year. We will forward your request to the Music Department. If you would like to be featured in the newsletter, include the instrument you played, organizations you were in and what you are currently doing.

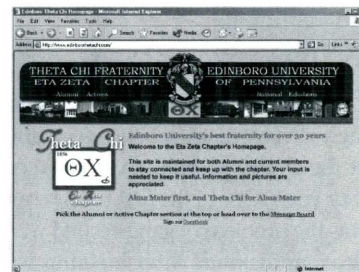


EDINBORO ALUMNA FEATURED IN **GLAMOUR**

Tracy (McDowell) Parker ('99) was featured with her two-year old son, Nathan, in the March 2004 issue of *Glamour* magazine. The article, titled "Having a Baby and a Life: How Will You Do It?" featured several young mothers balancing careers and young families. The article included a full-page photo of Tracy and Nathan. Tracy is a fifth grade teacher in Charlotte, North Carolina.

EDINBORO THETA CHI ALUMNI WEBSITE NOW ONLINE

Attention all you Theta Chi brothers! Brother Eric Anderson '96 has created a website for Edinboro alumni who were members of ΘΧ fraternity. There is a message board so you can post your news and get in touch with each other. There is also a photo archive dating back to the 1970s, and news about what the active chapter is doing now. So check out www.edinborothetachi.com and reconnect with your brothers! By the way, Eric is the Electronic Media Editor/Videographer with WOUB/WOUC Ohio University Public Television.



"ALUMNI MESSENGER" E-MAIL WELL RECEIVED

Since December the Alumni Office has periodically sent a broadcast e-mail to those alumni for whom we have e-mail addresses. The "Alumni Messenger" features up-to-date information about activities on campus, programming notes for the Association, and upcoming event information.

If you would like to receive this periodic update, please e-mail us at eup_alumni@edinboro.edu and request the Alumni Messenger.

SPECTACULAR SSHE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS CRUISES CONTINUE

We continue to offer high quality travel packages priced at group rates for alumni and friends of the Pa. State System of Higher Education. Plans for 2004 currently include a 12-day cruise/land tour of Alaska. And the newest addition to the 2004 itinerary is an unbelievably priced land and sea European adventure!

Start making plans now for one of the best vacations you've ever taken! **You deserve it!** Call Craig or Tom at (800) 506-7447, or check out www.alumnivacations.com today! Tell them you're from Edinboro!



HOMECOMING 2004 – OCTOBER 8 & 9 – CALL YOUR FRIENDS NOW!

Mark your calendars and turn in your leave slips now so you don't miss Homecoming 2004. The weekend will feature the traditional golf outing on Friday morning, followed by the Friday Night Bash where the food and music are provided by the Alumni Association. Saturday will include a new twist as the traditional 5K Tartan Fun Run will be held along the parade route, followed by the best parade in the area! The Fighting Scots will host the California Vulcans for a 2:00 p.m. kickoff in Sox Harrison Stadium. Visit the alumni tent to connect with long lost classmates, Alumni Board members and faculty.

NEW EDINBORO CHAIRS NOW AVAILABLE

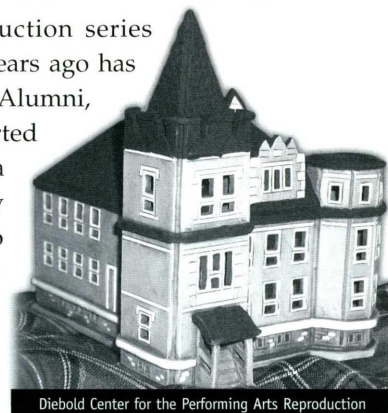


The Alumni Association has introduced a new item you will want to add to your Edinboro collection. The Captain's Chair is constructed of Southern hardwoods and finished in smooth hand-rubbed lacquer. All 28 gold stripes are hand brush applied. The official Edinboro University seal is applied by a master silk screen printer and the entire chair's final finish is a clear satin lacquer to protect the beauty. Finishes available include black with walnut arms, all black or all walnut. For a photo of a sample, please check out www.edinboro.edu/cwis/alumni/chairs/ChairsWebpage.htm. Each chair is \$250.00, which includes shipping and handling. This chair makes a great gift and will complement any office or home décor.

The second chair available is a more casual item: a red canvas Director's Chair that can be embroidered with your choice of the University piper logo or athletic logo, Edinboro University or Edinboro University Alumni, and you can choose a wood finish of white, maple or walnut. Sample photos will soon be available on the website. The cost will be \$70.00, plus \$7.50 shipping and handling. Call the Alumni Office at 1-800-526-0117 to order yours today.

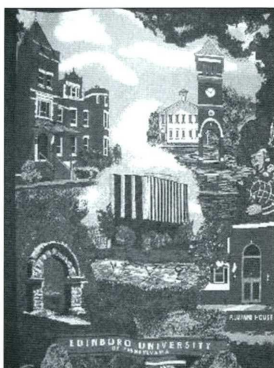
BUILDING REPRODUCTION SERIES CONTINUES

The building reproduction series introduced nearly three years ago has proven to be a huge hit. Alumni, staff and retired staff started their collections with a reproduction of Academy Hall, then purchased so many Old Union/Old Gym/Diebold Center for Performing Arts buildings, that we are almost sold out.



Diebold Center for the Performing Arts Reproduction

Due up next, and planning to be available for Reunion Weekend, will be Normal Hall. May 13, 2004 will mark the 35th anniversary of the beloved building being destroyed by fire. If you have started the collection, you won't want to miss this issue – if you haven't made any purchases yet, or still need one of the previous buildings, contact the Alumni Office today to place your order. Check out www.edinboro.edu/cwis/alumni/bldgs/index.html for photos of the first two buildings.



COLLECTIBLE TAPESTRY PRICE REDUCED to \$75.00!

Previously sold for \$90.00, the Alumni Association has recently reduced the price of the collectible tapestry that is sure to be the centerpiece of your Edinboro collection. Used as a wall hanging,

throw or game blanket, images of Academy Hall, the Normal Hall Clock Tower, Baron-Forness Library, the Alumni House, Mallory Lake, and the Diebold Center for Performing Arts (a.k.a. The Old Gym or The Old Union) will inspire memories of your time on the Edinboro campus. This "four-color" tapestry-look piece is beautiful. Check out www.edinboro.edu/cwis/alumni/tapestry/index.html for a color photo of the tapestry and order information, or call us at 1-800-526-0117 for a brochure.

C.V. CURLL PRESENTS BUST



President Pogue thanks Grove City sculptor C. V. Curll for creating a clay bust of the President. A two-time Edinboro graduate, Curll will use the clay model to create a finished bronze bust to present to President Pogue.



SOCCKER – The first annual alumni soccer vs. the Edinboro University women's soccer team competition, August 2003. Pictured are Mike Radakovich '75, Jim Kirk '74, Joe Podufal '74 and Mike Zafirovski '75. If you're interested in playing, contact Coach Kagiavas at 814-732-2776, ext. 276 or Jim Kirk at 814-734-7556.



ERIE/CRAWFORD COUNTY – President Pogue greeted Charles '54 and Mabel Cable '57 at the Erie/Crawford County alumni event in December at the Riverside Inn. A large group of people enjoyed a holiday dinner and theater production.



ERIE/CRAWFORD COUNTY AREA ALUMNI CHAPTER – On February 16 more than 60 area graduates and guests attended a coffee and dessert reception prior to a jazz concert with Byron Stripling. Pictured (left to right): Cheryl (Sedler) Allen '73, Dave O'Dessa '61, Julie (Savko) Fedders '69, and Jan (Sovak) O'Dessa '62.



BRADENTON BEACH CITY PIER, FL – Alumnus Jake Gallo '71 (right) operates the Bridge Street Pier Café in Bradenton, Florida. Alumni director Janet Bowker '84 and Alumni Board member Kip Allen '98 (second from right) visited with Jake and some of the Edinboro graduates working for him.



BRADENTON, FL – Alumni in the Bradenton, Florida, area enjoyed a reception at the home of Dr. Sharon Otis '69 and Dennis Jagdmann. In attendance were Kip Allen '98, Janet Bowker '84, Kim Raudebaugh '01 and Tracy Formosa, Sharon Otis '68 and Dennis Jagdmann, Patricia Cornell Scanlon '61, Norbert Smialek '58 and Elaine Herrick Smialek '57, Jan '70 and Claudette Swetic.



SEBRING, FL – Edinboro University retirees and alumni, and Edinboro area snowbirds met in Sebring, Florida, for their annual luncheon. More than 60 were in attendance for a wonderful time of socializing. Next year's luncheon is slated for Monday, February 28.



RIVERVIEW, FL – Janet and Kip met with Dean Graves '79 in Riverview, Florida. Dean is the president of Vroman/Graves Associates which provides graphic design, web design and other imaging services.



TAMPA, FL – Doris (Stewart) Ingersoll '62 and her husband Ron own and operate the Enrollment Management Center from their home in Tampa. The Ingersolls work with colleges and universities on enrollment management issues.



DELRAY BEACH, FL – A great group gathered at Boston's On The Beach in Delray Beach. In attendance were Kip Allen, Bruce Baumgartner (Director of Athletics), Janet Bowker, David Bucher '70, Ron Clark '72, Caroline '94 and Keith Epstein, Damian Fronzaglia '90, Karen Ives Kelly '92, Mike Malone '68 and Peggy Lee, Patricia Messmer '79, Tom '64 and Lindy Popovich, Hermey Schlesinger '69, Bill '80 and Floralee Stein, Richard '51 and Karen Swick, Tom '71 and Claudia Farmerie '71 Zahorchak.



ORLANDO, FL – The Orlando area alumni met at Fulton's Crab House in downtown Disney. They want to see more of you in attendance next year! Able to attend this year were Kip Allen, Bruce Baumgartner, Janet Bowker, Susan '83 and John Dey, Kelly Ecker '98 and friend Carol, Fred '54 and Pat Large, Marie Miranda '93, Ron Owens '77, Marian Catalano Ream '76, John '96 and Dawn Iorio '95 Starasinich, David '84 and Kathleen Trace, John '86 and Susan Gearhart '84 Yorgan.



ATLANTA, GA GROUP – The following alumni gathered at the Sycamore Grill in Atlanta on February 28: Hasan Ali '91, Janet Bowker '84 (Director of Alumni Affairs), Terrence Carlson '80, Jennifer Mihalovic-Caro '92, Sara Creager '96, Edward Ferrang '72, Bob Fleek '66, Francie Tarbell Fleek '64, Richard Foote '82, Jeannine Jean-Pierre '93, Jeff Markle '75, Nancy Mihalovic '89, Laura Mihalovic '00, Bill Zadernak '84, and Bonnie Hackett Zadernak '85.

THREE EDINBORO LEGACY FAMILIES OUTLINE THEIR HISTORY

As a result of a request we ran in the last issue of the *Alumni News* we heard from three families who wanted to share details about the legacy they have with Edinboro. Their stories are outlined below, and we want to hear from more of you! Just e-mail your information to bowker@edinboro.edu.

E. Thomas Cherry '76 wrote: It was gratifying to see my daughter, Melissa Cherry's name listed as a current Edinboro student as part of a family legacy connection in the *Alumni News* December 2003. As a 1976 graduate of Edinboro University, I was pleased when Melissa chose my alma mater.

Marjorie Boney Dodson of Apollo, Pa., my mother's sister, graduated from Edinboro in 1951 and enjoyed a successful teaching career. Aunt Marjorie still fondly recalls her four years spent on campus.

On my father's side of the family, we knew that a great uncle, Truman Cherry, attended Edinboro around 1900 for agriculture and animal husbandry. Truman farmed as his life's work.

It was interesting to learn only several years ago that Truman's father and my great-grandfather, Edwin M. Cherry,

"studied for two terms in Edinboro Normal School." As Edwin was born in 1851, we guess that these studies occurred in the late 1860s or early 1870s. Edwin's daughter, Grace Cherry, also attended Edinboro Normal School according to the same family papers. The Edwin Cherry family resided in Albion, Pa. The proximity to Edinboro must have been a great benefit at that time for the opportunity of higher education. We can only guess at their mode of transportation. Fortunately, I was able to commute by car (as opposed to horse) from Corry, Pa. Melissa grew up near Chautauqua Lake, New York, and currently resides on campus as a sophomore.

I am proud to say that Edinboro as Normal School, College, and now University has provided a meaningful education through five generations of our family.

Celeste A. Cecchini-Gaver '96 wrote: I don't know if the five of us count as a legacy, but we are all blood related cousins (except my husband!) from the Cecchini clan who went to and (most!) graduated from Edinboro.

My name is Celeste A. Cecchini-Gaver. I graduated in 1996. My husband, Arunas V. Gaver, graduated in 1997. My little

brother attends Edinboro now, Ondrej S. Cecchini, and is set to graduate next year. My freshman and sophomore years I roomed in Towers with my cousin, Adrienne M. Dellovade, who went on to graduate from California University of Pa. Our cousin, Gary Cecchini, attended Edinboro and graduated in 1977.

Laurie Sheldrake Showman '75 provided the following extensive list. Her son, Deke, is a current student and member of the bagpipe band. Following are some of his relatives who graduated from Edinboro.

Great-great grandmother	Mary Hotchkiss	1901
Great aunt	Mary Bonita Thompson	1953
Grandmother	Margaret Jean A. Davis	1974
Mother	Laurie Sheldrake Showman	1975
Uncle	C. Lee Sheldrake	1975
Aunt	Melanie Conrad Sheldrake	1974
Uncle	Richard A. Showman	1972
Aunt	Bonnie Showman	1988
Aunt	Margaret (Meg) J. Davis Larson	1987
Uncle	Ronald Larson	1986
Aunt	Holly L. Davis Borland	1989
Uncle	Michael Borland	1990
Cousin	Sherrie McArdle Krautter	1987
Cousin	Brenda McArdle Baney	1983
Cousin	Jennifer L. Showman	current student
Cousin	Keith Sheldrake	current student



Due to the extensive list provided by Laurie Showman, we are sending her an Edinboro University Alumni sweatshirt. Thank you so much for all of this great information.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS AND HALL OF FAME FORM

The Edinboro University Alumni Association and Athletic Department need your assistance. We are seeking nominations for awards for Distinguished Alumni and the Athletic Hall of Fame, as well as nominations for the Alumni Board of Directors. Please complete the following information and mail to: Award Nominations, Alumni Office, Edinboro University of Pa., Edinboro, PA 16444, or fax to 814-732-2843. You'll also find the form on the World Wide Web at: www.edinboro.edu/cwis/alumni/nomination.html.

☐ Alumni Association Board of Directors	☐ Business & Industry ☐ Arts ☐ Humanities ☐ Natural Sciences ☐ Education ☐ Public Service & Volunteerism ☐ Social Sciences
☐ Athletic Hall of Fame (must be graduated a minimum of 10 years)	
☐ Distinguished Alumni Award (choose one of the categories to the right) Due by January 7, 2005	

*Each nomination should be accompanied by a summary of the nominee's accomplishments.
 Please use a separate sheet and include as much information as possible (such as vita, newspaper clippings, etc.)*

CANDIDATE'S NAME	CLASS YEAR(S)
CANDIDATE'S ADDRESS	CANDIDATE'S PHONE
YOUR NAME	YOUR ADDRESS
	YOUR PHONE

SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH YOUR EDINBORO FAMILY!

NAME			CLASS YEAR(S)
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
HOME PHONE	SS#	BIRTHDATE	E-MAIL
OCCUPATION		COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION	
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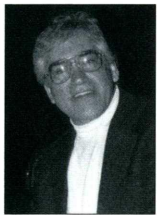
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 Mail to: *Alumni News* – NewsNotes, Office of Alumni Affairs, Edinboro University of Pa., Edinboro, PA 16444, or fax to 814-732-2843, or e-mail to eup_alumni@edinboro.edu. You can also find this form on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.edinboro.edu/cwis/alumni/share.html>.
 We reserve the right to edit all announcements.

NEWS NOTES

1938 ~ JANNE (JANE) WILSON is a volunteer at a nursing home. She keeps busy knitting, crocheting, baking, playing bridge and is on a committee for activities at the apartment complex where she resides. She has two children, one attended Edinboro University, along with five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She resides in La Mesa, California.

1964 ~ JANE (CHAPEL) BIERCE wrote her 11th book, *Diamond in the Rough*. The book will be released by Awe-Struck eBooks in March. She resides in Jefferson City, Tennessee.



1967 ~ FRANK BIZZARRO graduated from Edinboro in 1967 with a B.S. in education and post graduate work at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City. A member of Actors Equity until 1973, he then apprenticed as an auctioneer. He moved to the Bay Area and opened an antique auction and worked for Bay Cities and Golden Gate Auto Actions. Since 1985, he has been a guest auctioneer for classic car auctions nationwide. Frank also has recently performed as an auctioneer on the TV programs "Nash Bridges" and "The Incurable Collector." In 1996, Bizzarro's Auto Auction sold more than 25,000 charity vehicles with a rate of more than twice the national average per vehicle. Frank currently resides in Redwood City, California, with his wife Lisa and their 2 children. His interests are primarily auction-oriented and include donating himself and his auction team to more than 30 Bay Area fundraising events a year.

1969 ~ ROBERT CAMPEDEL is an attorney who joined the firm of Eckert Deamans Cherin & Mellott, as a member in its litigation division. Robert and his wife, Denise, reside in Pittsburgh.

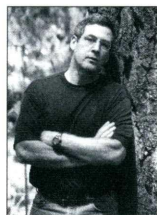
1970 ~ KATHLEEN (PORT) PETRUZZI retired from the Smethport Area School District after 33-1/2 years in the elementary department. She is currently employed as an adjunct professor in the education department with St. Bonaventure University, in Allegany, New York. Kathleen and her husband Mike reside in Smethport, Pa.

1970 ~ MARIANNE BENNARDO (SAWICKI) retired from the Pittsburgh Public Schools after 26 years. Marianne currently resides in Gibsonsia, Pa.

1971 ~ LINDA (HEFFERMAN) BUTLER earned her Master of Education from Gannon University in December of 2003. She was a member of the Sharon Cohort Program. Linda and her husband Robert reside in Sandy Lake, Pa.

1971 ~ DR. GEORGE GRYAK was selected as a trainer in the Revenue Services Department for the Money Back Guarantee Program in the Ground Division at FedEx. He was selected because he manned the office in the headquarters office in the Pittsburgh District and has refined the process and training material. George resides in West Mifflin, Pa.

1974 ~ JOHN CARINGOLA had an art exhibit in Leesburg, Virginia, in the District West Fine Art Museum last November. John and his wife Katherine reside in Greensburg, Pa.



1976 ~ JUDE BASILE, a local San Luis Obispo attorney, was named "Trial Lawyer of the Year" by Consumer Attorneys of San Diego. He was recognized for his work in and out of the courtroom and for his work on the board of directors and staff of famed Wyoming lawyer Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers College. He also volunteered pro bono representing the daughter of a New York firefighter who was killed in the September 11 World Trade Center attack. Basile has received two previous Outstanding Trial Lawyer awards. He and his wife, **DEIDRE '89** live in Cambria, California, with 3 children, Max-6, Meigan-3, and Mollie-2.

1979 ~ VERN MUELLER is married to Sherrie Buetikofer. They have 3 children, all girls. Their oldest, Kimberly, a National Merit Scholar, graduated from Arizona State University and started working at Intel this past summer. Katrina and Kelsey are at Seneca High School. Vern joined GE in 1979 immediately after graduating from Edinboro. He started there as a computer programmer. Now, he is the Lean Manufacturing Leader. Vern and his family reside in Green Township where they built their house in 1988.



1980 ~ TOM JENNINGS and Rita are proud to announce their daughter Carolyn, 21, a senior at WVU in Morgantown, will represent West Virginia at the Miss USA pageant on April 12 in Hollywood. They reside in Fairview, Pa.

1980 ~ DEBORAH (KLINE) LILLY RN, MSN, CCRN, was selected as an item reviewer for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensure Examination. They reside in Bradenton, Florida.

1981 ~ BARBARA A. SIPLE earned her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the Fielding Graduate Institute on January 24, 2004. Dr. Siple has provided clinical services to the Edinboro University community for 15 years as a licensed psychologist at Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). During her doctoral program, she was the recipient of three competitive scholarships; two from the American Council of the Blind and one from Datatel Corporation. Her doctoral research examines coping and adjustments of adults with retinitis pigmentosa. She resides in Edinboro.

1982 ~ DAVID WEBER began work writing a pictorial history of Titusville, Pa. The book will be published during the summer of 2004 as one of Arcadia Publishing's "Images of America" series. Weber's book will focus on Titusville's contributions to the plastic, lumber, oil, steel, defense contrasting and cutlery industries. Weber has contributed to a three-volume history of the Venango Society, assisted with research for a biography of Baseball Hall of Famer George "Rube" Wadell, written site histories of old steel mills and boiler fabricating shops being converted to new uses, and has performed consulting research used for Ethnic Studies. He resides in Pleasantville, Pa.



1982 ~ JOHN BOLANOVICH co-chairs the Commercial Litigation Department of the law firm Begin Munns and Munns. John resides in Orlando, Florida.

1985 ~ PANCHITTA ROBINSON-GAINES received her M.Ed. in teacher leadership from the University of Maryland, College Park, in December. Panchitta resides in Laurel, Maryland.

1987 ~ KENNETH VAN HOUTTE, owner of VanHoutte Enterprises, Inc., purchased and began operating "Servpro of Gettysburg/Adams County." Servpro is a national cleaning and emergency restoration franchise offering mitigation services after unfortunate accidents like floods and fires. Kenneth, and his wife, **PAMELA (JAHN) '87**, reside in Gettysburg, Pa.

1988 ~ DAVE McCLAIN continues to serve in the U.S. Army as a military broadcast journalist. He graduated first in his class from his Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course (BNCOC) at Fort Meade, Maryland, in April 2003 and was promoted to Staff Sergeant (E-6). Dave and his wife Kathy reside in Fort Belvoir, Virginia.



1988 ~ ANNEMARIE DONNELLY owns Donnelly Marketing Communications, which is celebrating its five-year anniversary. The company provides a variety of marketing communications services to a wide variety of clients in fields ranging from healthcare to business industries. Services include public relations, new product branding and commercial strategy, copywriting, development of collateral material, and advertising. Annemarie, and her husband, Lawrence, reside in Mentor, Ohio.



1991 ~ LINDA BROZELL joined the Catalyst Connection as a manager of marketing and client relations. She earned her master's degree in business administration from Duquesne University. Linda and her husband, **ARTHUR '93**, reside in Gibsonia, Pa.

1991 ~ NIRAJ BALASARIA is the CEO of Petron Pacific, Inc., which has been ranked number 334 on the 2003 Inc. 500 list of America's Fastest Growing Private Companies. The total five-year sales growth was 549%. For more details visit: www.petronpacific.com or <http://www.talkaboutinvestments.com/group/sci.econ/messages/197240.html>. Niraj and his wife Bimla reside in Centreville, Virginia.

1991 ~ TINA (FICKENWORTH) and TOM CLAXTON '88, have four children, Tommy-9, Matthew-6, Kelly Ann-3 and Michael-1. Tina has been teaching for 13 years (11 in Maryland). Tina is a 2004 Who's Who Among America's Teachers. Last year, Tina was a Disney "Teacher of the Year" nominee. They reside in Columbia, Maryland.



1991 ~ ROBERT SHOLTIS is one of five Edinboro graduates who met during their mobilization and deployment in Kosovo. Pictured

left to right are: **MAJ FRED TADY '92**, 28th Sig Bn, Coraopolis, Pa.; **CPT ROBERT SHOLTIS '92**, 223rd Mi Bn, San Francisco, California; **1LT WILLIAM ROCCO '86**, 1/112th INBN, Erie, Pa.; and **CPT RICK WALTERS '90**, 107th FA Bn, Pittsburgh, Pa. Missing from photo are **CPT ROBERT DONALDSON '90**, 1/112th IN BN,

Erie Pa.; and **CPT RICHARD HILES '87**, 2/112th IN BN. These soldiers had not seen each other since their time as students and athletes at Edinboro. They all miss going to the 'Boro Bar and to Fong Wong's after a long week of classes!

1992 ~ STEVE DARK was part of a pottery exhibition, "A Bunch of Guys Named Steve and Their Friend Larry" curated by Golf Shores Pottery that opened at the Cathedral Square Gallery in Mobile, Alabama. In addition to his work at the gallery, Steve has maintained a studio showroom, Pottery Central, in Gulf Shores, Alabama, since 1993. His professional exhibits in the past year include juried regional art shows such as A Regional View: Art in the Southeast at the Atlanta Artist Center and a solo exhibition in Central Argentina. He resides in Gulf Shores.

1994 ~ MAJOR SUSAN SUCHARSKI was recently recognized for her service at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. She resides in Virginia with her husband Randy.

1994 ~ DEBRA (NUNAMAKER) MANNING accepted a position as director and preschool teacher at a local day care in St. Marys, Pa. Debra and her husband Keith reside in St. Marys.

1994 ~ SEAN OSTERBERG is employed by Lamson and Sessions as the Director of Human Resources. Sean has a master's degree in labor relations and human resources from Cleveland State University. In 2002 he received his Senior Professional in Human Resources accreditation from the Society of Human Resource Management. Sean resides in Oklahoma City.

1995 ~ LINDA FOWLIE began work as a city planner for Solon, Ohio, in August 2002 where she approves and reviews all new subdivisions, new homes, commercial and industrial projects for compliance with zoning and planning regulations. She resides in Willoughby, Ohio.

1996 ~ RYAN DOAK is an executive producer and owner of Digital Matrix Studio which creates interactive media, animation, websites and videos. (We apologize that the company name was misspelled in the December issue of the *Alumni News*). Ryan resides in Chambersburg, Pa.

1997 ~ KIMBERLY HORNER received the National Board for Professional Teacher Certification in November 2003. She has taught for Wake County for six years. Kimberly resides in Apex, North Carolina.

1997 ~ GRACEANN LEUPP started a new job supervising the home-based autism program for Sachem Central School District on Long Island. She works as a supervisor/applied behavior analysis specialist. She resides in Long Beach, New York.

1997 ~ STEPHEN HEIDELBERG moved to Los Angeles to build his career in animation. He always dreamed of a life in animation, and Edinboro gave him the focus to pursue the career. Within the past year he relocated to California to work at Dreamworks and train their animators.

1998 ~ BETH ANN (HOWARD) LEEPER is employed with Timken Latrobe Steel. Timken is a leading U.S. manufacturer and distributor of high speed, tool and die and aerospace and defence steel. She resides in Acme, Pa.

1998 ~ MONICA ANN BEANE earned NBPTS certification in December 2003. She became a principal last July. Both Monica and her husband, **STERLING '99**, finished their Administrative MA in May 2003 from Salem University (WV). They reside in Gassaway, West Virginia.

2000 ~ IAN J. KOCAN, a navy seaman aboard USS Enterprise, recently hosted actor Ben Affleck. Ian and his crew members received the Navy's Retention Excellence Award for fiscal year 2003. He resides in Great Lakes, Illinois.

2001 ~ CHERIE J. OWEN is the editor and chief of the International Law Review. She was offered a job in the Ethics Department Accounting Office. Cheri resides in Carlisle, Pa.

2002 ~ JOSHUA THOMAS GEIS attended Baylor University for one semester as a graduate assistant coach. He enlisted in the Army in January 2003 and trained at Fort Benning, Georgia. Specialist Geis, of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, is currently serving in Iraq.



2002 ~ STEPHEN S. GRAY is a graduate teaching assistant at George Washington University, where he is working toward his MFA in theater design.

He has been working for ABC-NEWS, CNN, and Prostage in Washington, D.C. Stephen is pictured here with his fiancée, Katie Francis Russo. Stephen resides in Washington, D.C.

2002 ~ SCOTT MEALY and KELLI HIGGINS '02 have had a successful year in the Baltimore area. In addition to teaching, Scott has had a wonderful year of coaching for the Old Mill Patriots, where he coached the tight ends and defensive line. Scott and Kelli reside in Glen Burnie, Maryland.

MARRIAGES

1971 ~ KAREN (WELCKER) and Robert Brown, on August 9, 2003. They reside in Chester, Virginia.

1981 ~ BETH (THORNTON) and Matthew Sahlmann, on April 25, 2003. They reside in Fairview, Pa.

1987 ~ DEANNA (MANCINI) and Paul S. Kraeer, on September 28, 2002. Deanna has a 9 year old son Evan. They reside in Washington, Pa.

1991 ~ JULIANNE (KUNTZ) and John Miles, on July 26, 2003. They reside in Erie, Pa.



1991 ~ EILEEN (KNOX) and THOMAS WELCH '93, on September 27, 2003. They reside in Boulder, Colorado.

1993 ~ JILL (KRUCHENSKY) and Eric Bloodsworth, on March 30, 2003. Jill and Eric reside in Baltimore, Maryland.

1993 ~ RHENA (BERRY) and Sean McCaskill, Sr., on September 20, 2003. Rhena works as an academic advisor at the University of Pittsburgh and Sean is a program manager for Three Rivers Youth. They reside in Pittsburgh.

1994 ~ KRISTY (CLARK) and Mark McMahon, on October 11, 2003. They reside in Erie, Pa.

1995 ~ POLLY McANALLEN and Ronald Fiegl, on November 8, 2003. She recently accepted a position with the Pa. State Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. Ron is employed as a weld technician for York International. They reside in Fayetteville, Pa.

1997 ~ ALISA (KARDOS), formerly of Pittsburgh, married Bob Jackson of Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, on Saturday, November 29, 2003. Alisa and Bob both work for the Loudoun County Public School system in Loudoun County, Virginia, and currently live in Purcellville, Virginia.

1997 ~ EBONY (GRUNBY) and Franklin Frith, on September 27, 2003. They reside in Erie, Pa.



1999 ~ RENEE (FORKIN) and Cormac McCarthy, on October 3, 2003. They reside in Lakewood, Ohio.

2000 ~ CARRIE (LOWERS) and Jason LeSuer, in August of 2002. They reside in Edinboro.

2002 ~ JULIET (OWENS) and Anthony Brown were recently married. Anthony is a former professional lacrosse player and graduate of Limestone College who owns a charter fishing company. Juliet is pursuing graduate study at

Hawaii Pacific University. They reside in Waianae, Hawaii.

2002 ~ VIKKI (PALMER) and Jeff Fry, on September 20, 2003. They reside in Columbus, Ohio.

2002 ~ BRADLEY KOCHER and REBECCA (DRANE) '01, on August 16, 2003. They reside in Spotsylvania, Virginia.

2002 ~ FERNANDO TEJEDA and Catherine Havrilla on July 13, 2003. Catherine and Fernando reside in Buffalo, New York, where Fernando is attending dental school.



BIRTHS

1983 ~ MEG (BOUDON) and Rick Hutton, a daughter, Reagan Magalene, on January 15, 2004. She joins her brother Logan-7. They reside in Port Allegany, Pa.

1984 ~ AMY (MARASCO) and Randy House, a son, Andrew George, on August 27, 2003. He joins big brother Jacob-5. They reside in Myersville, Maryland.

1985 ~ NANCY (MILLER) and Dr. Lee Klombers, a daughter, Annika Mari, on August 15, 2003. She joins her brother Solomon-7 and sister Jacqueline-5. They reside in Mohnton, Pa.

1987 ~ SUZANNE (LENT) and Zane Wingard, a daughter, Sally, on July 22, 2003. She joins her two older brothers, Karsten Rex-5 and Camp Christian-2. They reside in Arnold, Maryland.

1987 ~ CAROL MCCLEARY and C. BRENNAN '86, a son, "Charlie" Charles Rowan, on August 2, 2003. He joins his big sister Leah-4. They reside in Burlington, Vermont.

1988 ~ SHERRY (LYNCH) and Darrin Orsargos, a son, Jared Mikel, on June 20, 2003. They reside in Homer City, Pa.



1989 ~ DEIDRE O' CONNOR-BASILE and JUDE BASILE '76, adopted a daughter, Mollie Jia, on January 5, 2004. She was born on March 4, 2002 in LuoYand, China. Mollie joins her older brother Max-6 and older sister Meigan-3. They reside in Cambria, California.

1990 ~ LAUIRE (RENNIE) and Mark Mitrovich, adopted a son, Carter Mark, on January 31, 2004. He was born on February 23, 2003. Laurie would love to hear from her Edinboro friends! Her e-mail address is ljmren@hotmail.com.



1990 ~ MICHELLE (O'DONNELL) and Christopher Sullivan, twin boys, Blaine Kennedy (5lb 3oz) and Brooks Coulter (5lb 9oz), on July 30, 2003. They reside in Charlotte, North Carolina.



1990 ~ SHARI (IZBICKI) and Gary Kum Jr., a daughter Hayley Anne Marie, on October 20, 2003. They reside in Erie, Pa.

1991 ~ BRAD KALLAY AND HOLLY (SELLERS) '95, a daughter, Mara, on July 25, 2003. She joins her brothers, Logan and Hunter. Brad and Holly reside in Edinboro.

1991 ~ KAREN (GROOM) MEALS and Michael, a daughter, Andrea Elizabeth, on July 4, 2003 at 6:23 AM at UPMC Northwest Hospital, Franklin, PA. She weighed 10 lbs. and was 22" long. They reside in Foxburg, Pa.



1991 ~ LISA BURKE and Dennis Burke, recently adopted two children, Leah-5 and Frankie-3 1/2. They reside in Carbondale, Pa.



1991 ~ MAURITA (DEPTULA) and Daniel Rosenberg, twins. Emmalene Anastasia and, Sabriel William, on September 30, 2003. They reside in Erie, Pa.



1991 ~ CARMi (AMEDURE) and DOUG PEGHER, '93 a son, Stephen Douglas, on November 20, 2003. They reside in Monterey, California.

1992 ~ TRACY L. (WILSON) and Ed Alberta, a daughter, Anna Marie, on August 12, 2003. They reside in State College, Pa.

1992 ~ STEVE CLARE and Jennifer, a daughter, Brynn, on September 26, 2003. She joins her big sister Olivia-2. They reside in Bel Air, Maryland.



1992 ~ MELISSA HANNAH and Michael Hannah, twin sons, Garrett Michael and Logan William, on April 4, 2003. They join their sister Summer Kileigh-2. Melissa and Michael reside in Erie, Pa.

1993 ~ CATHIE (BAYERS) and Lou Hamilton, a son, James Byers Hamilton, on June 5, 2003. He joins his older brother, Mac-2. They reside in Frederick, Maryland. ~

1993 ~ AMY (DAILEY) HIEBER and Rob, a son, Thomas Robert, on October 22, 2003. He joins his big sister Maggie-2. They reside in Export, Pa.

1993 ~ PENNY (ESHELMAN) and Mark Amoroso, a daughter Ashley Rose, on November 12, 2003. She joins her sister Lindsay-4. They reside in Pineville, North Carolina.

1993 ~ CHRISTIAN and KIMBERLY (TECONCHUK)'96 JENSEN a daughter, Merrikate Emmeline, on November 11, 2003. They reside in Fairview, Pa.



1994 ~ MARK KOENIG and MELANIE (PIETRUSINSKI)'95, a daughter, Mackenzie Clair, on October 5, 2003. She joins her brother Andrew-1. They reside in Glenshaw, Pa.

1995 ~ LISA (LYTLE) and John Hittle, a daughter, Abigail Nicole, on January 7, 2003. They reside in Duluth, Georgia.

1995 ~ HEATHER (PINGEL) and Justin Mazur, a son, Timothy Ryan, on June 12, 2003. They reside in Ambler, Pa.

1995 ~ KELLY (JOHNSON) and John Allio, a son, David Michael, on August 25, 2003 in Fredericksburg, Virginia.



1996 ~ LORI (HOWARD) and Travis Brooks, a son, Paul Travis Jr. "TJ" on March 27, 2003. They reside in Leesburg, Virginia.

1996 ~ RICH and KATHY (HAIGHT) JONES' 96, a daughter, Megan Elizabeth, was born July 8, 2003. She joins her family in their home in Jefferson, Ohio.

1996 ~ LAUREN (BOND) and JOHN REISER,'93 a daughter, Madison Elizabeth, on August 28, 2003. They reside in Moon Township, Pa.

1996 ~ JENNIFER (ABBOTT) and Dave Eschenbach, a son, on August 13, 2003. They reside in Columbus, Ohio.

1996 ~ JOHANNA (LEDGER) and SHANE MCCOY,'96 a daughter, Madelyn Jo, on August 11, 2003. They reside in Acme, Pa.

1996 ~ GRETCHEN (HOLZAPPLE) and Chris Ramsey, a son, Jackson Thomas, born on July 23, 2003. Gretchen has been hired as the Manager of Chamber Relations and Special Projects for the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and

Industry. She is in charge of managing local chamber relations for the State of Pennsylvania. They reside in Dauphin, Pa.

1997 ~ JADE (OAKES) and Phillip Snook, a daughter, Kennedy Janell, on July 10, 2003. They reside in Williamsport, Pa.



1998 ~ JAMES A. SCHNEIDER and Melissa, a son, Jacob Andrew, on September 7, 2003. They reside in Huntingdon, Pa.

1998 ~ JASON GRANTZ and Jacqueline, twin sons, Jadon William and Jared Glenn, on August 27, 2003. They reside in Bloomington, Minnesota.

1999 ~ KARI L. (ANDERSON) and John Nygaard, twins, Michael Stephen, and John "Jack" Lowell, on April 17, 2003. They reside in Bellevue, Pa.

1999 ~ BRIDGET (WINTON) and Wayne "Herb" Armstrong, a daughter, Abigail Janeen, on September 20, 2003. She joins her older siblings, Camryn Paige-3 Benjamin Phillip-2. They reside in Titusville, Pa.



1999 ~ EMILY (ALLEN) and Joseph Cipalla, a son, Joseph Patrick Cipalla, II. He joins his sister, Sicilia. They reside in Lumberton, North Carolina.



1999 ~ RACHEL (TRIPP) and Ernie Rodemaker, a daughter Isabelle Lynne, on October 8, 2003. She joins her brother Cameron-9. They reside in Erie, Pa.

IN MEMORIAM

1921 ~ HELEN L. (HALFAST) HARTER, December 31, 2003.

1928 ~ LYNETTE (HOFFMAN) VON KORFF, October 26, 2003.

1929 ~ DOROTHY J. RHEA, May 11, 2003.

1930 ~ LILLIAN EDGETT, March 17, 2002.

1934 ~ DOROTHY BUCHANAN, January 21, 2004

1936 ~ ANNE ESTOCK, November 27, 2003

1941 ~ MARTHA BESANSON, February 7, 2003

1946 ~ K. LOUISE MOUNT, June 24, 2003

1950 ~ NORMA (BAILEY) BATTERSBY, July 23, 2003

1950 ~ EDWARD O'PERINI, July 7, 2002

1952 ~ AUGUST SAUL, November, 2003

1957 ~ DONALD SEXAUER, October 16, 2003

1962 ~ LINDA MASON, April 16, 2003

1965 ~ GARY CERMAK, April 15, 2003

1967 ~ MARION (FRAME) HENDRICH, June 23, 2003

1968 ~ MARIE (GOODMAN) RHONE, October 3, 2003

1969 ~ WILLIAM MCGUIRE, August 20, 2002

1969 ~ ALLAN NOSEL, December 22, 2002

1970 ~ THOMAS SCHNABEL, October 19, 2003

1972 ~ MARIAN WALBURN, January 25, 2003

1972 ~ MARY JO (DEDAD) RIGBY, January 17, 2003

1972 ~ ALLEN PETRUNGER, September 27, 2003

1972 ~ DONALD G. LEWIS, August 25, 2001

1973 ~ ROBERT T. SHEETS, July 14, 2003

1974 ~ KARL KURA, January 6, 2002

1977 ~ MARIE (PERKOWSKI) QUINN, September 16, 2003

1978 ~ FLYNN HALL, January 22, 2004

1978 ~ JANET (HABADA) JOHNSON, October 21, 2003

1979 ~ THELMA (MAXSON) HARKLESS, October 9, 2003

1981 ~ THEODORE PAJAK, JR., February 9, 2003

1982 ~ DIANE SZCZESNY, June 21, 2003

1984 ~ TROY CARTER, January 18, 2004

1986 ~ ROBERT W. HITCHCOCK, September 8, 2003

1993 ~ LEONARD LARE, September 18, 2000

1994 ~ STANLEY DONELSON, May 13, 2003

1994 ~ JEROME F. INDOVINA, January 6, 2003

1998 ~ MICHAEL A. ROMANO, December 11, 2003

1999 ~ JOHN JULIAN, November 30, 2000

FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY

CATHERINE D. RULAND, November 23, 2003

PAUL MARTIN, December 3, 2003.

ERNEST HOVIS, December 3, 2003

MARGUERITE H. ZARGER, October 15, 2003

MARY ELIZABETH RUGH, January 22, 2004

EUGENE WILLIAMS, November 11, 2003

GLADYS (NEER) DIEBOLD, October 30, 2003

EDINBORO ATHLETICS ENJOYS OUTSTANDING FALL SEASON

Was this the finest fall season Edinboro University has ever enjoyed? That's a big question, just begging for debate, but the bottom line is Fighting Scots athletics was hard to beat in the fall of 2003. Edinboro offers five sports in the fall, and all competed in the postseason. The women's cross country team won the PSAC Championship, with the football team finishing as Co-PSAC West Champions. In addition, the volleyball team won the PSAC West title and finished as runner-up to Lock Haven in the PSAC Championships, and the men's cross country team finished second at the PSAC Championships. Finally, the women's soccer team qualified for their second PSAC Playoff appearance.

Both the men's and women's cross country teams continued on to the NCAA Division II National Championships, and the volleyball team made its ninth appearance in the NCAA Division II Atlantic Regional in coach Lynn Theeh's ten seasons. The football team, an afterthought among PSAC coaches in the preseason poll, was selected for the NCAA Division II Playoffs for the first time since 1995.

In fact, you probably have to go back to 1995 to find a fall that would compare with 2003.

During that '95 fall, the football team finished with a 9-2 record and made the NCAA Division II Playoffs. The men's

cross country team won the PSAC and East Regional titles, and finished 13th at the NCAA Division II National Championships.

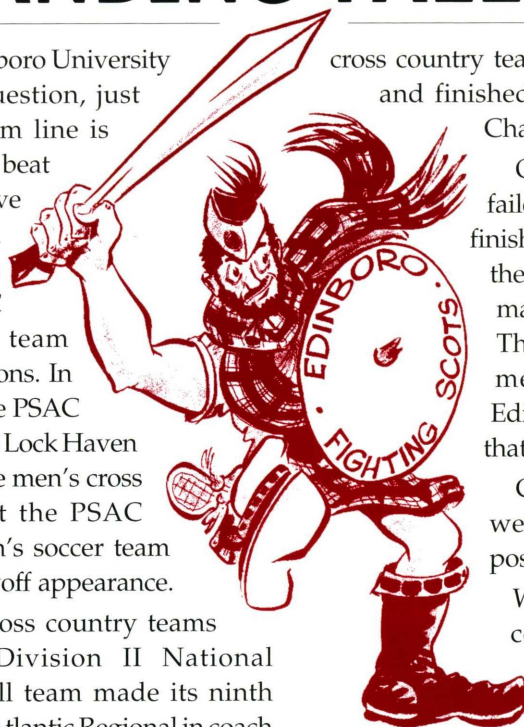
On the women's side, the cross country team failed to qualify for Nationals after a third place finish at the PSAC's and a second place finish at the East Regional. The volleyball team failed to make the NCAA Playoffs for the only time in Theehs' time at Edinboro. Women's soccer, meanwhile, would not be introduced to Edinboro until 1996. Looks like this year exceeds that '95 season.

Countless individuals enjoyed success, as well, with close to 35 individuals receiving postseason honors.

When the winter dawned, the winning continued. Both the men's and women's basketball teams recently completed their seasons after participating in their respective PSAC tournaments. The

women's posted its most wins since 1997-98 with an 18-10 record, while the men were 14-14 but finished second in the PSAC West with an 8-4 ledger. That marked the fourth straight year the Fighting Scots were either first or second in the Western Division.

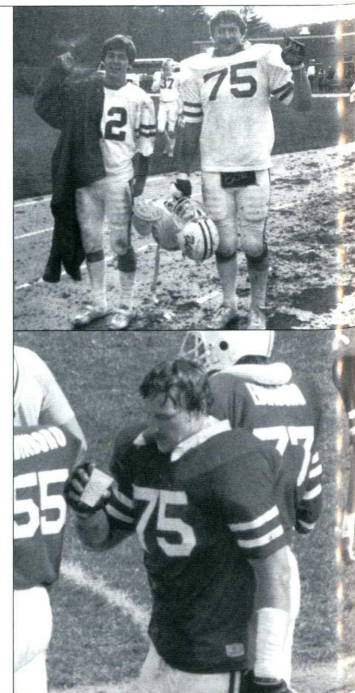
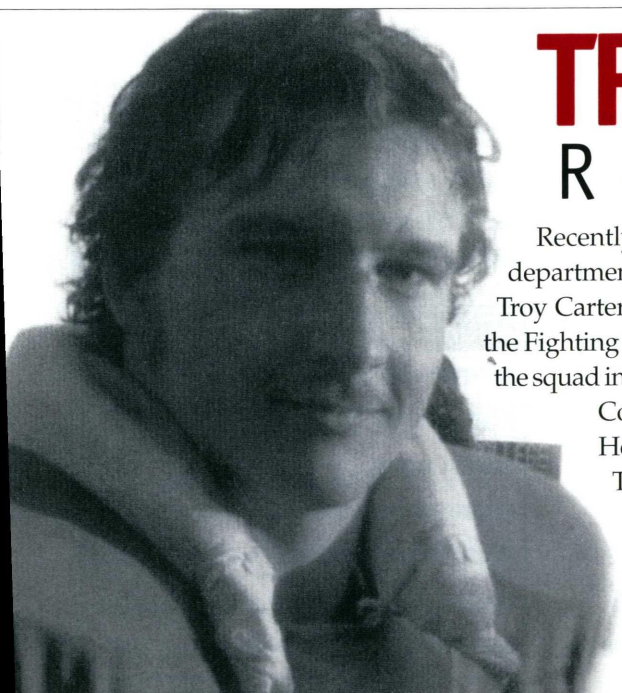
Finally, the wrestling team won its sixth PSAC Championship in the last seven years along with the EWL regular season title.



TROY CARTER Remembered

Recently, the Edinboro University family and its athletic department tragically lost a good friend with the passing of Troy Carter, 42, class of 1984. Troy was a three-year starter on the Fighting Scot football team at offensive guard and captained the squad in 1982. Troy worked locally for the Joseph McCormick Construction Company as a general superintendent. He is survived by his wife, Wendy, and four children.

The Edinboro community has set up funds to assist the family in their time of need. Donations may be made to the Troy Carter Fund and sent to either the Edinboro Giant Eagle at 606 Erie Street, Edinboro, PA 16412 or the Community National Bank at 212 Plum Street, Edinboro, PA 16412.



PAIR OF FIGHTING SCOTS NAMED TO LITTLE ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Joe Valvoda Named to First Team, Raji El-Amin Selected for Third Team

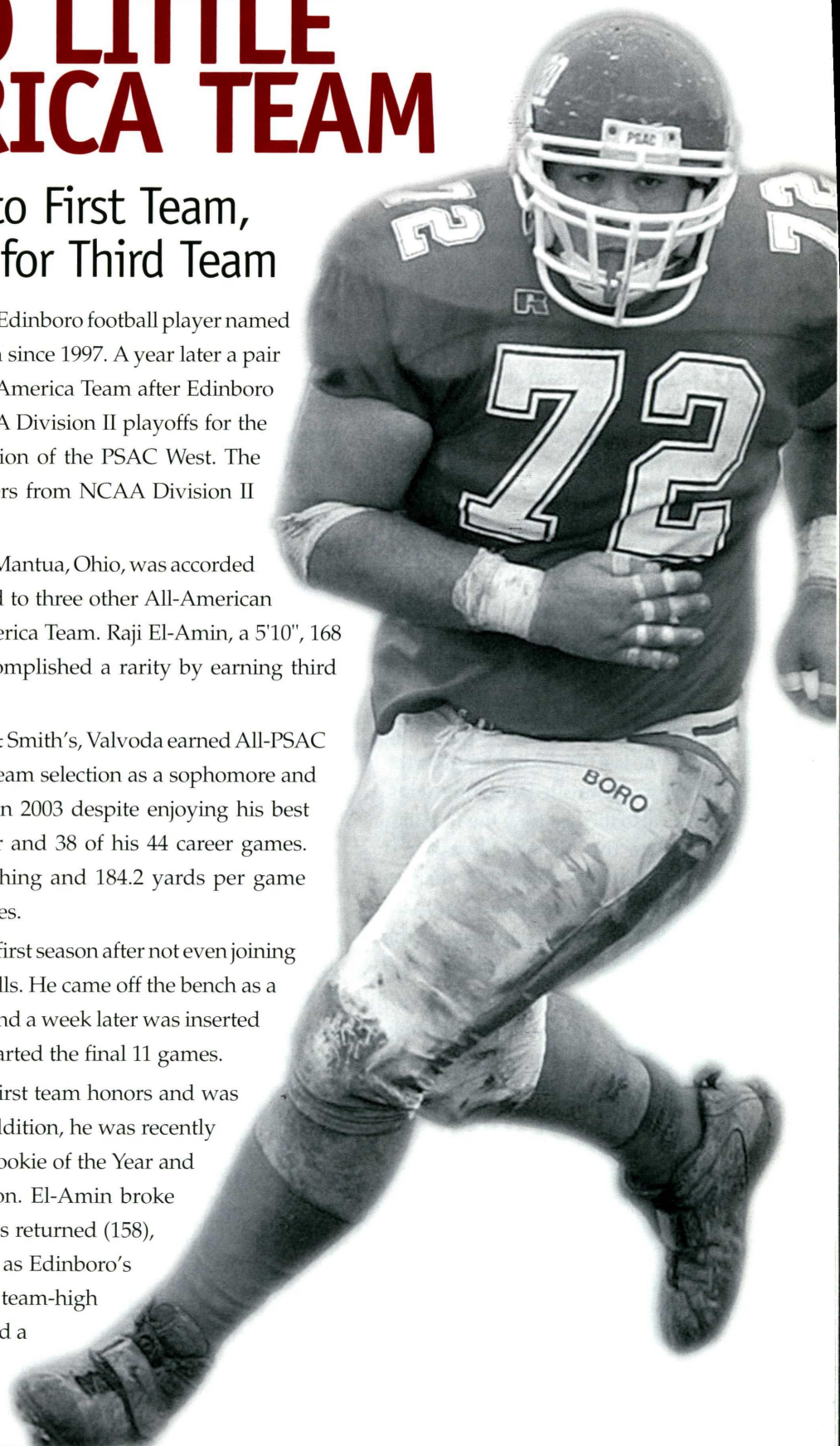
A year ago Sean McNicholas became the first Edinboro football player named to the Associated Press Little All-America Team since 1997. A year later a pair of Fighting Scots were named to the Little All-America Team after Edinboro finished with a 9-3 record and made the NCAA Division II playoffs for the first time since 1995. Edinboro was co-champion of the PSAC West. The Little All-America Team is composed of players from NCAA Division II and III teams and NAIA institutions.

Senior Joe Valvoda, a 6'2", 290 lb. center from Mantua, Ohio, was accorded first-team honors after previously being named to three other All-American teams, including the AFCA Division II All-America Team. Raji El-Amin, a 5'10", 168 lb. free safety from Rochester, New York, accomplished a rarity by earning third team honors as a freshman.

Named a pre-season All-American by Street & Smith's, Valvoda earned All-PSAC West honors for the third straight year. A first team selection as a sophomore and junior, he was accorded second team honors in 2003 despite enjoying his best season. He started 36 straight games at center and 38 of his 44 career games. Edinboro averaged 198.4 yards per game rushing and 184.2 yards per game passing, while allowing just 20 sacks in 12 games.

El-Amin, meanwhile, enjoyed an improbable first season after not even joining the Fighting Scots until over a week into fall drills. He came off the bench as a reserve cornerback against Youngstown State, and a week later was inserted into the lineup as the starting free safety and started the final 11 games.

El-Amin proceeded to earn All-PSAC West first team honors and was named the PSAC West Rookie of the Year. In addition, he was recently named the D2football.com Northeast Region Rookie of the Year and was a first team All-Northeast Region selection. El-Amin broke Edinboro records for interceptions (9) and yards returned (158), leading the PSAC in interceptions. He finished as Edinboro's fourth-leading tackler with 60 tackles, adding a team-high 8 passes broken up, plus 2 fumble recoveries and a forced fumble.



PSAC RECOGNIZES ASHLEY WALTON AND LYNN THEEHS

Fighting Scot Duo Captures Athlete of the Year, Coach of the Year Honors

The Edinboro volleyball team captured two of the three major awards when the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference All-Star teams were announced. Senior Ashley Walton was named the Western Division Athlete of the Year, with head coach Lynn Theehs recognized as Coach of the Year. Edinboro won the PSAC West title this year with an 8-2 league record, and was 26-12 overall.

Few awards have escaped Walton during her brilliant career, but Player of

the Year honors is one that had eluded her. A two-time third team AVCA All-American a year ago and the PSAC West Rookie of the Year in 2000, the 5'10" middle hitter earned All-PSAC accolades all four years. After earning second team honors as a freshman, she was named to the first team the last three years.

Theehs concluded her tenth season in charge of the Fighting Scots, and this marked the fifth time that she has been voted as the Western Division Coach of

the Year. She owns a 236-111 record at Edinboro and has an overall coaching record of 264-158 in 12 years, including two seasons at Wisconsin-Parkside. Edinboro has enjoyed eight seasons with 20-or-more wins during Theehs' tenure.

A total of four Fighting Scots earned All-PSAC West honors. Junior Renee Kam joined Walton on the first team, while senior Katie Hummel and junior Jen Shaw were accorded second team honors.

ROD BOYKIN SELECTED FOR NCAA ADVANCED COACHING PROGRAM

Edinboro University assistant football coach Rod Boykin was one of 20 ethnic minority football coaches to participate in the first NCAA Advanced Coaching Program. The program is a component of the recently created NCAA Coaches Academy.

The Coaches Academy is an NCAA initiative that addresses the critical shortage of ethnic minorities in head coaching positions in football. The mission of the Academy is to assist ethnic minority coaches in excelling in head coaching positions, to enhance and strengthen the skills that many ethnic minority coaches currently possess and to provide exposure and networking opportunities for ethnic minority coaches.

Boykin completed his fourth season as Edinboro's defensive coordinator, while also coaching the defensive backs. While one of twenty coaches selected, he is one of only six coaches not at the Division I level to receive the honor.

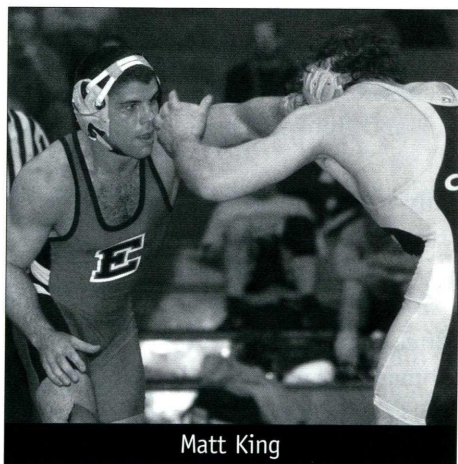
"Rod is one of the few minority coordinators in Division II," head coach Lou Tepper pointed out. "The unique thing about Rod is that he's had the opportunity to leave here, but realizes that his duties here can help him really develop as a coordinator. Going somewhere else as a position coach, while it might be better financially, it won't help him develop."

"I think Rod has positioned himself very well, and I think the selection committee recognized that. It's really an elite group that has been selected, and we're very proud of Rod's accomplishment."

Boykin played for Tepper at the University of Illinois as a defensive back. A four-year letterwinner, Boykin was twice named the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week. He played in 44 games for the Fighting Illini, including three bowl games.

After graduating from Illinois in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology, Boykin began his coaching career as a graduate assistant under Tepper that same year. He worked with the Illini from 1995-97, picking up a master's degree in higher education and administration.

The twenty coaches chosen for the Advanced Coaching Program received intense three-day training in areas such as communication, fiscal responsibilities, building a successful program, moral/ethical considerations and academic issues. The goal is to make the individuals viable candidates for head coaching positions at Division I-A institutions, and to ensure that they are seriously considered by college athletics directors, college presidents and board of trustees.



Matt King

EDINBORO WINS THIRD STRAIGHT PSAC WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP

The Edinboro wrestling team captured its third straight PSAC Championship and sixth in seven years in convincing fashion. The Fighting Scots easily outdistanced second place Lock Haven, 140.5 points to 118.0 points. Edinboro hosted the 61st Annual PSAC Wrestling Championships at McComb Fieldhouse.

Nine Edinboro wrestlers competed in semifinals, with seven moving on to the championship round and the other two

advancing into third place matches. The Fighting Scots finished with five champions, one shy of the school record. In addition, the Scots had two second place finishers, a third and a fourth place.

Bloomsburg finished in third place with 91 points, followed by East Stroudsburg with 77.5 points, and a tie for fifth place between Clarion and Millersville, both with 72 points. Shippensburg placed seventh (44.5 points).

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY SPORTS CAMPS

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CAMP	DATES	CONTACT
Fighting Scots Swim Camp	June 13-17 June 20-24	Chris Rhodes – ext. 228 crhodes@edinboro.edu
Bruce Baumgartner's World Class Wrestling Camp	<u>Technique</u> June 20-24 June 27-July 1 July 4-8 <u>Team</u> June 27-July 1 July 4-8 June 27-July 1	Bruce Baumgartner – ext. 223 bbaumgartner@edinboro.edu
Bruce Baumgartner's Heavyweight School	July 4-9	Bruce Baumgartner – ext. 223 bbaumgartner@edinboro.edu
Lou Rosselli's Intensive Wrestling Camp	July 11-16 July 25-30	Lou Rosselli – ext. 255 lrosselli@edinboro.edu
Tri-State Linemen's Camp	June 27-30	Scott Browning – ext. 244 sbrowning@edinboro.edu
Rolling Scots Wheelchair Basketball Camp	July 15-18	Jim Glatch – ext. 275 jglatch@edinboro.edu
Stan Swank's Women's Basketball Team Camp	July 9-11	Stan Swank – ext. 226 sswank@edinboro.edu
Stan Swank's Women's Basketball Camp	July 11-15	Stan Swank – ext. 226 sswank@edinboro.edu
Camp Excel 2004 Team Football Camp	July 18-21	Scott Browning – ext. 244 sbrowning@edinboro.edu
Edinboro Distance Village Cross Country Camp	July 25-30	Doug Watts – ext. 264 dwatts@edinboro.edu
Edinboro Volleyball Camp	July 18-23	Lynn Theehs – ext. 231 ltheehs@edinboro.edu
Fighting Scots Men's Basketball Team Camp	July 23-25	Greg Walcavich – ext. 257 gwalcavich@edinboro.edu
J. Robinson's Intensive Wrestling Camp	June 20-July 3	J. Robinson (612) 349 6585
Edinboro Women's Soccer Team Camp	TBA	Gary Kagiavas – ext. 276 gkagiavas@edinboro.edu
Tri-State Soccer	TBA	Mark Perry (724) 776 2871

FRANK G. POGUE SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

President Frank G. Pogue has cultivated a campus environment that enables students to achieve both academic and personal excellence.

On January 19, 2000, the first Frank G. Pogue Honors Scholarship Luncheon was held. The proceeds from the luncheon funded the establishment of the Frank G. Pogue Honors Scholarship that signifies the University's continuing commitment to enhancing opportunities for high-achieving students. The proceeds from the annual luncheon continue to fund this scholarship.

Since the fund quickly reached the endowment level, awards totaling \$8,400 have been made to eight honors students during the past three academic years. The University Honors Program is designed for students who choose to enrich their studies through directed, self-directed, and independent activities commensurate with their abilities.

Through honors studies, students are presented with enriching, stimulating, challenging, and creative learning experiences to help them realize their maximum potential. To learn more about honors scholarships or to make a contribution, contact the Development Office at 814-732-2992.



James Earl Jones began the day's activities with Dr. and Mrs. Pogue at a pre-lunch reception which provided major sponsors an opportunity to meet with the guest speaker.



Ms. Jacqueline Ratcliff Nwokeji '93, deputy chief of the support service division for the City of Erie Police Department, and recipient of the University's Award of Excellence.



Mr. Chaz Kellem, vice president of the Student Government Association, presented the Business Award of Excellence to Rick Lang, president of DAD's Pet Care.

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