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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

#### PRESIDENT FRANK G. POGUE

In the course of our lifetimes only rarely do we have the opportunity to cross paths with greatness. And when we do encounter the truly exceptional, we may not fully appreciate it for what it is, because we are too close to it or because that greatness displays itself so frequently that it becomes the routine.

Such is the case of Doug Watts, who has faithfully served as Edinboro University's track and cross country coach for 35 years. As detailed in the cover story in this issue, Watts has established himself

as one of the most successful coaches in his sport in history.

His Edinboro teams have won six national championships, and he has been named national coach of the year five times. His success on the track is only half the story. His athletes perpetually rank high academically,

often earning Academic All-American honors.

Indeed, the men and women of Coach Watts' track and cross country teams embody the "student athlete" ideal.

This issue also highlights another former student athlete, Steve Russell, who has become a highly successful minister in the Pittsburgh area following his All-American career as

a member of the Fighting Scots football team. And still another former Fighting Scot, Jim Ansberry, is working on Capitol Hill in the office of legendary distance runner and current Kansas Congressman Jim Ryun.

We are also pleased to present reprints of a front-page story on the Rolling Scots basketball team, an article on the triumphant return to Edinboro of two of our animation graduates for a special showing of *Robots*, and a fascinating report on Jim Brown's preservation of an important piece of northwestern Pennsylvania history.

Be sure to catch Vice President Bruce Whitehair's report and photos of our many successful graduates in Florida as well as photos from Gen. Wesley Clark's appearance at the Frank G. Pogue Honors Scholarship Luncheon. Last, but not least, we enjoyed a magical evening in March when Edinboro graduate John Novello returned for a jazz concert at the Louis C. Cole Auditorium – Memorial Hall. He was joined on stage by Erie jazz great Mary Alice Brown in a joint performance that will long be remembered by those of us fortunate enough to have been there.

I hope you enjoy this issue and I look forward to hearing from more Edinboro Family members whose stories we can share in future editions of the *Edinboro News*.

Frank G. Pogue President

#### JIM GERONIMO

The Edinboro University Alumni Association would like to congratulate everyone involved with the University's athletic program, while recognizing a few recent accomplishments of our student athletes and their respective teams.

The University's more than 300 student athletes currently participate in 14 men's and women's intercollegiate sports including wrestling, basketball, cross country, football, swimming, track, indoor track, soccer, softball and volleyball. The University competes on the National College Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I and II levels and is a member of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) and the prestigious Eastern Wrestling League.

On the playing field, Edinboro supporters were thrilled by the athletes' banner 2004-2005 year! Among the achievements, the football team reached the Northeast Regional semifinal game; a member of the women's soccer team was named PSAC West Rookie of the Year; a member of the men's wrestling team reached the finals of the NCAA Division I Championship; the men's basketball team won the PSAC Championship and one its players named PSAC West Athlete of the Year; a female volleyball player set a school record for digs in a season; a female swimmer earned All American honors in the 100 and 200- yard breaststroke; a member of the wheelchair basketball team was first team All American; a female softball player earned All-PSAC honors; the women's basketball team made the PSAC Playoffs and as the cover of this magazine illustrates the cross country program

had another successful year with the women finishing second on the national level and the men seventh. The women were conference and regional champions.

Off the playing field, Edinboro student athletes also meet academic challenges. The athletic study program, designed to promote academic success through mentoring and tutorial services, assisted in 116 of our student athletes posting cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 and higher. This is roughly one-third of our

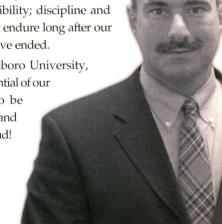
of 3.0 and higher. This is roughly one-third of our student athlete population.

Much of the student athletes' success belongs to the University's coaches, faculty and staff who as leaders emphasize responsibility; discipline and commitment – qualities that endure long after our student athletes' careers have ended.

As you can see, at Edinboro University, maximizing the human potential of our student athletes seems to be working exceptionally well, and for this we are extremely proud!

Have a great summer!

Jim Geronimo '86 Alumni Association President



# THE DICHOTOMY OF A SUCCESSFUL TEAM AND ITS STRONG INDEPENDENT WOMEN

By Bob Shreve and Doug Watts

A deeper look at the seven members of the Edinboro University of Pennsylvania women's cross country team that finished second at the NCAA Division II Cross Country National Championships provides a sense of a fascinating and unique make-up of these individuals. As it is, many deem cross country as an individual sport, yet it is the molding of seven individuals into one that leads to success in the realm of competitive running.

Seven young women – at various stages in their quest to become strong, independent women; enormously proficient in their team efforts and goals.

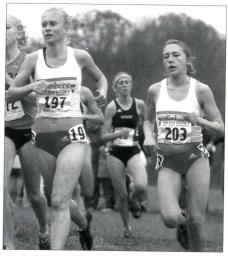
Seven young women – joyously hugging their teammates after the national meet with sincere appreciation of each other's effort; consciously separating from the group to enjoy an introspective, self-satisfied smirk.

Seven young women – attractive and thin enough to model formal wear before a camera; drenched in practice sweat or covered from head to toe in the mud of competition.

Seven young women – tenderhearted enough to spend the first five minutes of practice worrying about the fate of a seemingly lost puppy they saw during their warmup; mean enough to dish out a well-placed elbow to an opponent who encroaches upon their running space in a meet.

Seven young women – studious and intelligent (3.76 team GPA, five All-Academic performers and All-Academic Team Award); goofy and fun-loving (witness their dinner at a Greek restaurant two nights before the Nationals – everyone ordering a different entree' and sharing their taste experience in a light and festive mood).

As complicated as these runners might seem, their fall 2004 statistical legacy is unparalleled in Edinboro women's sports history, winning the PSAC Cross Country Championship with a dominance so large that, had the other 13 teams of the



Rachael Lanzel (197) and Heather Wilmoth (203)

"If anyone wonders why I'm still coaching, just look around at the quality runners that surround me," said Watts.

conference combined their rosters against Edinboro, they still would have been soundly defeated.

A week later they routed the NCAA Division II East Regional competitors by a similar score, and moved on to Nationals with an avowed goal to bring home a trophy (top four). Running in the strong Edinboro tradition of performing best when it counts the most, the women mastered the mud hills and competition in southern Indiana to surprise with the "easy" second place scoring spot.

"I believe the most striking element that contributes to their success is the 'yin/yang' subdivision of their character," noted veteran coach Doug Watts.

In further contrast, perhaps the easiest observable dichotomy is the seven young women and their one "old man" – head coach Doug Watts. Over 62 years old and still acting at times like he's 16, the sharptongued and sarcastic Watts has been producing outstanding runners for over 35 years, yet still spends more time talking to his athletes about life, love and happiness than running.

"If anyone wonders why I'm still coaching, just look around at the quality runners that surround me," said Watts. "These women trained extremely hard, were fun to be with, and most importantly, took to heart the mantra to try to become the best they can be."

Julie Nemergut, the star of the fall's star-packed team (PSAC & Regional champion, record-holder, and a fifth place team scorer at Nationals) reflected upon the dichotomy in the Edinboro running philosophy to become strong individuals, yet be committed to team success at the same time.

"We think that's what makes us so good – taking responsibility for my personal actions first makes me a more valuable team member in the end," the junior said.

Junior Lindsay Roberts, a two-time National qualifier who started slowly in 2004 due to a spring stress fracture, added, "It's not easy living up to coach's expectations. He's just not

satisfied with a good effort. No, in his own way, he DEMANDS our best in every phase of our life."

"I'm sure each of us have 'hated' him at some point in our career," reflected Kelly Richards, an All-American in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and the cross country competitor who would not allow a side stitch at the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  mile mark of the National race to deter her place in the scoring.

"But he would always make us see that we weren't really that mad at him. It was more that we were upset with ourselves for not living up to our best potential than anything he thought about us."

Sophomore Heather Wilmoth greatly improved her good freshman year's performance, earning her first All-American certificate in 2004.

"My focus kind of bounced around my first season," she said. "But I was in so much awe of my teammates that, wanting to be like them, I trained harder and committed to becoming a better runner and student."

In 2002, local high school product Genise Green walked on the team, graduating in 2004 with a degree in nursing. Why did she return to school after getting her degree, turning down guaranteed jobs and earning money to reduce her student debt, instead of adding to it?

"To run," she quickly stated. "I was just starting to reap the rewards of training, so I wanted to find out just how good I could be." Green would also admit that the chance to be part of a "pretty darn good team" had something to do with it.

Green serves as another example of the Edinboro dichotomy. It would be almost hard to comprehend her change in emotions at Nationals, if not for an understanding of what Watts instills in his team. She went from sobbing hysterically in the medical tent after suffering a broken foot in the first 1200 meters, to celebrating jubilantly and enthusiastically with her teammates when the scores were announced.

In such an individualistic, serious, demanding and intense environment, is it possible for a young freshman to find her place in the difficult balance of self and team?

"I've come to understand the recruiting process screens out those runners who are afraid to risk or are skittish about being pushed to reach their own greatness," said freshman Rachael Lanzel, the surprise number two 'Boro finisher at the championships and only the third woman to reach All-American level in their initial attempt.

"Coach certainly didn't sugarcoat his recruiting pitch to me," she said, smiling. "He told me I was a 'rag' and was going to have to change my ways to even have a chance to make the top seven!"

To which Watts replied, "Hey, I didn't run out on the course at Nationals and tell Rachael to drop back with the 'rags,' did I?"

The senior members of the team can look back at the developmental stages of their careers at Edinboro with some pride . . . and plenty of awe.

"Now that I'm older, I look at the younger kids on the team,

and have to laugh at what I must have been," said Nemergut. "Now I don't have time for stupid 'drama.' I just want to be able to train, get A's in class and set myself up for the best adult life I can have."

Senior Lisa Gallagher added, "We have grown to cherish our individual freedoms and actually encourage teammates to go their own way, and find out what works best for them. We support the uniqueness (and weirdness) in each of us."

The key to the team's success is obvious to Gallagher, and it's not an abundance of talent. "It's not physical talent," she said after a moment of thought. "No, I think we've developed a tougher physiological and psychological

willingness to 'hurt' and push ourselves to the limit.

"If you want to be a good runner, you must be tough. We've struggled with our individual problems, faced them, overcome them, and in the process developed the capacity to risk becoming the best we can be, athletically, academically, and socially."

With the top five runners expected to return this fall, a number of upperclassmen ready to step in, along with the potential for a

good recruiting class, it would appear the Fighting Scots are in a favorable position to defend their 2004 titles.

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I could be."

"As far as I'm concerned, the girls have nothing to defend," said Watts. "Winning has never been an avowed goal of the program.

"2005 will find new goals, new circumstances, and new expectations. If each runner continues to grow as an individual, revel in the opportunity to clear new obstacles and apply the Edinboro cross country work ethic to the best of their ability, the team score will take care of itself."

Seven young women – outstanding examples of what athletics can contribute in an educational environment.



Women's cross country runner, Julie Nemergut

## JIM ANSBERRY: On Track for Success

By Yvonne Ludwig

One year ago, Jim Ansberry was concluding his All-America cross country career at Edinboro University. Today, he is working on Capitol Hill in the office of Kansas Congressman Jim Ryun . . . the same Jim Ryun who set world records in the mile, 1500 meters, and 880 yards. Ansberry landed the job in Washington less than a month after graduating from Edinboro in December 2004.

Some may call it an extremely fortunate stroke of good luck to find a job so quickly after moving to a new city, but Jim Ansberry sees it as the product of hard work and a good educational background. Ansberry believes his education from Edinboro University and a proactive approach to job hunting are what landed

him on the fast track to achieving his career goals. After graduating from Edinboro, Ansberry moved to Washington, D.C., and landed a job on Capitol Hill

shortly after his arrival.

Ansberry began his college career at Edinboro in the fall of 2000. He chose the University because of the campus' medium size and its proximity to his hometown. Ansberry also liked Edinboro's track and cross country coach, Doug Watts. Ansberry has been running since he was young. His father ran track, so he says the activity is "in the genes."

While at Edinboro, Ansberry demonstrated his physical prowess while working with coach Watts on the track team. He participated in track and cross country events, winning prestigious awards throughout the years. He was All-East Region athlete, an All-American for cross country and the steeplechase, and the PSAC Champion in the 3000-meter steeplechase.

Ansberry didn't just run at Edinboro, he also earned two degrees in four years. After changing his major from business, Ansberry earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice. And, since he had spent two years taking business classes, he decided to finish taking classes in that field and also earned an associate degree.

Acting on the advice of a friend, Ansberry moved to Washington in January 2005. He says his family was supportive of the move but skeptical about his job prospects. Ansberry's job hunting process was quite simple, he didn't give up. He took the proactive approach, networking, pounding the pavement and following leads. After only a month, he landed a job in the office of Congressman Ryun.

In 1965, Ryun set the male high school record for the mile—a record that stood for 36 years. He also participated in the 1964, 1968, and 1972 summer Olympic games, winning a silver medal in the 1500-meter event in 1968. It was this background in his beloved sport that drew Ansberry to walk into Ryun's office and inquire about a job.

Ansberry now works in the front office of the Congressman. His duties include assisting staff members with letter writing and handling requests from constituents. Ansberry manages tours and flag requests and occasionally gives constituents tours of the Capitol building. He also handles other requests and duties as they present themselves.

The Congressman's office will not be the end of the line for Ansberry. While he says he has not entertained, nor ruled out, the idea of running for political office, he has other things on his mind right now, like attending law school. Ansberry says that working for Ryun has presented him with a lot of opportunities, and he plans to use them and learn all he can. "I don't have a motto or philosophy I live by; I just want to be successful. I set goals and do my best to achieve them. That's all I can ask of myself."

#### HOMEGROWN HOLLYWOOD ERIE'S OWN FILMMAKERS DON'T RELY ON STUDIOS Excerpts from an article by Dave Richards, Erie Times News

#### And the Academy Award for Best Director goes to ... Martin Scorsese? Clint Eastwood?

Sorry, guys. It already belongs to Lisa Seelinger, a Fairview filmmaker who wrote and directed the comedy-drama "Missed Cues."

She and other enterprising Erie-area filmmakers aren't waiting for Hollywood to come calling. They're making movies here and now in Erie County.

You don't need a vast studio lot and crew of 1,000 to make movies these days, says John Chrisman, an Edinboro University professor who teaches cinema and video production. Advances in digital and computer technology have made the art of filmmaking relatively affordable.

Sometimes, even low-budget films make a big impact—"Blair Witch Project," "Open Water" and "Super Size Me," for instance.

"We've broken away from having to work in a studio situation," Chrisman said. "Today,

you can buy a pretty decent camera, and with a good computer and software and a little instruction, you can begin to make a film."

In turn, aspiring filmmakers have more avenues to showcase work, thanks to an explosion of film festivals and cable TV channels. Erie-area filmmakers have two good options – the Great Lakes Independent Film Festival and Eerie Horror Film Festival.

"They definitely give you something to strive for," said John Lyons who recently completed a thriller about buddies at "Hunting Camp" where events take a shocking turn.

Great Lakes Film Festival has already accepted "Hunting Camp" for 2005. To Lyons' delight, so has the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival, which

runs from April 28 to May 8. "It'll play in New York City, which is pretty exciting," Lyons said.

Lyons learned by doing; he didn't study filmmaking. "For school projects, I'd try to get out of writing a paper and make a movie instead," Lyons said. "It worked, most of the time, and usually yielded good grades."

Of course, the dynamics of shooting a movie are different in Erie than Hollywood. With no studio bankrolling them, area filmmakers had to raise dough and be resourceful to control costs.

"It's just a matter of finding ambitious people who believe in the same thing you do," Lyons said. "You need a lot of buddies and you've got to feed them."

"Hunting Camp" screened on March 12 at the Erie Art Museum Annex.

# "ROBOTS" ANIMATORS ATTEND SCREENING

By Veronica Gorley ~ Reprinted with permission of the Erie Times-News.

You don't often get to sit in the movie theater with the people who helped create the film.

But moviegoers attending the 7 p.m. showing of *Robots* at Tinseltown [in Erie on Friday, March 18] had that opportunity.

Animators Juan Carlos Navarro and Jerod Chirico, both 2002 Edinboro graduates, worked on *Robots* with Blue Sky Studios in White Plains, New York.

"I worked so hard on this film," Navarro said. "It's a great thing to see the film with the audience. I did this for them. I like to see their reactions. We'll all be able to enjoy it together."

The animators were in town for the showing and to return to their alma mater. They also critiqued animation students' work.

Mike Genz, an animation instructor at Edinboro, said his two former students are off to a great start with *Robots*.

"The quality of the animation is superior," Genz said. "This film that two of my students worked on might be winning an Academy Award next year."



Before joining Blue Sky about a year ago, Navarro and Chirico worked for Texasbased DNA Productions, which animates the TV show "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius." Now, they're working on *Ice Age 2*, which is in the design phase.

Navarro, who lived in Spain until he was 21, received his bachelor's

degree in economics and his master's in international business analysis. He took a job at a bank in Monterey, California, but he couldn't give up his dream of animation.

As a child, he drew Mickey Mouse and Snow White's seven dwarves. Eventually, he branched out and created a character of his own.

"I just thought, 'wouldn't it be great if I could bring him to life?' I just kept that at the back of my mind," Navarro said.

He researched colleges in Pennsylvania – his wife, Cathy Marsili, is originally from Pittsburgh – and found Edinboro.

"What I liked about them – they considered animation as a fine art," said

Navarro, 31. "Other schools treat it as a technical thing."

Navarro said he doesn't know if his character will ever grace the silver screen. For now, he said, he's focused on becoming the best animator he can be.

Chirico, a Canisius, New York, native who transferred to Edinboro from the University at



Edinboro graduates Juan Carlos Navarro (left) and Jarod Chirico (center) spoke to the audience at a special screening of *Robots*, the animated feature they helped to create. Introducing the animators was Edinboro's Dean of Liberal Arts Dr. Terry Smith.

Buffalo, said he couldn't decide between studying film or fine arts.

"Animation was just a good mix" the 27-year-old said.

He said he's eager to see his old professors and to critique animation students' work.

"There were students there that were just starting animation, and I can't wait to see what they're doing now." Chirico said.

Genz said he remembers the drive of Navarro and Chirico when they were students.

Navarro was a full-time student and worked full-time as a translator for the 911 dispatch center.

"He also came to school in his pajamas, unshaven, and always did twice as much as everybody else," Genz said. "He was really, really passionate about his work and wouldn't stop."

He said it's rewarding to see his former students' work on the big screen.

He said Navarro called him during the Super Bowl to see if Genz had seen three previews for *Robots* that contained Navarro's work.

Navarro called again when he was at the *Robots* premiere. He had just met Halle Berry and Robin Williams who supplied voices for *Robots*.

"It makes my job worthwhile," said Genz, who previously worked for the Walt Disney Co. on films like *The Lion King* and *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*.

"It reminds me we may not be doing things perfectly at Edinboro, but we are doing something right," he said. "It's better than any paycheck."



*Robots* fans lined up early at Tinseltown to get tickets for the animated feature. Edinboro animation graduates were on hand to sign autographs at the event.



# From IRAQ to EDINBORO

#### CONTINUING ACADEMIC LIFE WHILE FIGHTING THE WAR

By Dianna Allen

Greg Henning never expected to complete his character education coursework while overseas. After more than 30 years in the military he also may not have expected to be reactivated from his individual ready reserve status. However, he received notice one month into his final semester in the online character education program at Edinboro University.

He called, in February, from the American Embassy annex in Baghdad, a large palace that houses U.S. government offices in a high security area known as the International Zone.

"My professor, Dr. Patricia Flach, was more than accommodating. The flexibility of the online community allowed me to complete my coursework without much delay – even from Baghdad," said Henning.

"I had no doubt he would finish," said Dr. Flach, a professor in the elementary education department and in the character education program, when she found out Henning had been re-activated in the military. Flach taught the capstone course for the online character education

program in the fall of 2004. "Our first session is held face-to-face for all

who can attend. I was impressed with Greg's dedication from the first meeting. I knew he was also working full time at G.E. and teaching part time at North East.

"Initially his capstone project was going to deal with the Lewis and Clark expedition of the 1800s. This is a good American story and focuses on a time that Greg is familiar with due to a history of study and interpretation through living history enactment.

"But once he was called to active duty he changed the plan to compare the character attributes displayed by members of the Lewis and Clark expedition party to the modern Army's seven values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage," said Flach.

"Greg's dedication and commitment to his classroom, to Edinboro University, and to the service allowed him to

complete his projects ahead of time," she continued, "even though he was working from Fort Benning and Iraq."

At Fort Benning in Georgia, Henning found that the emphasis in this new military era is also on character building.

"Once I received my orders, my project focused on a military setting. I designed my capstone project for a battalion-sized military group – about 750 soldiers, which is the same size as a typical high school.

The goal of my project was to train the leadership on ethical decision-making and to train soldiers on the Army values. It incorporates four hours of monthly training and was also a component of community service projects. The project was designed within the structure of the military and had built-in review systems and feedback from various levels of command."

Henning has been in the military for 31 years. He has seen good leaders, who emphasize the seven values, and poor leaders, whose character flaws prevent them from being great leaders.

"Military personnel trust leadership to make good choices, and they will follow good leaders," Henning said. "To me, the seven military values are important in American life, as well as in military life."

The online character education program is unique in this area and nationwide.

"Many people don't anticipate the high quality of this online program," said Flach. "It is a rigorous program, but one in which students can develop learning communities.

"Greg Henning is an example of commitment, professionalism, and perseverance even though he has been put into a new and unfamiliar situation. Most of these students need to utilize the online course because they already carry many responsibilities, as Greg did even before he was re-activated."



Compagnie LeBoeuf, a living history organization was created to educate lay people about the 18th century French culture in the Ohio Valley.





Greg Henning meets with Senator Hillary Clinton.

According to Henning, "The online program was different than I expected. I had some apprehensions about it, but there was a lot of exchange between students and faculty, and a powerful focus mentoring. The courses were all professional, and

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communication has been an exceptional aspect. We were focused on course topics and also on things that each student was experiencing in their role in the education community."

Henning enlisted in the Army six months out of high school. He trained in electronics in the Army then earned an associate

degree in electronic engineering at a local community college while an instructor at Fort Devens. Following this he enlisted in the National Guard and served for 20 years before going into the individual ready reserve six years ago.

Mercedes Henning received her husband Greg's re-activation letter halfway through his final semester. "I almost threw out his orders when they came in the mail. They looked like one of those 'You have just

won!' mailings. The envelope was like a fake telegram and it said Mail Gram. I remembered something about the return address, though. Something rang a bell from Greg's Army Reserve days."

As opposed to an infantry or armor position, upon re-activation he was brought into a staff position in which he works with active duty personnel. Henning's position is within the Multi-National Force Iraq, which controls military operations in Iraq. He works in the Visitor Operations Bureau, where he plans all visits of general grade officers coming to Iraq. He also plans visits for congressmen, ministers and other foreign dignitaries, and high level members of the Department of Defense.

"Most recently, I worked with U.S. senators Hillary Clinton and John McCain. Their visits were very interesting in that they both draw large crowds, so security was an issue. I spoke with Senator Clinton as we rode in the convoy on the way to the Water Palace. She asked me a lot of questions about myself, and when she found out I was a teacher, she invited the North East High School Advanced Placement American Government class to visit her at her Washington D.C. office. We also talked about

Mosul Kirkuk As Samāwah the north-An Nāşirīyah western Penn-Al Başrah sylvania and New York region. She was very personable and seemed to really care about the troops and their personal stories. Senator McCain was very friendly and also seemed to enjoy talking with the troops." Henning is a military historian, "I almost threw out his

specifically the 18th century. He is active in living history programs, especially regarding the French and Indian War. The Hennings are considered an educational resource and are sourced out through the Intermediate Unit to provide active learning situation for students.

Seven years ago they formed a nonprofit organization, Compagnie LeBoeuf,

a living history organization. The troupe recreates the life and times of the 18th century French culture in the Ohio Valley. The focus of the group is education and family. They educate lay people about the time period using a more tactile representation.



**Greg Henning shakes hands** with Senator John McCain

Henning had three daughters when he married Mercedes. Jillian is 26 and living in Washington, D.C. Heidi is 24 and living in Illinois. Chelsey, 20, is living at home and attending Edinboro University. Though she is currently a criminal justice major, she

is looking to change to a history major with a psychology minor. The Hennings also have a foster daughter who stays with them on weekdays.

# KOSCHECK FINDS ULTIMATE FIGHTING THE ULTIMATE SPORT

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The half-page ad in the sports section of the *USA Today* read "Diego vs. Kenny." It could just have easily said "Josh vs. Kenny." As in Josh Koscheck. But while you might expect the ad to be publicizing an upcoming wrestling match, Koscheck has found a new way to channel his energies, and for that matter, a new career path.

It's called the Ultimate Fighting Championship, and Edinboro's former four-time wrestling All-American has been a star on the mini-series which debuted on Spike TV on January 17. To begin with, ultimate fighting is a mixed martial arts competition. While not quite an anything-goes competition, it features boxing, wrestling, judo, karate, kickboxing and Jiu-Jitsu. One bout ended when a forearm opened up a large gash over a competitor's eye lid. There is a certain brutality to it.

"I got into ultimate fighting because my wrestling career was pretty much at a stalemate," explained Koscheck in a telephone interview. "I was bored with wrestling, with the training aspect. I took eighth at Nationals, but I was really bored and looking for something different."

"I had my first fight on January 2, 2003. I didn't train

much for it. My first year-and-a-half I really didn't have any training. I was pretty raw. You could see that on the show. It's a learning process just like wrestling."

That all changed when Koscheck was selected to be one of 16 athletes from across North American selected to compete in The Ultimate Fighter, a reality show that ran for 13 weeks from January through April. Eight middleweights, including Koscheck, and eight light heavyweights were chosen to train with the two most revered fighters in Ultimate Fighting – Chuck Lidell and Randy Couture.

For faithful viewers of the show, which just happened to follow WWE Monday Night

Raw at 11:05 p.m. EDT, the competitions had its envious aspects, and its not so inviting moments. The show took place in Las Vegas, with actual filming occurring from September through October. All 16 fighters stayed in a luxurious house, with plenty of food, and at the start, drink.

However, the competitors did not have television, radio, or other outside distractions, and were not permitted to leave the compound except for training and an occasional foray into Vegas. Last, but not least, they were split into two teams – Team Lidell and Team Couture. The two ultimate fighter stars were in charge of training the fighters for the ultimate goal – elimination bouts which would leave just two fighters in each weight division for the final show on April 9, with the winners coming away with a six-

figure UFC contract.

Which leads us back to the advertisement in the *USA Today*. It heralded the April 9th fight between "The World's Most Dangerous Man! Ken Shamrock vs. Rich Franklin," along with the two ultimate finale fights. As the ad states, Koscheck did not reach the final, but he made a definite impression on the UFC, and vice-versa.

"The UFC had heard about me," said Koscheck on how his venture on reality television got started. "Zinker Entertainment recognized me as an up-and-coming great fighter. I sent them a highlight tape, and was one of the first three or four selected for the show. They loved my personality. They knew I had potential, plus they loved the fact that I had an education. That's the type of people they were looking for."

Oddly enough, the Koscheck seen for weeks this winter on Spike TV was not entirely the Koscheck known to Edinboro wrestling fans. For starters, he now had curly blond hair, and it was a bulked-up Koscheck competing at 185 lbs., the middleweight limit.



More than that, Koscheck was recognized as a laid-back, mellow individual who spent most of his off hours fly fishing. The show portrayed a different Koscheck, and one which he hopes leads to a fruitful future. His self-confidence was clearly evident, but this side showed him as a prankster, as well. For instance, Koscheck sprayed another competitor who was sleeping off a night of drinking in a sleeping bag outside the house with a hose. What ensued made for great TV, but also left Koscheck as a serious challenger for the middleweight title.

Relying almost purely on his wrestling moves, an experienced Koscheck, with just four fights to his credit, upset the most hated fighter on the show, but also possibly the most feared for his punching power – Chris Leben.

"When you put 16 fighters in a house, you're going to have trouble," expressed Koscheck. "No TV, no radio. We have to entertain ourselves by talking. You have personality conflicts. That's part of reality TV. You find other ways to entertain yourself."

Following his fight with Leben, Koscheck reached the semifinals where he faced another experienced martial arts warrior in Diego Sanchez. It was apparent that Koscheck's fighting skills had improved since his first fight, but he was unable to take advantage of his wrestling skills against Sanchez, and lost a split decision. The bout also left Koscheck battered and bruised – and totally ready to take the plunge into UFC.

"It was a great experience," commented Koscheck. "I don't know whether people liked me, but every time I fought, the ratings were the best. People wanted to see me fight. My first fight with Chris Leben,

the ratings shot off the board. The second fight tied it. I'm in demand, fighting in front of two million people. It's all about entertainment."

Given his run-in with Leben, and his efforts to present a more outgoing and aggressive personality, Koscheck admits that some people are not fond of him. "Some people hate me, but they'll buy tickets to see me lose," he mused. "Those that love me will come to see me win."

Now totally taken with the UFC experience, Koscheck left his job as assistant wrestling coach at the University at Buffalo and moved to California. He lives in Fresno, where he trains three days a week. Then he travels to San Jose, where he trains the other four days at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with Lidell. His training partners also include fellow UFC competitors Bobby Southworth and Mike Swick, a pair of light heavyweights.

"I'm training with Chuck Lidell, plus Cung Li, who has been in four or five movies, and is really 'bad,' and Dave Camarello, a Jiu-Jitsu specialist," related Koscheck. "Plus, I work out with Team AKA, and with Jennifer Alcorn, a three-time world kick boxing champion who lives in Fresno. She kicks my butt. She knocks people's heads off."

For now the goal is to continue fighting, this time at his more natural weight of 170 lbs. In fact, he had a fight scheduled for April 9, the same evening the Ultimate Fighters' Finale was shown live on Spike TV. "I think this is best for my career. I'm going to keep training, keep fighting, and keep getting better every fight. I think at 170 lbs. I can be the world champion. At 170 I can be a terror."

Ultimately, Koscheck hopes his fighting endeavors will lead to another career – acting. He's already started to take acting lessons, in addition to his training to fight in the Octagon, the ring of the ultimate fighter. "This gives me an opportunity to be a superstar," beamed Koscheck. "Chuck Lidell has been in several movies. This opens up opportunities for the big screen. The entertainment business is where I want to go."

Koscheck got a taste of the entertainment business on the Ultimate Fighter series, but that just whet his appetite. And if he makes the same strides he did as a wrestler, the big screen could well be in the future of one of only two wrestlers to ever win a Division I wrestling national championship at Edinboro.

For more on Josh Koscheck's newfound career, check out his website at www.kos-check.com

# A NEW LEADER IS EMERGING

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Edinboro University put standout safety Steve Russell on the kick-return team during an October 1993 nail-biter with Slippery Rock, hoping for a big play with 10 minutes left in

the game.

Russell caught the ball at the 8-yard-line and raced 92 yards for a touchdown, putting Edinboro ahead, 34-30, on the way to a 41-38 victory.

"He was the kind of kid that felt like he knew what had to be done," coach Scott Browning recalled. "He was going to do it."

These days the Rev. Stephen J. Russell Jr. wants to save souls and neighborhoods, not

football games. He knows what has to be done, and he intends to do it. Russell is senior pastor of Nazareth Baptist Church in Washington, Pa.'s Highland-Ridge neighborhood.

To prepare for a leadership role, Russell spent four years working on a doctor of ministry degree, rare among black ministers in the Pittsburgh area and, until now, perhaps nonexistent among those in Washington County. He said the degree, which he received in December, will help him approach academicians, business

people and politicians while showing disadvantaged youths how to soar.

"I want to be able to reach them all," said Russell.

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Russell has assigned himself the mandate of community building, helping to arrange health screenings for Highland-Ridge residents. He is active in the Washington branch of the NAACP and has helped provide food, clothing and shelter to the needy as a member of the religious affairs committee.

Russell works to provide after-school programs, support services for

grandparents raising their grandchildren, and transitional services for those getting out of jail. He also is working with Washington and Jefferson College to boost minority recruitment, offer more scholarships to minority students, and boost minority employment.

While a leader in the community now, Russell wasn't always an achiever. Growing up in Pittsburgh's northside neighborhood, Russell was shot at by gang members and saw friends go to prison or die of overdoses. Russell graduated from Perry Traditional Academy in Pittsburgh and eventually joined his younger brother at Edinboro, where he got off to a rocky start.

"I got two Fs, a D, and a C," Russell recalled. But Russell turned things around, graduating with a 3.0 average while breaking records on the gridiron. He led Edinboro in interceptions for four years and holds the school's career record for interceptions, 19, and yards returned, 321. He also recorded the most interceptions in a season with 7.

Russell offered glimpses of the mindset that helped him achieve his recordbreaking performance on the field when he talked about remaking Highland-Ridge. He said revitalization should include "economic empowerment," giving people opportunities for entrepreneurship. He said he wants people to join him in establishing social services to create a healthier neighborhood.

Coach Browning said Russell was a leader as well as a team player while at the school, and he has high expectations of those he's involved with on and off the field.

"He'll expect of people in the neighborhood what he expected of people here: Be responsible for their actions, not look for excuses," Browning said.



# WHEELCHAIRS, YES ATHLETES, ABSOLUTELY

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#### EDINBORO UNIVERSITY'S LESSER-KNOWN TEAM GETS READY FOR A WEEKEND TOURNAMENT

By Kara Rhodes, Erie Times-News, 2/17/05 ~ Photos by Greg Wohlford

José Leep waited for the long-legged cheerleaders to finish tossing each other in the air so his team could take the gym floor. He used the extra time to rest. He laid motionless across two plastic chairs, his arm bent behind his head and his eyes closed.

Leep is the best player on his Edinboro team, which is ranked fourth in its division as it nears the end of a 40-game season.

What makes him a great player? His coach, Jim Glatch, gave the answer: his heart, his athleticism and his desire to win. "He's the best all-around student athlete we have," Glatch said.

But Leep doesn't look much like a ballplayer. He has no legs. But once the cheerleaders left the floor, and Leep took to the basketball court, you could see how right Glatch was in his description of the team.

These are real athletes. They just happen to be in wheelchairs. They are the University's wheelchair basketball team, entering this weekend's home tournament with a 19-11 record, their bestever mark.

If you go, you'll see guys shooting threepoint shots from their wheelchairs. You'll see them blocking and going in for layups, just like any other basketball team.

#### **BEATING THE ODDS**

Each of the men on this team has a story of overcoming incredible adversity to get here. Some were born with a disease that robbed them of the use of their legs. Others suffered accidents.

 Leep lost his legs in a mudslide in Colombia, South America, when he was six. His parents and five siblings were killed. At 12, he was adopted by an American family. He grew up in Indiana, 45 minutes from Chicago.  Chris Mielo, a senior, lost the use of his legs at age 4 when a drunk driver hit his family's car. His mother was killed.

Chris Kile destroyed his knee sliding into second base during a baseball game.

 Lincoln Jamison suffered a stroke eight years ago.

The men said they don't mind telling their stories. But they usually don't get the chance. "Able-bodied" people are afraid to offend them by asking, Meilo said. Meilo and his teammates differentiate themselves

from their peers by calling them "able-bodied" – or even "AB." The team refers to the other men's basketball team on campus, for instance, as the "AB basketball team."

#### **COLLEGE LIFE**

The stories of how they became wheelchair-bound wasn't a taboo subject

among the other wheelchair-bound freshmen he met when Meilo first came to school in 2001. They all told each other their stories in late-night conversations, he

said. Those were among the first conversations in which Mielo realized he could be just one of the guys.

Before coming to Edinboro, Meilo had always stood out because he couldn't stand up. He was the only wheelchairbound student at his high school in Pittsburgh. But at Edinboro, more than 100 of the college's students

use wheelchairs.

He's learned from them, he said. "You can live a normal life," he said. "You can hang out. You can joke around."

He's lived a normal life at Edinboro. He was a resident assistant, in charge of a whole floor of able-bodied college men. He has a serious girlfriend, who is also able-bodied.



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#### **EARNING RESPECT**

What Mielo wants most is for ablebodied people to respect how normal he is. That's one of the reasons he plays wheelchair basketball. "I like to blow people's minds," he said. "I like to make them rethink what they thought they knew about people in wheelchairs."

They can play. They can shoot three-point shots. They can make fast breaks. They don't wince when their chairs collide in a furious battle for the ball. The play was so fast during a recent practice that soon a smell of burning rubber lingered in the air from the tires on the chairs. Hands turned black from turning the wheels. Sometimes, the players said, sparks fly when the rims rub together.

All wear tennis shoes, except for Leep, of course, though hardly any of them bothered to tie them. Most of their legs are underdeveloped, while their arms are ropy with muscles.

Leep has the most visible of disabilities on the team. When he stopped to take a rest, the rest of his teammates swirled by him effortlessly in their wheelchairs – stopping on a dime and making long, perfect passes from one side of the floor to the other.

While they seemed molded to their wheelchairs, some of the teammates have at least partial use of their legs. Chris Kile, for instance, never uses a wheelchair around campus. Growing up, he always had trouble walking because of tight hamstrings but could still play on ablebodied teams.

It was making a slide into second base that destroyed his knee. Because of his other leg problems, doctors told him they couldn't operate to fix it. He can walk, but it requires jerky movements.

Lincoln Jamison, meanwhile, is a hulking presence on defense. He suffered a spinal stroke eight years ago. "I was fine," he said. "Walking around. It just happened. It's no big deal."

Now, Jamison has dreams of one day announcing for ESPN radio or television. He wants to help make wheelchair basketball a more recognized sport by expanding it and bringing games to the sports station.

Jamison also has hopes of playing beyond college. He's hoping to be drafted by one of the four Division I teams after graduation. Players in Division I, the only type of professional wheelchair basketball that exists, don't get a salary. "I want to play until I can't push anymore," Jamison said. "I want people to realize how cool we are to watch."

#### THE TOURNAMENT

The team is expecting a crowd of only about 50 people a game for this weekend's tournament. In comparison, the ablebodied basketball team on campus draws about 500 a game, the players estimate. The team practices six days a week on non-tournament weeks.

The rules for wheelchair basketball are almost the same as the rules for ablebodied basketball. The only differences are a four-second lane violation rule and a two-roll dribble rule. Lane violations occur after three seconds in able-bodied ball, and the ball has to be dribbled every step.

Other than that, the game is identical. The three-point line is the same, the basket height is the same – 10 feet – and the playing time is the same.

Still, these Fighting Scots would like more fans at their games. "We want people to see what we're capable of," Mielo said. "We want people to see that we're athletes."



Edinboro University Fighting Scots assistant coach Marc Keller, pointing his finger, instructs his squad before a recent scrimmage. Shown from left are Bryce Doody, Lincoln Jamison, J.T. Michalko and Josh Pittinger.





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Jim Brown hopes he can preserve the history of Crawford County's largest employer before time ravages what remains.

Brown, a graduate student at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, is working on an oral history project of the former Keystone Ordnance Works (KOW) in Greenwood Township. The Works ceased operations almost 60 years ago.

The KOW manufactured flaked Trinitrotoluene, or TNT, which was used in explosives during World War II.

"I wanted to pick a subject that dealt with the local history," said Brown, 39, who is working on a master's degree in social sciences. He went to college in 2000 after being laid off from his manufacturing job, earning degrees in both computer science and history in 2004.

He became interested in the KOW after reading about the Igloos-storage buildings for TNT that had become homes.

At its peak, the KOW complex employed about 8,000 workers from across northwestern Pennsylvania, operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"It had a big impact on this area – both social and economic," Brown said.

The sprawling complex was really a city unto itself that came to life on what was farmland. The facility sprang up a few short months after the United States entered World War II in December 1941.

Designed and constructed by Fraser-Brace Engineering Co. Inc. under the direction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, it sprawled across more than 14,000 acres with 506 buildings of all sizes covering a total floor area of 987,319 square feet.

Construction started Dec. 9, 1941, and initial operations began Sept. 30, 1942.

Supervision of the TNT production was under the direction of the U.S. Army Ordinance Department. It produced 12.3 million pounds of TNT in December 1943 and a total of about a quarter of a billion pounds during its operations.

An oleum plant to make concentrated sulfuric acid used in making TNT was built on the site and operated by General Chemical Co.

By Aug. 16, 1945, the KOW was ordered to cease operations and shutdown was nearly complete by Nov. 23, 1945.

However, Brown said he's having to do much research himself because

there's only a limited historical record available through the Crawford County Historical Society. He's planning a trip to a National Archives site in Philadelphia where KOW records are stored.

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That's why Brown is pursuing the oral history project, hoping to talk to as many former workers as possible.

Brown said he's fascinated by what he's learned so far from limited interviews and some newspaper articles about the plan from the period. He thinks others will be as well. "With all the people (working at the plant), there was a real housing shortage in the area," he said. "People were renting out sheds and barns for people to stay in."

Workers and their transportation were issues as well. There were highways, but no interstate system, and auto ownership wasn't on the scale it is today.

"There was a major bus line for the plant," he said. "It operated in a 60-mile radius around the plant. It went to Clarion, Franklin, Oil City and Fairview to get workers."

The plant had its own 150-member security force and even its own weekly newspaper, *The Keystone Blast*.

So far, Brown has talked to several

former workers, recording oral histories about their work experiences.

He's interviewed Ed Hildebrand, who worked on TNT production; Jane Looser Cooper and Lorraine Yuhasz, who both worked in

administration; and Dr. Harold State, who trained laboratory assistants.

"It was something that had to be done to win the war," Brown said of the common reaction he's heard from workers. "They felt it was their patriotic duty."

Brown said he hopes to interview at least one person from each of the plant's main operations in order to get a better idea of the overall functions of the facility.

#### KEYSTONE ORDNANCE WORKS (KOW)

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#### MEET AMY GRAINGER

### RECIPIENT OF THE JEAN BLOOM REHABILITATION COUNSELING SCHOLARSHIP

Amy Grainger first graduated from Edinboro University in 2002 with a bachelor of arts in psychology. She is currently enrolled in Edinboro's graduate program, where she is working toward a master of arts in counseling. Amy previously worked in the Polymer Chemical Division, Bayer Corporation. She also works privately as a personal care attendant for individuals with physical disabilities. She is a member of Phi Sigma Pi National Honors Fraternity and was recently elected to the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

The Jean Bloom Rehabilitation Counseling Scholarship is awarded to a graduate student enrolled in the master of counseling program. Dr. Jean Bloom, professor emeritus, was instrumental in the formulation of the rehabilitation counselor education program, established now as the master of counseling – rehabilitation track program.



A ceremony was held with members of the Edinboro graduate office and professional studies department honoring Amy as the first recipient of the Jean Bloom Rehabilitation Counseling Scholarship.

# UB RECEPTION

On December 3, 2004, more than 200 people gathered for the President's Club Reception, once again celebrating generosity and scholarship. Sponsored in part by the Alumni Association and the Edinboro University Foundation, the reception provided an opportunity for our guests to meet student scholarship recipients. Invitees to the President's Club included friends, faculty and alumni who have generously provided a donation in support of our students through scholarship philanthropy and our annual campaigns. All students who received scholarship awards during the current academic year were also invited.

The evening featured delicious food, great music provided by students, and a short video with moving testimonials from donors and scholarship recipients. Each guest received a hand printed, sixcolor lithograph titled "as I listened" designed by Andy Farkas. The lithographs were published and printed by Egress Press and Research, a fine art and publishing research component of the Printmaking Area of the University's Art Department. The reception was held in the Diebold Center for Performing Arts, followed by a concert at the Louis C. Cole Auditorium - Memorial Hall. Tomáseen Foley's A Celtic Christmas provided traditional dance, songs, music and stories, recreating the traditions of an Irish Christmas.



Mr. Dennis Frampton, vice chair of the Edinboro University Foundation, and his wife, Diann.



Mr. Deac Manross and Ryan Parker, a secondary education major and recipient of the Dr. Clarence and Cora Crawford Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was established in 1991 in honor and memory of the Crawfords by Deac's father, Neal Manross.



Ms. Janelle Mondi expressed heartfelt gratitude on being selected the recipient of the Edinboro University Women's Association Scholarship. Janelle, a non-traditional student who works part time and is the mother of four, is pursuing a degree in nursing.



President and Mrs. Pogue pose with Adam Shore, recipient of the Frank G. Pogue Scholarship. An honors student, Adam is also the recipient of the Marquette Savings and USI Academic Excellence scholarships.



Jennifer and Juan Vargas had an opportunity to meet retired faculty member, Dr. Donald Hoffman and his wife, Linda. Juan, a chemistry major and mathematics minor, is the recipient of the Harrington/Hoffman Memorial Scholarship.



Mrs. Geneva Bleakley met Lindsay Salisbury, an elementary education major and recipient of the Geneva Bleakley Scholarship.

#### MAKING THE COMMITMENT AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE

**Alumni Admissions Grant Recipients** 

Who is a typical Alumni Admissions Grant recipient at Edinboro University? Actually, there is nothing typical about these students! Students who receive the Alumni Admissions Grant are uniquely qualified and academically gifted students who are ranked at the top of their high school senior class. Awards are provided each year through the Alumni Association to outstanding freshmen to promote student excellence and achievement and to recognize exceptional students who show promise of continued excellence.

Awards are currently valued at \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study, provided the student earns a minimum QPA of 3.0 each year and is enrolled full time with a minimum of 24 new credits earned each year. Selection decisions are based on academic records, including grade point average, class ranking, high school curriculum, extracurricular activities, and leadership qualities.

#### MEET THIS YEAR'S ALUMNI ADMISSIONS GRANT RECIPIENTS:

#### **Jennifer Martin**

Hometown: Waterford,

Pennsylvania **Major:** Biology

#### Alex Drake

Hometown: Columbus, Ohio Major: Secondary Education

#### Tressa Weis

Hometown: Greensburg,

Pennsylvania **Major:** Fine Arts

#### Allison Markievich

Hometown: McKean, Pennsylvania

Major: Pre-Pharmacy

#### **Katie Ralston**

**Hometown:** Olean, New York **Major:** Elementary Education

#### Seth McAlister

Hometown: South Paris,

Massachusetts

Major: Business Administration

These undergraduates are shining examples of Edinboro University students. Gifts to the Alumni Annual Fund enable students like Megan to achieve their personal goals in and out of the classroom. From supporting top-rate programs, to providing need-based financial aid, to recruiting and retaining top students, your gift to the Annual Fund makes a difference to students.

#### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT SPEAKERS SERIES

The Business Administration and Economics Department Speakers Series has featured several distinguished alumni.



The first guest speaker was Mr. Jeffrey Abraham on October 11, 2004. Jeff is a 1979 graduate of Edinboro University, having earned a bachelor's degree in speech and communication studies. Featured in our April 2004 Edinboro News, Jeff is owner and president

of Technical Resources based in Huntington Beach, California, a recruiting firm for the semiconductor industry.

On November 11, 2004, our guest was Ms. Holly Murphy Parker. Holly graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science. After graduation, she joined an Erie law firm as a paralegal, specializing in labor and corporate law. In 1977 she joined GTE as a personnel assistant and in three years was promoted to director of human resources. In 1998, Holly was again promoted to director of labor relations for GTE and relocated to the corporate headquarters in Irving, Texas. She was promoted to her current position – executive director of labor relations for all of the former GTE properties nationally

within Verizon in March 2002. During her esteemed 20 years at GTE/Verizon, Holly has personally negotiated successful labor contracts for the 60 separate collective bargaining units covering 37,000 employees, while overseeing all other labor issues.

Richard S. Sabo, class of 1965, spoke before a group of students and faculty on February 11, 2005. Richard is Director of Special Projects, Corporate Relations for The Lincoln Electric Company located in Cleveland, Ohio. He directs the employee communications and market development programs for this highly regarded Fortune 1000 company. Mr. Sabo's Lincoln Electric career began in 1965. After earning a bachelor's degree from California University, Dick was awarded a master's degree from Edinboro University. A guest lecturer at Purdue University, Cleveland State University and Lakeland Community College, Richard was awarded the Jackman Medallion of Distinction by California University in 1990. He also has been named the 1992 Plummer Lecture by the American Welding Society. He is listed in Who's Who in America.

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#### **REACHING HIGHER ~ CAMPAIGN FOR EXCELLENCE**

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FOR—EXCELLENCE

As we approach the final phase of our *Campaign for Excellence*, we are also approaching

the University's sesquicentennial which will be celebrated during the 2006-07 academic year. In honor of this special anniversary, and in celebration of unprecedented success with our fundraising efforts, it is fitting to accept an even greater challenge by raising our capital campaign goal to \$15 million. This new goal corresponds with our 150th anniversary—one million dollars for every 10 years of service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and beyond.

Within the next two years, we expect to reach this goal, which will certainly help to ensure that Edinboro University is well positioned for the next 150 years of service to students.

The financial support of our faculty and staff is valued for many reasons. It represents their belief in our mission and in our future. So, as we begin our annual staff campaign, we have created a special incentive to maximize the value of gifts from Edinboro faculty and staff.

President Frank G. Pogue has approved the use of up to \$500,000 in unrestricted donor funds to support The Faculty and Staff Challenge Match. These funds will be used to match every faculty and staff donation to an endowment fund (scholarship, cultural and arts, program, etc.) during the *Campaign for Excellence*. This program is designed to encourage giving while also adding value to the generous gifts provided by Edinboro faculty and staff.

Raising funds for endowed scholarships is one of the University's top priorities. These funds address a wide variety of academic interests and many students rely upon scholarship awards to provide the financial resources needed to pursue their education.

#### **ALUMNI ANNUAL FUND CLOSER TO GOAL**

The Alumni Annual Fund has been a huge success this year and we want to thank all of our generous alumni for their support. Thanks to our alumni, we have raised nearly \$175,000! But, we still haven't reached our goal of \$200,000. Our Phonathon callers worked extremely hard to



raise money for the Alumni Annual Fund this year, and they did a tremendous job. If you made a pledge, we encourage you to fulfill that pledge. There are many alumni we were unable to reach – if you have not yet made a gift this year – you still can! Your support does make a difference.

Please continue (or begin) your support of the Alumni Association through a donation to the Alumni Annual Fund. We're counting on you now! Gifts to the Alumni Annual Fund are used where the need is greatest, and your gift will support student activities, academic programs, library resources, athletics, campus beautification, and much more!

Simply complete the form below and mail it, along with your check or money order, to: Development Office, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, 210 Meadville Street, Edinboro, PA 16444.

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I'd like to establish a scholarship. Please provide additional information.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

## DR. MICHAEL SCHNEIDER GEOLOGY SUMMER FIELD CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Michael Schneider was a professor in the Geosciences Department of Edinboro University for more than 34 years. He has established the Dr. Michael Schneider Geology Summer Field Camp Scholarship to provide financial assistance for geology students and to encourage their commitment to a healthy lifestyle.

The selection criteria for this endowment are unique. The recipient of the scholarship must be a geosciences major (pursuing a bachelor of science in geology or environmental science or a bachelor of arts in earth sciences) and a participant of the Geology Summer Field Camp program. To be eligible

for the award, the student must sign an acknowledgment that he/she has not used alcohol, tobacco, or recreational drugs and will continue to abstain during his/her commitment to the Geology Summer Field Camp program.



# MENCOTTI FAMILY HONORS SCHOLARSHIP



Dr. and Mrs. Robert C. Weber, Dr. Mary Jo Melvin, Honors Program Director, Dr. Lawrence Mencotti and President Pogue

This scholarship is a testimonial to the Mencotti family's involvement with Edinboro University and its commitment to academic excellence in the liberal arts. Cara Mencotti, Dr. Mencotti's daughter, attended Edinboro University and was active in the University's dramatic

productions and a member of the University Honors Program. His wife, Melissa Mencotti, graduated from Edinboro University and was involved in many university activities including being the editor of *The Spectator*.

Lawrence Mencotti is an Edinboro University professor emeritus and was a faculty member for 32 years. He served the University as department chair for nine years. Most recently he was Middle States re-accreditation co-chair. Dr. Mencotti also served as a consultant to the first two directors of the University Honors Program: Dr. Donald Swift and Dr. Joseph Comi.

The scholarship will be awarded to a member of the Edinboro University Dr. Robert C. Weber Honors Program who is majoring in one of the traditional liberal arts disciplines. Preference will be given to non-traditional students and to sociology majors.

#### MALEC FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP



Vice President Bruce Whitehair, Theresa and Charles Malec, and President Pogue

Charles and Theresa Malec have been lifelong residents of the Edinboro community. They raised their four children – Aricka, Christian, Scott and Jacob – in Edinboro. The family owned and operated Malec Clothing and Footwear for 25 years in Edinboro and Waterford. Charlie Malec is retired from the retail business, but remains active in the Edinboro area owning and managing a number of rental properties.

Theresa (Foster) Malec received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Edinboro in 1970. She has taught in the Penncrest School District for more than 20 years and is currently teaching at Cambridge Springs Elementary School.

The Malecs' three sons attended Edinboro University. Chris graduated *magna cum laude* in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in comprehensive English/secondary studies. He owns and operates a nursery and landscaping business in the Philadelphia area. Scott Malec graduated in 1996 with a bachelor of arts in humanities/foreign languages and went on to earn a master's from the University of Pittsburgh. Currently, Scott is employed by Carnegie Mellon University as a research analyst. Jake Malec graduated *cum laude* in 2002 with a bachelor of arts in music. He is currently serving with the 76th Army Band stationed in Europe. Daughter Aricka Ladebu and her husband, Bruce, are senior pastors at the Victory Family Worship Center in Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania.

Charlie and Theresa have been members of the Edinboro community and advocates of Edinboro University for many years. They are establishing this scholarship in part to demonstrate their gratitude to Edinboro University and the community. The scholarship also recognizes and rewards students in a variety of academic disciplines, demonstrating their commitment to education.

The scholarship will be awarded to an eligible junior and renewed their senior year and will rotate every two years. The award will then rotate among elementary education, music, English/writing and humanities/foreign languages.

#### THE FERN MITCHAM SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Dennis Lupher is currently an economics professor at Ohio University, Lancaster campus. He graduated from Edinboro University in 1964 with a degree in secondary education. Dr. Lupher earned a master's degree in economics from Ohio University and a doctorate in economic education from Ohio University in 1973.

His wife, Mary Ann, is the media specialist at Pickerington High School North, Pickerington, Ohio. She graduated *summa cum laude* from Ohio University in 1976 with a degree in education. Mary Ann earned a master's degree in human relations from Ohio University.

Together with his wife, Dr. Lupher desires to leave a lasting legacy in memory of his grandmother, Fern Mitcham, who demonstrated a strong commitment to higher education. The family is establish-ing this scholarship to provide financial assistance, motivation and support to students deserving of an educational opportunity.

The scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing an undergraduate degree in education, with preference to freshmen based on SAT score.



#### MUSIC DEPARTMENT SOPHOMORE SCHOLARSHIP

The Music Department has raised funds to establish a sophomore music scholarship for its students. The scholarship supports students entering their second year and is intended to reward academic and musical excellence as well as to encourage and support continued enrollment at Edinboro University.

The first award will be made this fall to a student pursuing a music degree. Students must have a minimum grade of B in all music courses and demonstrate outstanding musical aptitude as well as academic excellence. Musicianship and performance ability demonstrated in applied lessons, ensembles, and student recital performances will be considered in making the award.

# BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP

We are pleased to announce that, as a result of generous donations from various internal and external constituents including employees, alumni, and friends of the University, the Business Administration and Economics Department Scholarship has reached the endowment level.

It is anticipated that the first award will be made this fall and is available to all incoming freshmen majoring in a program offered by the department. Awardees will be determined based on SAT/ACT scores, high school QPA and rank, and a typed essay describing why the student wishes to major in business or economics.

# DR. FLORIAN FLOREK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Florian Florek received a bachelor's degree in education from Edinboro State Teachers College and graduated from St. Louis University School of Medicine in 1950. He served in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II as a meteorologist in Texas and Guam.

He opened his Edinboro practice of general medicine in 1951 after an internship at Saint Vincent Health Center, and maintained the practice for more than 42 years. From 1960 to 1963, he was a resident in orthopedic surgery at Hamot Medical Center and served as an orthopedic surgeon at both Erie hospitals and Corry Memorial Hospital for more than 20 years.

Known and beloved by many, Dr. Florek was well respected for his community involvement and for his caring and cheerful personality. In addition to being a compassionate town physician, he was equally known for his love and involvement with Edinboro University, were he served as staff physician at the Ghering Health Center.

Dr. Florek had a special interest in student athletes, especially when he took care of their health needs while he was in general practice. He never failed to ask them about their grade point average as well as their plans for the future. He also had a curious mind and never lost his interest in nature – tree farming and raising beef cattle were enjoyable hobbies for him.

Most will never forget his pet donkey, given the name Edna and known forever as "Edna-burro."

Dr. Florek was a passionate advocate of Edinboro University and its students and always demonstrated a strong commitment to higher education. His wife of 54 years, Anna, is establishing this scholarship not only to honor the memory of Dr. Florek, but also to encourage the same commitment to education and enthusiasm for helping others that he demonstrated during his life.

The successful candidate must be a member of the honors program, pursuing a bachelor's degree in biology and health services (biology, biology/pre-medical, nutrition; medical technology, or nuclear medicine technology).

# J. RANDOLPH SEGAR JR. WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP

We are pleased to announce that Mr. J. Randolph Segar Jr. of Midlothian, Virginia, has created the J. Randolph Segar Jr. Wrestling Scholarship. The student recipient must be an incoming freshman, upperclassman, or transfer student who is a member of the Edinboro University wrestling team and meets minimum NCAA, PSAC, and University requirements. The scholarship may be renewable for a maximum of five years.

# EDINBORO GOES FROM A "MOST WIRED" CAMPUS TO A WIRELESS CAMPUS



Once listed on Yahoo! Internet Life as one of "America's 100 Most Wired Colleges," Edinboro University is now wireless. Using 802.11 wireless connectivity – better known as WiFi for Wireless Fidelity – students, faculty and staff can access the Internet at remote locations known as "hot spots." This freedom of mobility is available in 18 main campus buildings and at the University's Erie and Meadville locations.

Using laptops, notebooks and PDAs, students can log onto the Internet or

their University accounts in the University Center, Van Houten Dining Hall, McComb Fieldhouse gymnasium and lobby, Ross Hall, Hamilton Hall Student Services Center, Baron Forness Library and the Wiley Arts & Sciences Center. WiFi is also available in residence hall lounges and lobbies, the commuter lounge and in certain classrooms of Doucette Hall and Hendricks Hall.

In 2000, Edinboro offered networked computing to its students in 27 classrooms.

That number has increased to 160 classrooms. Of that number, 83 are labeled "smart classrooms" which are equipped with both networked computers and audio and video equipment.

Because the Internet has shaped the way we work, Edinboro plans to continue expanding wireless coverage to areas frequented by students. To find out more information and view all locations currently identified as hot spots on the University's campus, please visit http://wireless.edinboro.edu.

#### The Fighting Scot Statue will become a unique



gathering place for Edinboro students, alumni and families for decades to come.

Time is running out to purchase a brick or paver as part of this statue

project. Don't miss the opportunity to sponsor a permanently engraved brick with your name or the name of a family member or friend.

Located on the walkway between McComb Fieldhouse and the University Center, thousands of students and visitors will pass by the monument.

For additional information, call the Alumni Office at 800-526-0117 for an informational brochure, or log on to http://departments.edinboro.edu/alumni/statue.html.

#### PRESIDENT POGUE RECEIVES AWARD

Edinboro President Frank G. Pogue was honored at the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education's 35th Annual Conference in February at the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel. Pogue received the PBCOHE Community Service Award, given to an individual who promotes educational success in youth of color, exhibits significant community involvement, and acts as a role model.

Also receiving awards were Judy Hample, chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education; Robert Hill, vice chancellor for public affairs at the University of Pittsburgh; Terrell Jones, vice provost for educational equity at Pennsylvania State University; and Alicia King Redfern, associate professor of psychology at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and former editor of the PBCOHE *Journal*.

The PBCOHE was founded in 1970 when the Honorable K. Leroy Irvis, L.L.B., saw the need to put together a master plan for higher education in Pennsylvania.



Novello played a duet with longtime friend and local jazz pianist Basil Ronzitti.



Local jazz legend Mary Alice Brown played an impromptu blues number with John before bringing the house down with her blues performance.

National recording artist John Novello appeared in concert this past spring at Edinboro's Louis C. Cole Auditorium – Memorial Hall.

Novello is a 1970 Edinboro University alumnus. He had a number one hit with the band A Taste of Honey with the song "Boogie Oogie Oogie." He has also played with such artists as Donna Summer, the Manhattan Transfer, and Edgar Winter. In addition to music, Novello also has been involved over the years in video production and has authored several books.

The concert was dedicated to his mentor and friend, Dr. Paul Martin, a retired faculty member who passed away in 2003. Paul's wife, Lillian, traveled from her home in North Carolina to support the event. A special host committee of nearly 100 people joined Novello and his band at a post-concert reception at the Edinboro Hotel Bar.



The Kappa Omega Rho chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma 2005-06 inductees are pictured at their 4th Annual Induction Ceremony which took place on April 4 at the University Center. From left to right 1st row (standing) are Dr. Delbert Rounds, faculty coadvisor, (sitting) Tracey Taylor, Leslie Stouffer, Sharon Sismondo, Kawana Childs, Jenny Garbo, Rebecca Hicho, Emma Bonanno, (standing) Dr. Kevin Courtright, faculty co-advisor. 2nd row standing (from left to right) are John Waring, Richard McLaughlin, III, Michael Rogers, Corey Lindell and Michael Henriques. Founded in 1942, Alpha Phi Sigma recognizes scholastic excellence by undergraduate and graduate students in criminology and criminal justice.



Gen. Wesley Clark, former NATO Supreme Allied Commander, was the keynote speaker at the Frank G. Pogue Honors Scholarship Luncheon. General Clark retired as one of the most highly decorated military officials since America's thirty-fourth President, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. The leadership roles Gen. Clark has held have taken him to conflict areas from Vietnam to Latin America and ultimately led to his appointment as NATO's Supreme Allied Commander. Following his address at the Ambassador in Erie, Gen. Clark spoke to a standing-room-only audience at the University Center.

#### EDINBORO UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES ORAL HISTORY STUDIO

Edinboro University opened its oral history studio to the general public on March 14. Oral history is a tool that helps historians like Edinboro professor Joe Laythe preserve rich slices of history for future generations. Videotaped interviews with first-hand witnesses to history, such as the area's World War II veterans, help historians understand eras and events in a unique way.

Thanks to a grant, Edinboro's oral history studio has been stocked with state-of-the art lighting and digital video equipment. The equipment will make it possible to preserve people's stories and to share them with researchers all over the world.

Laythe said he feels urgency in his mission because those who lived through events like the rustbelt crisis and World War II won't be available for much longer.

"So many rich stories, so many valuable experiences are slipping through our fingers because these folks are dying off," Laythe said.

You don't have to have been an Army general or a gunner on a Navy patrol boat to contribute your story to the project.

"Lots of people say, 'I didn't serve in the military or anything: I just worked on the farm.' But history is change over time. We're interested in talking to anyone who can illustrate that. By virtue of them seeing changes they can make a valuable contribution to this studio. If grandma has great stories, we can get them recorded and archived," Laythe said.

Part of Laythe's mission is finding out things as simple as what Erie was like in the '50s, '60s, and '70s. Historians can then weave that information into the larger picture of the American experience.

"People think only those in high positions or positions of power are worthy of history. I'd argue that the bottom people, the people who actually did the work, are the best way to see history."

Those interested in participating in the project should contact Laythe for an interview. Once the stories are recorded, they will be transcribed and indexed for researchers.

"We want to make this information accessible," Laythe said. "I know of no other studio that serves this function."

Those interested in telling their stories or who know someone with a true tale they're willing to tell may call **(814) 732-1230.** 

# **EDINBORO STUDENTS SHINE AT MODEL NATO CONFERENCE**



Edinboro students recently took home the Outstanding Partner Award at the 20th Annual Model NATO Conference in Washington, D.C.

The conference was a simulation of NATO proceedings. Edinboro students represented Belgium and Moldova. Moldova is not a NATO member nation, but cooperates with the organization.

It was for their representation of Moldova at the conference that Edinboro University students Leslie Dennis and Ken Krause were honored with the Outstanding Partner Award. The award is given for the best representation of a non-NATO country.

Dennis and Krause represented Moldova on the Political-Military Steering Committee on the Partnership for Peace, which shadows its real-world counterpart in that it is the only committee where non-NATO members are allowed a voice.

As part of their participation, students got to visit the embassy of the country they represented at the conference and were briefed on that nation's foreign policy by high-ranking embassy officials.

Edinboro University students competed against teams from 19 U.S. schools including the U.S. Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy, the Citadel, and Allegheny College. Award recipients were chosen by participating students.



Edinboro University of Pennsylvania honored three regional citizens during its Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Luncheon. The Awards, which celebrate King's legacy, are given to those leaders who embody his vision. This year's recipients include (from left) Edinboro University history professor Umeme Sababu, Ophelia Project founder Susan Wellman and Rev. Charles E. Mock of the National Baptist Convention

# EDINBORO STUDENT IS ONE OF TWO OF PENNSYLVANIA'S OUTSTANDING FUTURE PROFESSIONALS



Natalie Kostelansky is the recipient of the Outstanding Future Professional Award presented by the Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (PSAHPERD). Kostelansky graduated in December from Edinboro with a major in health and physical education. As an Outstanding Future Professional, she represented Pennsylvania at the 85th EDA/AAHPERD Convention held in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Each year, two students from every state are selected to receive the Outstanding Future Professional Award based on academic achievement, involvement and participation in HPERD and college and university organizations, contributions to their major department and community, leadership qualities and individual accomplishments, and honors and awards.

Kostelansky was joined by a student from Temple University to represent Pennsylvania at this year's convention in Massachusetts.

She is the daughter of Norman and Judi Kostelansky of Avon Lake, Ohio.

# EDINBORO STUDENT WINS GRAPHIC NOVEL CONTEST

Holly Mongi from Allentown, Pa., was one of four college students nationwide to win the American Student Graphic Novel Contest held by Sequent Media. Mongi graduated in December from Edinboro with an applied media arts degree in animation. Her work titled *Primary Blues* was selected as the winning entry for the female artist in region one



and will be published in color as a graphic novel. A story on a search for love, friendship and inspiration, *Primary Blues* is about two people meeting and ultimately changing one another's lives. Along with being published, Mongi also received a monetary award. Mongi graduated from Salisbury High School in 2000 and is the daughter of Pam and John Mongi of Allentown. Her novel is expected to be available late spring 2005.

# BITS TPIECES

Lisa Austin (Art Department) had a show of her work in Gallery 101 at Georgetown University. "People aren't sure what the art is, and that doesn't particularly bother me," she said. "It's more that I want to lead people to some kind of experience." The display included time-delay video projection screens in a setting that could double as a living room. On one screen was a slide show of black and white images that depict people and places at Georgetown University. Another screen showed images of what was going on outside, giving viewers a new kind of window.

Pittsburgh Steeler fans may remember Robin Cole as one of the team's most noted linebackers, a 1984 Pro-Bowler who played alongside the likes of Mel Blount, Jack Lambert and "Mean" Joe Greene. But one of Edinboro's health and physical education faculty members remembers him as a man who cooked a lot of chili and watched "The Smurfs" every Saturday morning. In his third year at Edinboro, Robin Cole, Jr., spent the first 11 years of his life as the son of an NFL father. He says meeting William "The Refrigerator" Perry and Walter Peyton were pretty great experiences and remember hanging out in the Steelers locker room.

#### **IIM FISHER**, retired from Edinboro's political science



department, has another new book. *Ten Percent of Nothing. The Case of the Literary Agent from Hell* is told in the dramatic style of the TV show "America's Most Wanted." "The book chronicles fee agents, vanity presses, and book doctors who bleed writers by promising to represent, publish and improve their works. His warnings are valuable for any beginning writer.

The American Lung Association awarded Edinboro freshman Amy Swonger (Saegertown, Pa.) the 2004 "Volunteer of the Year" award in recognition of her outstanding volunteer services and commitment to the American Lung Association of Pennsylvania. Amy was crowned Miss Meadville Area for 2003-2004 and has spent many hours expanding awareness of the seriousness of asthma and raising funds for the ALA in Erie. She also wrote an illustrated book to use as a teaching tool and has spoken to elementary students about asthma awareness.

The following retired faculty members were awarded emeritus status: Dr. Cosmo Barbaro (music), Carol Caler (health and physical education), Dr. Richard Davis (philosophy), Joan Dengel (professional studies), Dr. Raymond Dengel (library), Dr. Raymond Dombrowski (professional studies), Dr. Richard Double (philosophy), Edward Erdos (health and physical education), A. James Fisher (political science and criminal justice), Jerry George (English and theatre arts), Susan Hennip (library), Dr. Patricia Hitchings (library), Robert Pfingstler (English and theatre arts, posthumous), Dr. Thomas Reynolds (psychology), Dr. David Richardson (philosophy), Francis Stoughton (geosciences), David Sublette (music), Dr. Ronald Woodland (English and theatre arts), and J. Robert Wooliscroft (English and theatre arts).

Jim Vredevoogd, retired art professor, seems to be enjoying his life in Florida. "I have been in two national painting competitions over the past three years. My studio is both a place to paint as well as write, and I have written a memoir of my early years growing up on a farm in Michigan, three children's books, and am



working on a how-to-draw book for the general public. I have also been playing in a blues band with some other retirees . . . I play electric guitar and sing. I have spent a lot of time catching up on my reading from books that I purchased as far back as 1970 at John Snow's Bookstore. My wife, Jeanette, and I still enjoy dancing, and go to as many dances as we can fit into our busy lives."

# STUDY ON EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE IN RURAL PENNSYLVANIA TO BE CONDUCTED BY EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

A \$49,331 grant from the Center for Rural Pennsylvania will allow Edinboro University to examine the food availability in the rural areas of the state. The delivery system of emergency food is through regional food banks and local food pantries, many of which are

dependent on volunteers and charitable contributions. This project, conducted by **Dr. Suzanne McDevitt** of Edinboro University and Dr. Beth Osborne Daponte of Yale University, will examine these facilities to determine if the existing system sufficiently serves

Pennsylvania's rural locations. Challenges and gaps or duplications will be identified in addition to the best practices in emergency food delivery. Recommendations will also be submitted to the state legislature on system enhancements or adjustments.

#### **GRADUATE STUDIES**

#### News from the Office of Graduate Studies and Research

- Edinboro University is now offering several new graduate-level programs and alternative delivery methods for other successful campus-based graduate programs.
- A new post-master's program has been developed for school administrators who wish to become a superintendent or assistant superintendent of a school district, or executive director of an Intermediate Unit. The program will lead students in the program to become qualified for Pennsylvania's Letter of Eligibility and is open to graduate students who have a Master of Education degree and hold a Pennsylvania principal or supervisor certificate. The new program is being offered at Edinboro University in Erie The Porreco Center and Edinboro University in Meadville. Graduate students can now enroll at Edinboro and transition seamlessly from the Master of Education in educational leadership to the post-master's program in K-12 principal certification, and finish with the new Letter of Eligibility program.
- Web-based courses in Early Childhood Education and open enrollment in selected web-based courses begins Summer 2005.

#### **New Programs**

**Speech and Communication Studies** – The Department of Speech and Communication Studies is now offering a 12-credit Conflict Management Certificate program designed especially for those working in organizations and institutions where ongoing conflict or a crisis event impedes the realization of goals and objectives and undermine productive relationship development internally and externally.

Elementary Education – The Instructional Technology Specialist I certification program was developed in response to an increasing demand to assist teachers and administrators in the integration of technology in the classrooms. The program provides a second certification to those candidates who already hold a teaching certificate. The program was designed to meet the needs of educators by providing instruction to students and teachers in the design of instructional strategies and their implementation and evaluation, adapting existing materials and assisting teachers in the design and production of original materials to meet specific instructional goals; and assisting administrators by providing pre-service programs for staff.

**Professional Studies** – In addition to the traditional campus-based offering of K-12 principal certification coursework, a post-master's certification program is also available online. The University also offers the Master of Education: Educational Leadership online.

Secondary Education – The Department of Secondary Education is pleased to announce the online Master of Education in Middle and Secondary Instruction, in addition to the traditional campus-based program. The online program was designed to incorporate the Behavior Management Certificate as part of the planned program of study. The inclusion of this certificate provides students with the opportunity for an area of concentration or specialization as part of the master's degree.

**Special Education and School Psychology** – The Department of Special Education and School Psychology began its third online Master of Education in Special Education cohort this past fall.

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#### **ALUMNI ACTIVITIES**

## WE HEAR FROM OUR ALUMNI ....

We love hearing from you! Please write, and, if space allows, we will print your messages.

Greetings from someone you have never met. I am Martin Schweller, who graduated from Edinboro College in the class of 1938, when there were a total of 37 graduates! At that time, there were about 250 students on campus.

I am 89 years old and taught classes in high school and ended my education days as a school counselor at Conneaut Valley High School. I have visited the college many times over the years – since we live in Springboro, only 20 miles away.

Through the years, I always remember my first days at the college. Those were desperate days of economic depression . . . In those days, tuition was \$21 per quarter, \$84 per year! My family couldn't afford a room in the dorm, so there were rooms available through the college. Our room rent was \$1.25 per week. My room was on the second floor.

At that time, it was very comfortable living – with all the Victorian furniture. The room was loaded with what are now valuable antiques. It was very comfortable with the heat of a stove downstairs coming through an open vent in the floor near the stove.

As a green country kid, I was thrilled at the prospect of attending college, and I was heartbroken when I had to quit after my freshman year because my family couldn't afford it. However, I got a job during the year off and happily went back to Edinboro.

Sincerely,

Martin Schweller '38

Father of Angela Onderko, Edinboro's purchasing agent and 2004 graduate

E-mail to Vice President Bruce Whitehair from Ron Gwynn who, along with his wife Gaye, will again host a barbecue for Edinboro graduates at their home in Carlsbad, California, July 30th.

Bruce -

Thanks so much for the *Edinboro News!* The photos [from the barbecue] looked good. At over 42,000 circulation, that's a major publication! I hope the photos and captions will provide a little extra incentive for this year's invitees to attend. Gaye and I were talking this morning on our run about how to improve this year's event. Our goal is to make it bigger and better each year.

Over the holidays, we attended a party at the home of fellow Edinboro graduate Margot Wallace ('69), which is nearby. We met her at last summer's barbecue. We spent the evening telling everyone about Edinboro and our shared alumni status.

Gaye and I are very happy to be part of the Edinboro Family!

Ron Gwynn '68

E-mail to Jim Geronimo, Alumni Association President.

Jim-

I couldn't help but be frustrated with the negative press about graduation rates at Edinboro when compared to the other local schools.

My brother, Jim, just finished his doctorate from Duquesne University in counseling psychology (December 2004). What is incredible is he dropped out of high school in Pittsburgh in the tenth grade. I convinced him to go get his GED in 1978 and encouraged him to give college a try. Terry Carlin helped to get him accepted on provisional status, and he completed his bachelor's and master's degrees both in a total of four and a half years (BA '84, MA '86)

He works at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic as a senior research interviewer. He's published and looking at faculty options at this point.

I think this shows that Edinboro is willing to take risks that other schools are not. And I thank them for that opportunity!

By the way, my other brother who was also a high school dropout, graduated with his doctorate this past summer from Loma Linda in California. Can you believe it? We're like the three stooges!

Buzzy Matta, '75 and '77

Letter to Jon Pulice, director of alumni relations.

Ion -

Thought I would relate to you a great story.

As you probably remember a few issues ago, my picture appeared in the *Edinboro News* along with Jim Prokell ('72) and my Dorene when we had dinner with Bruce Whitehair ('73). About a week after the magazine was distributed, I am sitting in my office and about 7:00 p.m., I answered the phone and it was one of my physicians. To make a long story short, he goes on to ask me what I was doing going to Edinboro? I said, how would you know that? He replied that he graduated from Edinboro also and saw my picture in the magazine.

The physician and I have been working together for seven years, and he is the current Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology Department. His name is Iheanacho Emeruwa, M.D., and he graduated several years after me. [Editor's note: Our files show that he graduated in 1976.] He entered as an exchange student from Nigeria.

Today, we still laugh about how we both found that we were Edinboro graduates ending up in Corona, California, at the same hospital. A special friendship has developed over and beyond the professional relationship that we had in the past.

This just goes to illustrate how small a world it really is and how Edinboro graduates can be anywhere in these United States.

John Calderone, '70, '71 and '82

#### **Editor's Note:**

There is not enough space in this magazine to print all of the letters, e-mails and phone messages we received following publication of the last issue of Edinboro News.

Due to scheduling conflicts and mis-communications, we didn't run a story on the Edinboro University women's cross country team placing second in the nation. Our sincere apologies. This was not an intentional omission. We congratulate and salute all of our athletes – past and present – and hope that this issue of the magazine will help make up for our mistake.

#### **ALUMNI ACTIVITIES**

# **Baltimore Alumni**



Janet Bowker met with Niraj "Neil" Balasaria ('91), the chief operating officer of Petron Pacific, Inc., a company that imports wire and steel products for manufacturing and landscaping.



Janet Bowker, director of corporate and foundation relations, and Julie Chacona, director of major gifts (not pictured), met with Dr. Millard "Mac" Mershon ('51) at Science Applications International Corporation, where he works as a biomedical analyst.



David Gamble ('74), Donna Nicholas and Dana Groemminger ('95) got reacquainted at the Baltimore Aquarium reception.



Janet and Julie recently met with Gary Geisel ('70) in Baltimore. Gary is the chairman and chief executive officer of Provident Bank. Gary was recognized by the Alumni Association as a Distinguished Alumnus in business and industry in 2001.



Donna Nicholas, faculty emeritus, provides acceptance remarks to an audience of several thousand at the annual conference of National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA). Donna was recognized with NCECA's prestigious Excellence in Teaching Award.



Ken McCollum ('89), Donna Nicholas, and Lee Rexrode (Edinboro faculty member) enjoyed the reception at the Aquarium. Ken led the letter-writing campaign to have Donna honored with the Excellence in Teaching award from the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA).

# Just some of the more than 150 alumni and friends who attended the alumni event at the Baltimore Aquarium on March 18th. Many of the guests were alumni, students and faculty attending the NCECA conference. Many thanks to Donna Nicholas who is an

annual sponsor of the "post-NCECA" event each year.

# Pittsburgh Alumni



Joe Bolash ('93) serves as director of rooms at the Hilton Pittsburgh, Gateway Center. In that position, he leads the hotel's service initiatives, improving guest loyalty. While a student at Edinboro, Joe started his hospitality career at the Edinboro Inn Golf Course and Conference Center as food and beverage director. He is married to Melissa (Storey) Bolash, a 1992 Edinboro graduate, and they have three children: Milan (5), Joey (2) and Zach (8 months).



Donald Medd ('74) has more than 25 years of senior management experience with human service organizations. Today, he is executive director of District XI Area Agency on Aging, Inc., in Youngstown, Ohio. He plans, coordinates and advocates services to 144,000 people age 60 and over living in Ashtabula, Columbiana, Mahoning, and Trumbull counties in Ohio. Don recently married Kathleen Coughlin.



Sandra Hess ('77) has worked at Kiddies Korner Nursery School in Leechburg, Pa., since 1988. A private non-profit education corporation first formed by a group of mothers who needed structured play time for their children, Kiddies Korner later became a state licensed day care provider. Sandra's son, Sean, serves as an assistant football coach under Lou Tepper and will be graduating from Edinboro University this May with a degree in elementary education. His fiance, Tara Frantz, is also an Edinboro graduate. They will be relocating to an Arizona army base immediately following graduation.

# Florida Alumni



Julie Savko Fedders ('69 and '70) and Mrs. Anna Florek, widow of Dr. Florian Florek, enjoyed a leisurely breakfast in Lakeland, Florida. Mrs. Florek has started a scholarship for pre-med biology or life science majors in memory of Florian.



Jim Smart and his wife Sheryl ('64) enjoyed meeting in Sebring, Fla., with Jon Pulice ('90 and '92), director of alumni relations.



Noelle Porter Massey ('88) and Jon Pulice chatted over coffee in South Beach, Fla. Noelle and her husband own an accounting, auditing and consulting firm for non-profit organizations with locations in South Beach and West Palm Beach, Fla.



Artists Jay ('74) and Toni Mann ('74) enjoy their home and art studio in Lake Worth, Fla.



John Valek ('86) is a producer with Fox Florida. (No doubt he and Jon discussed the latest sports news!)



Dee and Jim Hill ('42) always enjoy getting reacquainted with old friends.



Brothers Garrett ('90), Eric ('95) and Jeff ('85) Bender showed Bruce Whiteheair ('73) and Jon the highlights on Atlantic Boulevard in Delray Beach. The Benders run Ascot Real Estate Company.



Julie Savko Fedders ('69 and '70, and a member of the Edinboro University Alumni Board of Directors) shared a laugh with retired elementary education faculty member Mike Rocca.



Retired architect Tom Ainscough ('61) and his wife Carolyn ('61) caught up on all the latest news on campus with Jon at dinner in Palm Bay, Fla.



Donna and Charlie Mullen ('53 and a former art professor) enjoyed a lovely afternoon with old friends.



Jon Pulice, David Bucher, Tom Zahorchak and Claudia Zahorchak admired the beautiful sunset overlooking the marina at the Zahorchak condo in Lauderdale by the Sea.



Flora Lee Stein, Tom Zahorchak ('71), Jon Pulice, Bill Stein ('80), Karen Kelly ('92), Claudia Zahorchak ('71), Sharon DiMasi ('66 and '71), Diane Smeragliuolo ('03), David Bucher ('70), and Bruce Whitehair ('73) all agreed it was a great gathering in Lauderdale. Diane is currently endowing a scholarship for nursing majors.

#### MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST

Members of the Edinboro University Alumni Association along with University faculty and staff volunteered as food servers during the Third Annual Midnight Breakfast held on December 12, 2004, at Van Houten Dining Hall. An estimated 1,800 students enjoyed the complimentary breakfast served between 10 p.m. and midnight.



# ALUMINI GELIES

The Theta Chi Alumni Corporation will be hosting its 38th annual summer reunion on July 15-17. Each year, 75 to 100 alumni return to Edinboro for the weekend. For more information, check out: www.edinborothetachi.com or e-mail Doug Sestock ('94), president of Edinboro Theta Chi Alumni Corporation, at hzox221@yahoo.com.

The Department of Biology and Health Services was recently bragging about their graduates and asked that we recognize a few of them.

In no particular order:

#### **Drew Carlin**

B.S. 2002

at Temple School of Dentistry

#### Rachael Gryta

B.S. 2003

at LECOM

#### **Matt King**

B.S. 2004

at University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy

#### Emilia Omniewski

B.S. 2002

currently enrolled in a Ph.D. program at the University of Massachusetts and working at Enders Research Labs. Her husband, Chad, a pre-law graduate, is attending law school in the Boston area.

#### Carmen Quatman

B.S. 2002

enrolled in an M.D./Ph.D. program at the Medical College of Ohio

#### Katie Quatman

B.S. 2002

in a sports administration Ph.D. program at Ohio State. She graduated from Edinboro with a degree in health and physical education. Katie and Carmen are identical twins, both graduated in three and a half years with the highest honors possible and played NCAA women's volleyball each year.

#### Fernando Tejeda

B.S. 2002

at the University of Buffalo School of Dentistry

#### Lisa Mangel

M.S. 2000

teaching at Penn State Behrend in Erie

#### Jayme Taylor

M.S. 2000

teaching at McDowell High School in Erie

#### Sherri Foltz

B.S. 2002

teaching in the Penncrest School District

• Retired animation professor Dave Weinkauf keeps us up to date on the latest news of our animation graduates. Pat Zentis ('89) just finished working on *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. He has been signed to work on the next Harry Potter film and continues to work at Cinesite in London. And, by the time you read this, Pat will have gotten married at a country palace near Berlin.

• Dave Filoni ('96) is now working as a director for Nickelodeon. He directed the premier of Avatar, a new animated series that will have an anime look and style. Dave was one of three directors for the series. Shortly after graduating from Edinboro, Dave took a job at Film Roman where he worked on several projects and was quickly promoted to assistant director of "King of the Hill." He then moved to Disney television before taking the job at Nickelodeon.

• Cinema graduate Shane Pullar ('97) just finished producing and directing his first narrative film. One of our former students with disabilities, Shane's animation, documentary and narrative film work deal primarily with disability issues. "Shane was one of the hardest working and most creative students I have had the pleasure to teach," said Weinkauf.

#### **Alumni Calendar of Events**

July 9-20	SSHE Cruise on the Danube River	
July 15-17	Theta Chi Reunion	
July 30	Carlsbad, California BBQ hosted by Ron Gwynn '68 and his wife Gaye.	
Aug. 6	North Carolina gathering hosted by General Gary McKissock '64 and his wife Betty.	
Aug. 11-21	SSHE Cruise to Hawaii	
Aug. 12	River Cruise in Cleveland, Ohio	
Sept. 30 & Oct. 1	HOMECOMING WEEKEND	
Oct. 22	Family Weekend	
Dec. 11	Midnight Breakfast	
Dec. 17	Commencement	

#### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS AND HALL OF FAME FORM

The Edinboro University Alumni Association and Athletic Department are seeking nominations for the Alumni Board of Directors, the Distinguished Alumni Award, and the Athletic Hall of Fame, which includes the Athletic Achievement Award and Distinguished Service Award. 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	
	ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME  Athletic Achievement Award (must be graduated a minimum of 10 years)  Athletic Distinguished Service Award	Natural Sciences	
	☐ Distinguished Alumni Award (choose one of the categories to the right) Due by February 1, 2006		
	Each nomination should be accompanied by a summ Please use a separate sheet and include as much information a	nary of the nominee's accomplishments. Is possible (such as vita, newspaper clippings, etc.)	
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#### **NEWSNOTES**

- ~ **ANNA (JOHNSON) WARREN** was awarded the "Archey Award" by the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology for 2004. She resides in Greensburg, Pa.
- ~ **CHARLES A. CABLE** was awarded a meritorious service award by Mathematical Association of America in Atlanta, Georgia. Since graduating from Edinboro, Charles was a faculty member at Juniata College (1959 to 1967) and professor of mathematics, including 20 years as department chair, at Allegheny College (from 1969 until his retirement in 1995). He earned a Ph.D. in mathematics from the Pennsylvania State University in 1969 and continues to do research and give talks in the area of graph theory. Charles and his wife live in Meadville, Pa., and spend some time each year in Colorado and in the Chesapeake Bay area.
- **1959** ~ **MARY (SNELL) COMPANY** retired from Cessna Single Engine Aircraft Company in May, 2003. She celebrated her retirement by making a trip to Ireland with one of her sisters. She hopes to make it back for one of the reunions and would like to hear from some of her former classmates.
- ~ **THOMAS C. KOZAR**'s eye for detail has enabled him to win best of show awards across the United States in drawing, painting, sculpture, graphic design, and photography. His art has been chosen by the State Department to represent the United States in the Art for Embassies Program. Museums, private collectors, and industrial firms own his work which is recognized worldwide. For more information you can go to his website at www. Tomkozar.com
- ~ **CAROL (SCHAFFNIT) GARCY** is enjoying life in Florida and spending time with her grandson Tyler. She resides with her husband, Don, in Longwood, Florida, and The Villages, Lady Lake, Florida.
- ~ **LINDA (CROOKS) JOHNSON** is pleased to announce her son Douglas married his high school sweetheart in June, 2004. Linda resides in Bethel Park, Pa.
- **1966** ~ **CARMEN E. CATHERMAN** retired after teaching at Wattsburg for 28 years. He also served for two years in the US Army, including nine months in Vietnam. Carmen resides in Erie, Pa.
- **1969** ~ **DR. FRANK KLAPACH, COMDR. USN,** retired as a Navy commander in Chaplain Corps in 1997. He has been working for Northwest University in Washington as the coordinator of off-campus adult degree completion programs. He also serves as adjunct faculty member for bible/theology and organizational management courses.
- ~ **ANNE E. BETTS** is planning to retire in June of 2005. Anne has had numerous articles published and plans to hold workshops and presentations across the state. She resides in Kylertown, Pa.

- ~ **KATHLEEN H. KENNEDY** retired from the Federal Bureau of Prisons. She works part-time as a family counselor for the Seneca Nations of Indians. Kathleen teaches at the University of Pittsburgh in Bradford part-time in the justice program. She resides in Bradford, Pa.
- ~ **DAVID V. BREEN**, attorney, arbitrator, mediator, and founder of the Breen Law Firm, was appointed to the American Arbitration Association Labor Panel. David is also a member of the employment and commercial arbitration panels, which assist in the resolution of disputes involving union and management, non-union employment, business transactions and the public sector. His office is in North Hills, Pa. David resides in Gibsonia, Pa.
- ~ **JOHN J. COMPEL**, a high school administrator, will retire in June after 33 years in the Virginia public school system. He resides in Springfield, Virginia.
- ~ **JAMES COTTRELL** retired in June 2004 after 32 years with the Greensburg Salem School District. His wife, **VIRGINIA S. (DUNHAM) COTTRELL**, is employed by Westmoreland County Community College located in Youngwood, Pa.
- ~ **EDWARD G. FERRANG** recently opened the Oxford Learning Center in Evans, Georgia. It is an international franchise based in London, Ontario. Ed serves as the center director and currently resides with his wife, Carole, in Evans, Georgia.
- **1973** ~ **A. ANNE (TENNEY) SMITH** retired after 29 years as a teacher and tennis coach. She was inducted into the Chautauqua County Sports Hall of Fame in February 2005. She resides in Jamestown, New York.
- ~ **LEE ANN "ANDI" (PAWLOSKI) REILLY** teaches 8th grade English at Bala Cynwyd Middle School in the Lower Merion School District. Andi is a certified Lamaze child birth educator and resides with her husband, Ritch, and three children: Doug, Ross, and Devon, in King of Prussia, Pa.
- ~ **GERRY (OZARIC) PRATT** and her husband are the proud owners of two establishments located in Merchant's Square, Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. They would like to welcome everyone to stop in to Aromas Coffee House or Steep Tea Tavern.
- ~ **JAN (SPICKNELL) Salhoff** and husband, Ken, adopted their second child in October of 2004. She is a two-year-old girl named Danille Christina. She joined her adopted brother, Jeff-4. They reside in Lutz, Florida.
- ~ **DAVID A. KRAMER** was recently appointed Senior Vice President for Sales at USF Corporation in Chicago, Illinois.

- ~ **COLEN R. PETERS** has settled happily in Maine. He enjoys articles regarding faculty and alumni from the Geology and Earth Science Department. He resides with his wife, Anne, in Portland, Maine.
- ~ **KATHRYN C. MacCLUSKIE** is chair of the Cleveland State University Counselor Education Programs and the Chair of the CSU International Review Board for the use of human subjects in research. She has published two books along with numerous articles. She resides in Elyria, Pa.
- ~ **CONSTANCE "CONNIE" (SEKEL) SOVISKY** was promoted to operations of field services co-ordinator at Northwestern Rural Electric in Cambridge Springs, Pa.. She worked at Northwestern Rural Electric for seven years previously as a service representative in the consumer services department.
- ~ **KATHLEEN** (**STEENBERGE**) **DAHLKEMPER** was recently elected to the Board of Trustees for The Erie Community Foundation. Kathy has been an active volunteer for Discovery Square, Villa Maria Academy, The nonprofit partnership and has a strong record of community involvement. She resides with her family in Erie, Pa.
- ~ **DAVID L. WEBER**'s first book, *Around Titusville*, has been published. The book, part of the Arcadia Publishing Images of America series, focuses on Titusville, Pennsylvania's role in the petroleum, lumber, steel defense contracting, cutlery, plastics and textile industries. The book has been a success to date, with copies being sent to readers as far away as Switzerland and Iraq. For more information you can contact him atwww.arcadiapublishing.com



~ **JANE (KUZNIEWSKI) COCHRAN** and Timothy J.
Cochran would like to welcome
Kuzma Peter into their home.
Kuzma was adopted from

Russia and joins sisters Eryn, Francis, and Bridget as well as brother Silas. They reside in Andover, New York.



- ~ CHINYERE GERALDINE (EDOGA) ATTAH is working with the Headstart Program in Dallas, Texas. She enjoys spending time with her three children: Uzoma-16, Ike-13, Tobenna-9, and husband Al. They reside in Irving, Texas.
- ~ **MICHAEL HIPPCHEN, ESQ.** was elected President of the Colonel Cunningham Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for 2005, an organization of Irish Catholics who trace their beginnings to Ireland in the mid 1500s. Michael resides in Leesburg, Virginia.

- **1987** ~ **DAVID W. VARNER** retired after 30 years in law enforcement. He was the Edinboro University chief of police from 1974 to 1995, the chief of police at Pennsylvania College of Technology from 1995 to 2000, and is currently representing AFLAC as a district sales coordinator. He resides in South Williamsport, Pa.
- **1989** ~ **ERIC RANDOLPH** recently opened his own practice, the General Practice of Law, in West Mifflin. He resides in Pleasant Hills, Pa.
- **1990** ~ **KEITH A. DOBSON** lived abroad for 2003. He is currently enrolled at George Washington University and is scheduled to graduate in December of 2005 with a master's in telecommunications and national security. Keith resides in Fairfax, Virginia.
- **1990** ~ **CLEVELAND PRATT** was recently hired by the Miami Morays indoor football team. A TV pro-duction major, he has been in the news industry since 1990 and currently serves as a satellite truck engineer for WFOR Channel 4 News (CBS) in Miami, Florida.
- **1991** ~ **TERI S. (MILLER) SCHANCK** and husband, Bill, traveled to China in September of 2003 to finalize the adoption of their daughter, Lille. Teri is employed by Williams-Sonoma, Inc., as a training manager. They reside in York, Pa.
- **1992** ~ **CAMI S. CRAIG** is one of 25 Prince William County teachers to be nominated for the 2004-2005 Teacher of the Year/Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award, sponsored by the Washington Post. The award recognizes teachers who exemplify excellence in their profession. Cami has taught at Marsteller Middle School, where she has served as the math department chair and coached both softball and baseball. She resides in Centreville, Virginia.
- **1992** ~ **ROBIN MCNEILL** was promoted to assistant vice president in April of 2004. She currently underwrites national accounts for professional liability for architects and engineers.
- **1993** ~ **TAMMY (PUTNAM) KORDES** received her doctorate in psychology from Gannon University. She is employed in the Neuropsychology Department at Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Erie. Tammy and her husband, Jeff, also welcomed a son, Riley.
- 1993 ~ LEWIS ROSSELLI has had an outstanding career as a member of the Fighting Scot wrestling program. A two-time All-American at 118 lbs., he finished third at the NCAA Division I National Championships in 1993 and fourth in 1991. He ranks third in career wins (136). As a senior, he was named the Outstanding Wrestler at the EWL Tournament and PSAC Championships, finishing with a 38-2 record. He was named the EWL and PSAC Rookie of the Year in 1989, becoming the first Edinboro freshman to earn a trip to the Division I Nationals. He was a three-time PSAC Champion

- and won the EWL title as a senior. He was named the 1993 Sox Harrison Award winner and went on to enjoy an outstanding international career, culminated by representing the United States in the 1996 Olympic Games. He resides in Edinboro, Pa.
- 1993 ~ SUSAN (SHAW) MILLER and DWAYNE MILLER will celebrate 10 years of marriage in August. They have two children: a daughter, Madison-3, and a son, Mason-4 months. Susan completed her master's degree in reading at Duquesne University and is enjoying her 11 years of teaching. Dwayne owns and operates a restaurant on the north side of Pittsburgh and enjoys spending time with his family. You can e-mail themat: susanmiller@verizon.net.
- **1994** ~ **TIMOTHY D. FAIRFIELD** recently graduated with honors from Youngstown State University with a second degree in secondary education integrated social studies. He also received an outstanding student teacher award from YSU and has applied for Pennsylvania certification.
- 1994 ~ MARK A. FLANIGAN is now studying at George Mason University after serving four years as an international educator with the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program. His field research with GMU has taken him to Northern Ireland, Cyprus and Israel. He will soon embark on a new 10-day program to Croatia and Bosnia. Mark is especially interested in getting in touch with fellow Edinboro Army ROTC veterans and Honors Program friends. He can be reached at i.shmaelinjapan@yahoo.com
- **1994** ~ **STEPHEN JESSIE RUSSELL** is senior pastor of Nazareth Baptist Church. He is active in the NAACP, helps provide food, clothing and shelter to the needy, and is a member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania AIDS Planning Coalition. He resides with his family in Washington, Pa.
- **1994** ~ **MATTHEW STROUP** was hired by Northwestern Rural Electric.
- **1994** ~ **CODY LEE ZILHAVER** was promoted



- to the rank of Major in the United States Army. He is the director of the Captain's Career Course at the United States Army School of Finance located in Fort Jackson, South Carolina.
- Major Zilhaver will transfer to Germany for a third overseas tour with his wife, Angela, and seven year old son, Nicholas, in May.
- **1995** ~ **JEFFREY L. DOWNING**, a detective with the Kansas City Police Department, was recently on A&E Television, The First 48. He helped to solve a case involving a serial killer.
- **1996** ~ **JULIE A. PROUGH** is working as a program coordinator at Multiple Choices Center for Independent Living. She resides in Athens, Georgia.

- **1997** ~ **JENNIFER CHERRY** was promoted to customer operations manager. She resides in St. Marys, Pa.
- **1997** ~ **LYNN CLARK** has worked at the Crawford County Care Center for the past seven years and is the social worker and Supportive Care Unit Coordinator in the dementia unit. Lynn resides in Conneaut Lake, Pa.
- **1997** ~ **SAMANTHA B. ISAAC** graduated from Indiana University of Pa. with a master's degree in education. She is teaching fifth grade in the New Kensington-Arnold School District. She resides in Cheswick, Pa.
- **1997** ~ **ERIC R. STEELE** recently completed a master of arts in 2003 from Edinboro and has accepted a position as a senior executive with the National Capital Area Council, B.S.A. in Bethesda, MD. Eric resides in Herndon, Virginia.
- **1999** ~ **LAURENE (SMITH) ADAMS** began working in the Act 101 office in the Gerald P. Jackson Department of Academic Support Services. She was a summer program participant in 1994 and feels it is a great honor to be involved with this program. She resides in McKean, Pa.
- **1999** ~ **MICHAEL E. BONUS** graduates from Duquesne University in May of 2005 with a Master of Science in Nursing with emphasis in Family Nurse Practitioner. He resides in Lawrence, Pa.
- **1999** ~ **MEIGHAN (GAST) LLOYD** has been hired as an admissions counselor at Edinboro University. She and her husband, WAYNE LLOYD, reside in Edinboro, Pa.
- **1999** ~ **DAVID C. QUIRK** was promoted to licensing analyst with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board completing file work investigations for the west central portion of Pennsylvania. Dave has been with the PLCB for 12 years. He resides in DuBois, Pa.
- **1999** ~ **JASON M. SAUER** received an original Christmas gift from his mom, MARY SAUER. Mary wanted to give Jason a very personal gift. Jason has an art degree from Edinboro University and his favorite painting is 'Painting number 5' by Piet Mondrian. With the help of an art book, a few friends, James Hedglin and Nancy Byers, Mary was able to create a quilt, made as a replica of his favorite painting. Mary resides in Franklin, Pa.
- **2000** ~ **ADRIENNE M. GRAFTON** is in her final year of a three-year metals program at East Carolina University.
- **2000** ~ **JUSTIN J. PORTER** has been promoted to director of Gentile-Meinert and Associates, a new Erie branch office for private investigations and security.

~ **DAVID A. WAPLES** announced October 20, 2004 the release of three books and a fourth on the way. The books include a goal-setting workbook and two original novels: *Approaching Infinity, Piano Dreams*, and *White Widow*. He was published by iUniverse, Inc. David resides in Fairview, Pa.

~ **KRISTEN A. HUDAK** graduated with honors in November 2004 with a master's degree in sports management from the United States Sports Academy in Mobile, Alabama.

~ **JENNIFER MARIE BUTLER** was promoted to managing editor of the weekly Albion News. Jennifer was also selected to present two different pieces of her work at this year's international English Honor Society Conference in Kansas City. She is pursuing her master's degree at Edinboro and resides in Albion, Pa.

~ **JOANNA RUTH COGAN** earned her Master of Education degree in educational psychology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in August 2004. She is teaching undergraduate courses in educational psychology while completing certification and her doctorate.

~ **LARRY S. TINNERMAN** decided after 20 years of social work and counseling to change his life course and attend TriState Business Institute. He resides in Erie, Pa.

~ **S. PASSLE HELMINSKI** is honored to have her fiber sculptures included in the Contemporary Women Artist Exhibition XIII in St. Louis. For more information please contact DEBORAH VAHANIANAT dcgv@yahoo.com

~ **JAMES C. ANSBERRY** was hired on Capital Hill. James is a staff assistant in the office of Congressman Jim Ryun. He feels the program at Edinboro prepared him for post-graduation life and is very pleased with his new career. James resides in Washington, D.C.

#### **MARRIAGES**

~ **MARGARET (FORNOF)** and William Schildmacher, on April 9, 2003. They reside in Edinboro, Pa., and Tucson, Arizona.

~ **KAREN (COCCO)** and Richard T. Hollinsworth, June 26, 2004.

1993 ~ KRISTIE (SANTARCANGELO) and



Matthew Rosgone, on July 17, 2004. Kristie is a fourth grade teacher in the Keystone Oaks School District, and Matt is the Executive Vice President of

Operations for Tollgrade Communications. They reside in Munhall, Pa. Kristie can be reached at rosgone@kosd.org.

~ **KEVIN P. EARLEY, JR.** and Tammy Lynn (Huffman), on May 22, 2004. Kevin is a systems analyst in the office of the Secretary of State for North Carolina. They reside in Raleigh, North Carolina.



~ **KIMBERLEY (PAYNE)** and Eric Baxendell, on June 5, 2004. They reside in Pittsburgh, Pa.

**1996** ~ **GRETCHEN (BROWN)** and Greg Magno, April 2004. They are expecting their first child and reside in Laurel, Maryland.



~ LISA M. (LUCAS) and Paul Schell, on June 12, 2004. Lisa is a special education teacher at Bluffton High School. They reside in Bluffton, South Carolina.

**1997** ~ **SHELLY (TURI)** and Christopher Kimnach, on May 30, 2004. Shelly is a GT Reading specialist for Montgomery County Public Schools. They reside in Filton, Maryland.

~ **JASON R. STEYER** and Shannon (Miller), on October 16, 2004. They reside in Pittsburgh, Pa.

~**JOANNA (EARLS)** and Eric Bieniek, on April 24, 2004. They reside in Cranberry Township, Pa.



~ **AMY L. (MACK)** and Grant Ervin, on September 25, 2004. They reside in Pittsburgh, Pa.

2000 ~ BENJAMIN T. MORGAN and



Melissa L. (Barrett). Ben is a drum line instructor for the Pottstown High School Marching Band and for the past 25 years also worked at his family-owned business.

~ **DAWN M. (PALMER)** and Peter Frejkowski, on November 13, 2004. They reside in Leechburg, Pa.

~ **HEATHER (MUMFORD)** and Todd Agnello, on October 2, 2004. They reside in Danbury, Connecticut.

~ **ERIN (BOTT)** and Justin Donahue, on September 21, 2002.

~ **STEPHANIE (KIBLER)** and **BRIAN HNATKOVICH**, on June 19, 2004. They reside in Tyrone. Pa.

~ **AMBER M. (LIBBON**) and **MARK WEINDER**, on August 21, 2004. They reside in Pittsburgh, Pa.

~ **ERIN A. (ZIGAROVICH)** and **TY KERSTETTER**, on December 4, 2004. They reside in Harrison City, Pa.

#### **BIRTHS**

**1984** ~ **WILLIS MATHEW FELEGIE** and Joy Felegie adopted a son, Andrew Kittipong, born March 28, 2002. He joins his big sister Melodie-5. They reside in Burke, Virginia.



~ **LISA MARIE (MARTIN) BADZ** and Stan Badz, a son, Logan Stanley, on August 16, 2004. They reside in Jacksonville, Florida.

~ **DEBORRA K. (BERGMARK) PEELOR** and Brent Peelor, a daughter, Shannon Adora, on November 18, 2004. She joins her big brother Morgan Lee. They reside in Harwick, Pa.



 ~ TAMI MICHELE (KILLOUGH) PULICE and JON JASON PULICE, a daughter Meghan Noel, on December 14, 2004. She joins her big brother John

Douglas-4. They reside in Erie, Pa.

~ **SUSAN (STIEF) GEDULDIG** and Brian Geduldig, a son, John Brian. He joins his sisters Elizabeth-6, Anna-4, and Sara-2.



~ **SAMANTHA (SALOUM) McSHERRY** and Kevin McSherry, twin daughters, Blake Elizabeth and Emma Grace, on February 12, 2004. They reside in Roswell, Georgia.

#### ~ KIMBERLY (SHEPHARD) ROWLAND



and Scott Rowland, a daughter, Alyssa Adeline, on April 22, 2004. She joins her big sister Rachael. They reside in Corry, Pa.

~ **STEVEN TAMMARIELLO** and Jamie Tammariello, a daughter, Sarah Abigail, on December 28, 2003. They reside in Oswego, New York.

~ **DUANE A WOOD** and Deirdre Wood, a daughter, Mckinley Elizabeth, on January 25, 2005. They reside in Houston, Texas.

~ **JENNIFER (BLOSE) CALLAHAN** and Robert Callahan, a son, Ryan Connor, on January 13, 2005. He joins his big brothers Shane-5 and Camden-2. They reside in Pittsburgh, Pa.

~ **SCOTT MAHONEY** and **DEBORAH (LEW) MAHONEY**, a daughter Heather Erin, on July 29, 2004. She joins her brother Logan-5 and sister Samantha-2. They reside in Pompton Plains, New Jersey.



1993 ~ ANDREA (CLARKE) MOFFETT and Jeffrey Moffett, a son, Evan Paul, on July 15, 2004. They reside in Wattsburg, Pa.

1994 ~ MARIE (HILLS) ASHTON and DAVID ASHTON, a daughter, Alexa Maria, on October 28, 2004. They reside in Erie. Pa.

1994 ~ BRENDA (SEIBEL) FORD and Timothy Ford, a son, Matthew Philip, on June 30, 2004. They reside in McDonald, Pa.



**1994** ~ LISA (KINDLE) HAMMER and Jerome Hammer, a son, Owen Charles, on April 28, 2004. They reside in Erie. Pa.

1994 ~ SUELLEN (SCHOTT) TRISCHLER and Brian Trischler, a son, Mark Patrick, on February 9. 2005. They reside in Canonsburg, Pa.

1994 ~ MARGARET (IOHNSON) TESTA and MICHAEL C. TESTA, a daughter, Macy Jane, she ioins her big sisters Katelyn-3 and Allison-5.

1995 ~ HEATHER L. (PINGEL) MAZUR and Justin Mazur, a son, Thomas Lloyd, on December 15, 2004. He joins his big brother Timothy Ryan-1 1/2. They reside in Ambler, Pa.

1996 ~ SHAUNA (MILLER) BROWN and Charlie Brown, a daughter, Camryn Alaina, on October 27, 2004. She joins her big sister Kendall Delaney-3. They reside in Cheswick, Pa.



1996 ~ WILLIAM R. KING IR. and CARA (CARGNONI) KING, a daughter, Abigail Faith, on June 16, 2004. They reside in Canonsburg, Pa.



**1996** ~ DANIELLE (DEMORE) SOPP and WILLIAM SOPP, a son, Jake, on December 23, 2004. The couple married in June of 2002. They reside in Kingsland, Georgia.

1998 ~ HEATHER K. (EDMUNDS) PETRI and Daniel Petri, a son, Nicholas Derek, on December 14, 2004. They reside in Delevan, New York.

1998 ~ JONATHAN B. ROUMFORT and Jessica Roumfort, a son Jacob Daniel, on December 6, 2004. They reside in Indiana, Pa.



1998 ~ KIMBERLY A. (McMICHAEL) TRIDICO and Anthony Tridico, a son, James Anthony, on October 16, 2004. They reside in Youngsville, Pa.

**1998** ~ KRISTIE (WILTANGER) MARNELOS and **CHRISTOPHER MARNELOS**, a son, Hunter Joseph, on August 7, 2004. They reside in Phoenix, Arizona.



1999 ~ TARA (GONELLA) RIORDAN and Matthew Riordan, a son, Carter, on December 6, 2004. They reside in Deale, Maryland.



1999 ~ SHAUNA (SMITH) ROZZO and John Rozzo, a daughter, Sydney Rose, on January 27, 2005. They reside in Pleasant Hills, Pa.



1999 ~ STEPHANIE (SMITH) TURNER and Todd Turner, a son, Nathaniel Dillon, on February 27, 2004. They reside in Conneaut Lake, Pa.

2002 ~ SUSAN M. (HOWARD) MIZIKAR and Brian Mizikar, a daughter, McKenna Grace, on January 10, 2005. They reside in Latrobe, Pa.



2003 ~ MELANIE (GUY) MOYER and David Moyer, a son, Jacob Andrew, on August 28, 2004. They reside in Farrell, Pa.

#### IN MEMORIAM

1926 ~ CHARLOTTE (ROESTEL) DARLING. Dec. 28, 2004

**1927** ~ **HERMINE K. BAUSCHARD**, Dec.16, 2004

**1928** ~ THEODOSIA (DAVIES) TURLEY, Jan. 2, 2005

**1930** ~ **ISLA M. BOWER**, Jan. 25, 2005

**1930** ~ HAZEL CAULWELL, Dec. 11, 2003

1931 ~ LUCILE (STAFFORD) BERMAN, Dec. 5, 2004

1931 ~ DOROTHY M. (GATES) WIGGERS, Dec. 12, 2004

**1932** ~ **HELEN (HOH) DISTEFANO**, June 7, 2004

**1932** ~ **GEORGE W. GIESLER**, Dec. 17, 2004

**1932** ~ **VERNA (HUFF) WEIR**, Dec. 23, 2004

**1934** ~ **DONALD ELLSMORE**, Mar. 10, 2001

1934 ~ ELIZABETH S.(SAVAGE) GARVEY, Mar. 13, 1998

**1935** ~ **GILBERT CHRISTIAN MUNZ**, Mar. 13, 2005

**1936** ~ **HUBERT J. SHERWOOD**, May 8, 2004

**1937** ~ **CHALMER SWIFT**, Sept. 2, 2002

**1938** ~ **RACHEL (RHODES) FORD**, Dec. 23, 2004

**1938** ~ **BETTY (IRVIN) JORDAN**, Nov. 3, 2000

**1938** ~ **DR. DARWIN W. MILLER**, Jan. 20, 2005

1938 ~ STEPHANIE (URBAN) CHRISTENSEN, Dec. 6, 2004

**1939** ~ **LOR RITA (KRAMER) BUSCH**, Nov. 27, 2004

**1939** ~ **RUTH (GILBERT) EWING**, Dec. 7, 2001

**1940** ~ **DOROTHY J. TILLOTSON**, Nov. 2, 2003

**1941** ~ **EASTER (STEIN) SWIFT**, Apr. 3, 2003

**1943** ~ **VIOLA (MEAD) BARTOO**, Feb. 9, 2005

**1944** ~ **ARLENE M. ERNEST**, Jan. 5, 2005

1945 ~ ELEANOR (PRICE) BLASDELL, Oct. 5, 2004

**1945** ~ **CLARK (SMOCK) MARYE**, September 20, 2002

**1945** ~ **LOIS E. (STEVENS) STIGERS**, Nov. 23, 2004

**1946** ~ **IOY A. (KNARR) COLLINS**, May 18, 2004

**1946** ~ HELEN (MERRY) DOWNS, Oct. 4, 2004

**1949** ~ **ROBERT E. CONNORS**, Jan. 24, 2005

**1950** ~ **GEORGE H. BYHAM**, Dec. 7, 2003 **1951** ~ **LELAND V. FONDA**, Jan. 18, 2005

**1951** ~ **ROBERT J. MOORE**, June 6, 1997

**1953** ~ **HUBERT LYLE DAVIS**, Nov. 9, 2004

**1954** ~ **DANIEL J. KELLEHER**, Oct. 26, 2003

**1957** ~ **RONALD PRICE**, Dec. 15, 2004

**1958** ~ **DONALD H. RENNER**, Dec. 31, 2004

**1961** ~ **RITA (BALBO) DEVLIN**, Sept. 29, 2004

**1961** ~ **BARBARA L GRASSO**, April 3, 2002

**1963** ~ **GERALD L. LITHERLAND**, Sept. 22, 2003

**1963** ~ **RUTH M. PETERS**, Mar. 13, 2004

**1963** ~ THERESA A. WAHONICK, Sept. 15, 2004

**1964** ~ RITA (DICLEMENTE) RAKOWSKY, Dec. 12, 2000

**1968** ~ **RICHARD HOFMANN**, Feb. 4, 2005

**1968** ~ TERRY L. LYNN, Dec. 14, 2004

1969 ~ HENRY HUSTON DERIKART, Nov. 11, 2004

**1969** ~ **FLORENCE N. (HIRST) HEASLEY**, Mar. 10, 2005

**1975** ~ **MICHAEL JOHN ZILICH**, July 1, 1998

**1976** ~ **MARGARET (GILMORE) SKEENS**, Jan. 31, 2005

1977 ~ RITA FRANCES ANGOTTI, Nov. 1, 2004

**1977** ~ **GREGORY JOHN MONROE**, Jan. 7, 2005

**1980** ~ **JEANNETTE (CARLBERG) SCOTT**, Oct. 18, 2004

**1982** ~ **PATRICK S. CRERAND**, Sept. 28, 2004

1982 ~ WILLIAM J. "BILL" MALONEY, JR., Dec. 24, 2004

**1983** ~ **RUTH (FLYNN) M ALONE**, Mar. 20, 2004

**1983** ~ LISA (HILDEBRAN) SHELLGREN, Nov. 24, 2004

**1986** ~ **DARLENE R. (WELTON) KREAKIE**, Nov. 6, 2002

**1987** ~ **TIMOTHY M. BARRY**, Sept. 16, 2004

**1989** ~ MARY (CIFELLI) RINGER, July 4, 2004

**1989** ~ **JAMES L. WOLFE**, Dec. 4, 2004

**1989** ~ **JEFFERY S. YEATER**, Apr. 19, 2004

**1991** ~ **JULIA (KALP) DONOVAN**, Sept. 22, 2003

**1992** ~ LOU ANN (SHALLENBERGER) COMER, Jan. 27, 2005

**1993** ~ **STEVEN FRANZ**, Mar. 31, 2003

**2002** ~ **LYNN ALLAN MIHOCI**, Mar. 29, 2004

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#### SHAWN BUNCH FINISHES AS RUNNER-UP AT NATIONALS

Edinboro's Shawn Bunch had a simple wish for his 22nd birthday – to win Edinboro's third Division I National Championship. Four-time All-American Travis Lee of Cornell wasn't about to gift wrap the present, however, as he came away with his second national title with a 6-3 win in the NCAA Division I Wrestling National Championships at the Savvis Center in St. Louis, MO. Edinboro finished 28th out of 76 teams at Nationals.

In a matchup of Lee, the number one seeded wrestler at 133 lbs., and Bunch, the second seeded wrestler, the Cornell senior registered the match's only takedowns. It was the third meeting between the two foes, as each entered the match with just one loss, that coming at the hands of the other. Lee had bested Bunch, 6-4 in overtime, in the semifinals of the Las Vegas Invitational. Bunch returned the favor with an 11-10 win over Lee in the title bout of the Southern Scuffle.

With the loss, Bunch ended his first season as an All-American and his third trip to Nationals with a 40-2 record. He saw his 28-match winning streak come to an end, but becomes just the seventh Edinboro wrestler to record 40 wins. He was seeking to join Sean O'Day (134 lbs. in 1989) and Josh Koscheck (174 lbs. in 2001) as the

only Fighting Scots to win Division I National Championships. Instead, he becomes just the sixth Fighting Scot to finish as a national runner-up.

Edinboro sent a total of six wrestlers to Nationals, including Nate Yetzer, an All-American at 174 lbs. a year ago who was

looking to become just the ninth Fighting Scot to earn multiple All-American honors, this time at 165 lbs.

The senior entered Nationals as the 11th seed, but he was never able to get going in St. Louis. He concluded an outstanding career with a 103-33 career mark, ranking 15th in career wins. He was 36-7 this season.

Sophomore Matt Hill made his first appearance at Nationals, and was the only other Fighting Scot to pick up a win. He finished his first season as a starter with a 30-14 ledger.

Ron Doppelheuer and Joe Hennis made their second appearance at Nationals, at 149 lbs. and heavyweight, respectively. The juniors were eliminated in two matches.

Doppelheuer finished the year with a 26-12 record, while Hennis closed the season with a 28-12 record.

Edinboro's final competitor was Eric Ring at 174 lbs. who ended the year at 25-18.

#### LANZEL NAMED PSAC INDOOR TRACK WOMEN'S ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Edinboro freshman Rachael Lanzel earned two awards from the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference after she was named the PSAC Indoor Track & Field Women's Rookie of the Year. Voting was conducted among the PSAC track & field coaches. Lanzel was previously named the Cross Country Female Rookie of the Year.



Lanzel was the PSAC's only freshman runner to earn a first-place finish at the PSAC Indoor Track & Field Champion-

ships. She won the 5,000 meters with a time of 17:46.47, while shaving 46 seconds off her previous best performance. She also finished with the sixth-best indoor time in a highly-competitive 3,000 meters, running a 10:31.16 earlier this year.

Lanzel enjoyed a very successful fall campaign on her way to Rookie of the Year accolades in that sport. She earned All-American honors in cross country thanks to a 16th-place finish at Nationals, finishing with a time of (22:47.5). In addition, she earned All-PSAC and All-East Region honors after finishing fifth and eighth, respectively, in the two races. The Edinboro women's cross country team enjoyed its best finish ever at Nationals, coming in second, and won both the PSAC and East Regional titles.

## Brooke Heath a Two-Time All-American at Swimming National Championships

Freshman Brooke Heath became Edinboro's first All-American swimmer since the 1994-95 season at the NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving National Championships in Orlando.

Heath turned in an impressive showing at the four-day event, and single-handedly led Edinboro to a 19th place finish with 38 points. She picked up steam as the championship progressed. On Wednesday, she competed in the 200-yard IM and came away with a 10th place finish with a time of 2:07.71. The new school record helped her garner honorable mention All-American honors.

After failing to qualify for the finals with a 39th place finish in the 200-yard freestyle on Thursday, she competed in her specialties on Friday and Saturday, and earned All-American honors in both events. After swimming a 1:05.37 in the prelims of the 100-yard breaststroke, she bettered that with a school-record time of 1:04.69, good enough for fourth place.

In the final day of the event, she came up with her best finish and third All-American showing. Her time of 2:21.16 in the preliminaries of the 200-yard breaststroke placed her third, and that evening she came in third with a time of 2:19.23.

That time not only represented a new school record, but was a new PSAC standard.

In addition, Heath was named the PSAC Swimming & Diving Women's Rookie of the Year following her standout season.



#### MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ENJOYS MEMORABLE SEASON

The Edinboro men's basketball team enjoyed one of the finest years in school history, finishing with a 24-7 ledger. That tied the record for the second-most wins in school history, eclipsed only by the 1997-98 team which won 26 games. The 1975-76 team also won 24 contests.

Head coach Greg Walcavich guided his squad to the PSAC Championship. The Fighting Scots were riding high at 19-2 and ranked 10th in Division II, the highest ranking in school history, but then struggled down the stretch with four losses in their final eight games. Showing the mark of a veteran team,

Edinboro finished the regular season with a 75-58 win over Shippensburg to earn a share of the PSAC West title.

The victory not only gave Edinboro the PSAC Championship, but an automatic berth in the NCAA Playoffs. The Fighting Scots were the third seed in the East Regional. It meant a trip to Miesenheimer, North Carolina, where the Scots faced PSAC rival IUP for the fourth time in one season. The Indians finally figured a way to beat the Scots, as Edinboro squandered a six-point lead in the final two minutes and lost, 76-73, in overtime.

# DONALDSON NO LONGER A WALK-ON, FORWARD EARNS ALL-AMERICAN ACCOLADES

From walk-on to All-American. Edinboro University senior Jakim Donaldson's journey is complete. The Fighting Scot has been named to three prestigious All-American teams – the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Men's Basketball All-America

Team, the Daktronics NCAA Division II Men's Basketball All-America Team, and the Basketball Times All-America Team. The NABC recognizes a total of 15 players, with voting conducted by the Division II coaches. Donaldson earned a spot on the first team on the other two squads. Voting was conducted among Division II sports information directors for the Daktronics teams.

Donaldson has truly enjoyed a rags-toriches story. After sitting out the first four games of the 2001-02 season while receiving clearance from the NCAA Clearinghouse, the 6'8" forward was named the PSAC West Rookie of the Week his first two weeks of competition. But he saw limited action the rest of the year, averaging 3.2 ppg. and 3.5 rpg.

Since that time Donaldson has averaged a double-double in each of his final three seasons, while ranking among the Division II leaders in rebounding each year. He recently completed one of the greatest seasons ever by a Fighting Scot, while capping a record-breaking career. Donaldson led the Fighting Scots both in



scoring (16.3 ppg.) and rebounding (13.1 rpg.). He ranks second in the country in rebounding for the second straight year, and leads the PSAC. He stands seventh in the conference in scoring. He shot 55.3 percent from the floor (189 of 342), eighth in the PSAC, and

had blocked 52 shots, good for fourth in the PSAC. In addition, he has made 127 of 185 free throws (68.6 pct.). He is a threetime All-PSAC West first team selection and was named the PSAC West Athlete of the Year this season.

Donaldson became just the third player in PSAC history to score 500 points and pull down 400 rebounds in a season, ending the year with 505 points and a school-record 406 rebounds. He earlier became just the 17th player all-time in the PSAC to score 1,000 career points and pull down 1,000 career rebounds. He ranks eighth in career scoring with 1,355 points and is the new all-time leading rebounder with 1,100. He also ranks second in career blocked shots (185) and has set a new school record for career free throws attempted (548). He ranks fourth in career free throws made (345).

Edinboro finished the year with a 24-7 record and won the PSAC Championship with an 85-76 win over Millersville. The Fighting Scots recently lost to PSAC West rival Indiana in the quarterfinals of the East Regional.

#### Donaldson Named PSAC West Athlete of the Year, Sims Named to Second Team

As a senior, Donaldson was named the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Western Division Athlete of the Year, and was named to the All-PSAC West first team for the third straight.

Fellow senior Rob Sims was also recognized by the PSAC West coaches, being voted to the second team for the second straight year after earning first team honors as a sophomore.

"Jakim has earned his stature as a player," praised head coach Greg Walcavich. "To be the player of the year in our league in a season when there were so many great individual performances by so many players is a real accomplishment."

Sims' role changed this year, going from a scorer to a playmaker and defender. The 6'3" guard played the best basketball of his career during Edinboro's playoff run.

"Robbie is clearly deserving of this honor," Walcavich said. "I frankly think he was deserving of more."

Like Donaldson, Sims joined the 1,000-point club this year. He currently ranks 21st in career scoring with 1,118 points. That does not include 158 points at Wooster.

#### JOSE LEEP EARNS FIRST TEAM NWBA ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

The Edinboro wheelchair basketball team enjoyed an outstanding campaign in 2004-05, finishing with a 25-12 record. Under head coach Jim Glatch, the Fighting Scots finished third in the NWBA Intercollegiate Division, their highest finish ever. The third place finish came thanks to the team's first-ever win against Illinois.



Leading the way for the Fighting Scots was Jose Leep. Leep earned first team

NWBA All-American honors this season after finishing as a second team All-American a year ago. He led Edinboro with 327 points despite being pulled early from numerous games when the Scots had a large lead. He was also second on the team in assists with 127. Glatch noted that Leep's true value to the team came as a defender and ballhandler. "His ability to break the press almost single-handedly was very big for us," said Glatch.

## 116 INDIVIDUALS RECOGNIZED AS SCHOLAR ATHLETES

The Edinboro Athletic Department hosted the 16th Annual Student Athlete Awards Banquet on February 10. The dinner recognizes all Edinboro student athletes who maintain a 3.00 cumulative grade point average. This year, a total of 116 student athletes, or approximately one-third of the student athlete population, were honored. President Pogue spoke at the banquet, along with Dr. Pearl Bartelt, the University's new Provost, who served as the guest speaker.

Special recognition was accorded those individuals who were four- or five-year student athletes.

#### The three five-year student athletes were:

Chris Bala (wrestling)
Jacob Gray (wrestling)
Genise Green (cross country)

#### A total of 13 individuals were in their fourth year as scholar athletes:

Kiersten Buckley (cross country/track)
Marissa DeLiberato (volleyball)
Nate Eimer (football)
Renee Kam (volleyball)
Hannah Kulic (swimming)
Jared Lowry (cross country/track)
Ashley Lumberg (cheerleading)
Colin McClelland (cross country/track)
Andrea Palmieri (softball)
Stacie Potter (women's soccer)
Lindsay Roberts (cross country/track)
Jennifer Ronald (softball)
Megan Zitner (women's basketball/track)

#### MISSY SOBOLESKI Named Head Volleyball Coach

Edinboro President Dr. Frank G. Pogue recently announced the hiring of Missy Soboleski as head volleyball coach. Soboleski replaces Dale Flickinger, who was hired on an interim basis in late July to replace Lynn Theehs, who went to the University of Maine.

"While it's always difficult to bid farewell to someone like Lynn Theehs, transitions also provide us with opportunities to welcome new people with new ideas to the Edinboro Family. We are looking forward to working with Missy," said President Pogue.

Soboleski is well-known in local volleyball circles. She previously coached at two local institutions, Mercyhurst and Gannon. She takes over the Edinboro program after serving as the head coach at Mercyhurst from 1999-2004. She led the Lady Lakers to three winning seasons in six years at the helm, including a 21-8 finish in 2002, winning the Southern Division championship. The 2001 team went 19-16, and her 2003 team was 16-15.

Prior to taking over at Mercyhurst, Soboleski spent four seasons as the head coach at her alma mater, Gannon University, where she was previously a standout player. She was an assistant coach under Gerry (Burbules) Vensel, a member of the Edinboro Athletic Hall of Fame, in 1994.

"It has always been our intention to keep Edinboro University volleyball in the forefront of the PSAC and the region," said Director of Athletics Bruce Baumgartner. "We think Coach Soboleski has what it takes to continue Edinboro University's winning tradition. We feel our program is in very good hands. Missy brings a great deal of energy and experience to our program, and she is very familiar with what Edinboro volleyball represents. We also like the fact that she enjoyed an excellent graduation rate at Mercyhurst.

"In addition, I'd like to thank Dale Flickinger for his efforts over the past six months. We were fortunate to have an individual such as Dale step in when Lynn Theehs left. He was able to fill the void, and with the exception of several key injuries, maintain our program's excellence."

A native of Ravenna, Ohio, Soboleski graduated from Gannon in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in education and a minor in sports management and health and physical education. A four-year letterwinner for the Lady Knights from 1990 to 1993, Gannon was 116-22 during that period. That included three straight trips to the Elite Eight to conclude her playing career.

Soboleski and her husband, Mark, reside in Edinboro. Mark is the head football coach at Central High School and a teacher in the Millcreek School District.



#### PAIR OF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYERS NAMED TO ALL-PSAC TEAM

A pair of Edinboro women's basketball players was named to the 2005 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Western Division Second Team. Kelly Calderone and Callie Iorfido represent the Fighting Scots. Edinboro finished the season with an 18-10 record for



the second straight year, losing to California in the quarterfinals of the PSAC Championships.

"It's nice to see Kelly and Callie both get second team all-conference

honors," said long-time head coach Stan Swank. "They are both well-deserving of the honor and both had excellent seasons. It's exciting that both will return next year, as well."

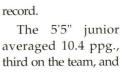
Calderone finished as Edinboro's leading scorer in her first season as a Fighting Scot. The 5'8" sophomore played one season at the University at Buffalo before transferring to Edinboro. She averaged 16.1 ppg., with 66

assists, second on the time, and 64 steals, also second. She shot 38.1 percent from the floor (137 of 360), including 35.1 percent from beyond the three-point arc (59 of 168), and made 117 of 138 free throws. She ranks fifth in the PSAC in scoring, second in free throw percentage, and eighth in steals.

Calderone led the Fighting Scots in scoring 14 times, while scoring in double figures in 25 of 28 games. That included a career-high 31 points at Lock Haven, with 22 of those in the second half. She made 6 of 11 three-pointers in that contest, along with 9 of 11 free throws. Calderone had eight games with 20-or-more points, adding 28 markers vs. Mercyhurst and 27 against Shippensburg.

Iorfido's strong play at point guard made Edinboro the most efficient ball handling team in the PSAC. In fact, she enjoyed one of the finest seasons ever by a Fighting Scot point guard, falling just shy of the school record for assists. She handed out 225 assists while committing just 95 turnovers in her first full season as a starter. She fell 11 assists shy of the school record, but still led the PSAC in assists and assist/turnover

ratio. In addition, Iorfido has already moved into fifth place in career assists with 433, needing just 68 to break the school record.





even snuck inside to finish second in rebounding (4.0 rpg.). Iorfido shot 38.4 percent from the floor (103 of 268), with 13 three-pointers in 43 attempts, and was 71 of 111 from the line (64.0 pct.). She finished the season with a team-high 91 steals, ranking 23rd nationally and first in the PSAC. That figure ranks sixth in the season records charts, and gives her 188 for her career, tenth all-time.

Iorfido scored in double figures in 17 games, including a career-high 21 points against West Virginia State. She had six double-doubles (points-assists), including 13 points and 16 assists vs. Mercyhurst. The 16 assists tied the single-game record at Edinboro.

#### SPORTS MEMORABILIA AUCTION TO FEATURE GUEST SIGNER JEROME BETTIS

The Bus is coming to town. Pittsburgh Steeler standout running back Jerome Bettis will be the guest autograph signer at the 6th Edinboro University Sports Memorabilia Auction. The auction is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, 2005 at the Avalon Hotel in Erie. Bettis' appearance is sponsored by Motorola.

The event will once again benefit the Fighting Scots' 14-sport intercollegiate athletic program, as well as the adaptive athletics program, and its student athletes.

The silent auction will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by the public autograph session at 6:00 p.m. The live auction will conclude the event from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Over 200 items will be up for bid that evening.

Proxy bids on select items will be available on the Edinboro University website, **www.edinboro.edu**, from May 13 through June 2.

Tickets are scaled at just \$5 for admission. Autograph tickets can be purchased at the door the night of the event. Admission ticket requests should be made through Todd Jay, Associate Athletic Director, at 814 732 2776 (ext 235).

The previous five auctions have combined to net over \$70,000 for the benefit of Edinboro University student athletes.

#### THE LIST OF ITEMS INCLUDES:

Jerseys autographed by:

Dan Marino (Dolphins and Pitt), Eric Moulds, Grant Hill, Jim Kelly, and Sean Taylor

Footballs autographed by:

Ray Lewis, Rocky Bleier, Ronnie Lott, William Green, Eli Manning, Mike Mularkey, Jim Tressel, and Jim Haslett

• Baseballs autographed by:

George Brett, Johnny Bench, Ken Griffey Sr., and Bob Costas

· Autographed artwork featuring:

Kevin-John Jobczynski, Ted Watts and Leroy Nieman

Autographs from:

Mario Lemieux, Terry Bradshaw, Sandy Koufax, Donavan McNabb, Joe Paterno, Bill Belichick

Limited edition 1984 Olympic Torch from the LA Games

# SPORTS shorts

#### JOE VALVODA SIGNS WITH GREEN BAY BLIZZARD OF afl2



Former Edinboro All-American Joe Valvoda has signed with the Green Bay Blizzard of the afl2. Valvoda concluded an outstanding career as a Fighting Scot in 2004, helping Edinboro to the PSAC West cochampionship and the NCAA Division II Playoffs. A four-year starter, mainly at center, Valvoda started the final 36 games of his

career at center and in all started in 38 of 44 career games. As a senior he was accorded numerous honors, including first team Associated Press Little All-America honors, along with AFCA Division II All-America honors. In addition, he was named to the honorable mention **D2football.com** All-America team and the **CollegeSportsReport.com** All-America second team. He was a three-time All-PSAC West selection.

#### MARK COREY SENT DOWN TO INDIANAPOLIS

Former Edinboro baseball standout Mark Corey barely missed breaking spring training camp with a major league team for the first team. The right-hander was a non-roster invitee with the Pittsburgh Pirates this spring. He enjoyed a strong showing in Florida, with it coming down to Corey or veteran Rick White for the last spot on the pitching staff. A year ago Corey appeared in 31 games with the Pirates, finishing with a 1-2 record and a 4.54 ERA. He was sent down to Triple A Indianapolis, where he pitched for half a year last season. He was 1-4 with a 4.42 ERA, but he ranked fifth in the league with 16 saves, despite appearing in just 34 games.

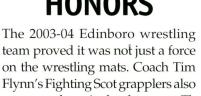
#### DAVE SMITH MAKES FINAL CUT FOR ERIE



Dave Smith has made the roster of the Erie Freeze. Another indoor football team, Erie is in its inaugural season in the Atlantic Indoor Football League. Smith played for the Fighting Scots from 1999-2002. The former defensive end

was a four-time All-PSAC selection, and holds Edinboro's season and career records for tackles for losses with 20 and 57, respectively. He is also tied for second in career sacks with 25.5.

#### WRESTLING TEAM EARNS ALL-ACADEMIC HONORS

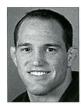




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were standouts in the classroom The Fighting Scots finished the year tied for 21st in the NWCA Top 30 All-Academic Teams with a team grade point average of 2.93. Edinboro was tied with the University of Pennsylvania, and finished ahead of such notable institutions as Cornell (23rd), Duke (24th), and the Air Force Academy (26th).

# TONY ROBIE HIRED AS BINGHAMTON WRESTLING COACH



Binghamton University has hired former Edinboro standout Tony Robie as its new head wrestling coach. Robie takes over a program which was discontinued after the 2003-04 season because of budget constraints. Robie was a two-time All-American and finished as the 1997 runner-

up at 158 lbs. while competing for the Fighting Scots. He still stands sixth in career wins with 126. He had served as an assistant coach at the University of Michigan for six years, and also had stints as an assistant at West Virginia and Edinboro.

## FIGHTING SCOTS GRIDDERS TO PLAY SIX GAMES AT SOX HARRISON STADIUM

The 2005 Edinboro University football schedule has a familiar look to it, as the Fighting Scots play the same teams they played a year ago. Making it even more attractive is six games at Sox Harrison Stadium, the most since



the 2000 team had six home games. Edinboro finished with a 9-3 record a year ago, finishing as PSAC West co-champions for the second straight season and earning a berth in the NCAA Division II Playoffs for the second consecutive year.

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#### ATHLETICS SCHEDULES

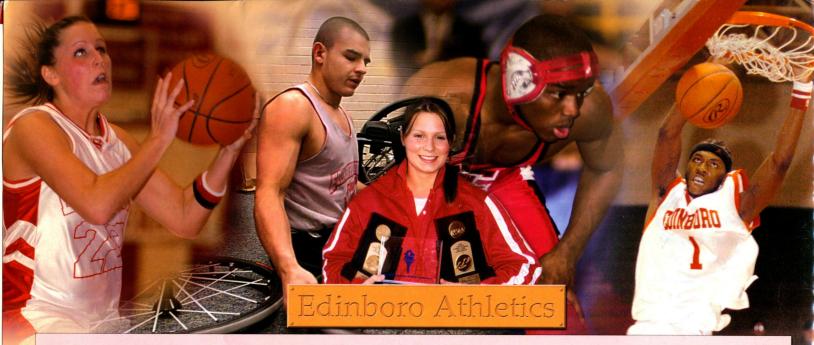
#### 2005 SPORTS CAMPS AND CLINICS

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Stroke Development Camp	June 12-16	Chris Rhodes 814-732-2770	6 ext. 228
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Team Camps 1 & 2	June 26-30, July 10-14	Bruce Baumgartner 814-732-277	6 ext. 223
Technique Camps 1 & 2	June 19-23, 26-30	Bruce Baumgartner 814-732-277	6 ext. 223
Technique Camps 3 & 4	July 3-7, 10-14	Bruce Baumgartner 814-732-277	6 ext. 223
Heavyweight Training Camp	July 2-9	Bruce Baumgartner 814-732-277	6 ext. 223
Heavyweight School	July 3-8	Bruce Baumgartner 814-732-277	6 ext. 223
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OU ROSSELLI'S INTENSIVE WRESTLING	July 10-15, 17-22, 24-29	Lou Rosselli 814-732-277	6 ext. 25
		Greg Walcavich 814-732-277	
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OCCER TEAM CAMP	July 20-23	Gary Kagiavas	6 ext. 27
TRI-STATE SOCCER CAMP	July 24-28	Mark Perry	'1
EDINBORO DISTANCE VILLAGE (Cross Country)	July 24-29	Doug Watts	6 ext. 26
		Missy Soboleski 814-732-277	
		Scott Browning 800-526-011	
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL SPECIALTY CAMP	July 28-30	Missy Soboleski 814-732-277	'6 ext. 23
WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL CAMP	July 31-Aug. 4	Jim Glatch	'6 ext. 27
		Dave Higham	

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY ~ 2005 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE			
AUGUST 27	WVU TECH	1:00 PM	
SEPTEMBER 3	AT EAST STROUDSBURG	1:05 PM	
SEPTEMBER 17	TIFFIN	1:00 PM	
SEPTEMBER 24	SHIPPENSBURG*	1:00 PM	
OCTOBER 1	CLARION* (HOMECOMING)	2:00 PM	
OCTOBER 8	AT CALIFORNIA (PA.)*	3:00 PM	
OCTOBER 15	AT INDIANA (PA.)*	1:00 PM	
OCTOBER 22	SLIPPERY ROCK* (FAMILY LEGACY WEEKEND)	1:00 PM	
OCTOBER 29	KUTZTOWN	1:00 PM	
NOVEMBER 5	AT LOCK HAVEN*	1:00 PM	
* PSAC	WEST CONTEST HEAD COACH: LOU TEP	PER	





#### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM FINISHES SECOND AT NATIONALS

On Saturday, November 20, the Edinboro University men's and women's cross country teams traveled to Evansville, Indiana, to compete in the NCAA Division II National Championships. Both teams exceeded expectations, even with the lofty standards set by long-time head coach Doug Watts. The women's team, ranked among the top ten all year, posted its highest finish ever, placing second. The previous highest finish was third place in 1999. The men's team, meanwhile, placed seventh, its highest finish since the 2000 team finished fourth.

In addition to the strong team showings, Edinboro had a total of six runners earn All-American honors – four on the women's side, two on the men's side. Leading the way was Julie Nemergut, who continued her strong postseason run with a fifth place finish after winning the championships at both the PSAC Championships and East Regionals. The junior earned All-American honors for the first time, crossing the finish line at 21:59.7. Alisha Williams of Western State was the individual champion with a time of 21:42.7.

Freshman Rachael Lanzel earned All-American honors with a 16th-place finish (22:47.5), and she was joined by Heather Wilmoth

(18th -22:50.8) and Kelly Richards (24th - 23:11.0). Lindsay Roberts and Lisa Gallagher completed the Edinboro contingent, finishing 38th (23:22.3) and 40th (23:25.4). Genise Green was unable to finish the race due to a foot injury.

ON THE MEN'S SIDE, Ryan Coon joined the list of two-time All-Americans with his second straight certificate. Coon placed 17th with a time of 32:48.3. He was the Eastern Regional champion two weeks ago. Jim Ansberry, who was unable to finish the regional due to illness, made up for it with a strong showing at Nationals. The senior finished with a time of 33:16.3, good for 30th place and All-American honors.

Jeremy Boehm (53rd - 33:56.3), Jared Lowry (58th - 34:08.5) and Dave Niemira (73rd - 34:25.4) completed Edinboro's scorers. Mark Hryvniak, with a 78th place finish (34:29.0), and Joe Reynolds, who placed 108th (35:07.5), also competed for Edinboro. The men's team was missing a key runner, as Dan Field missed the Nationals due to strep throat.

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