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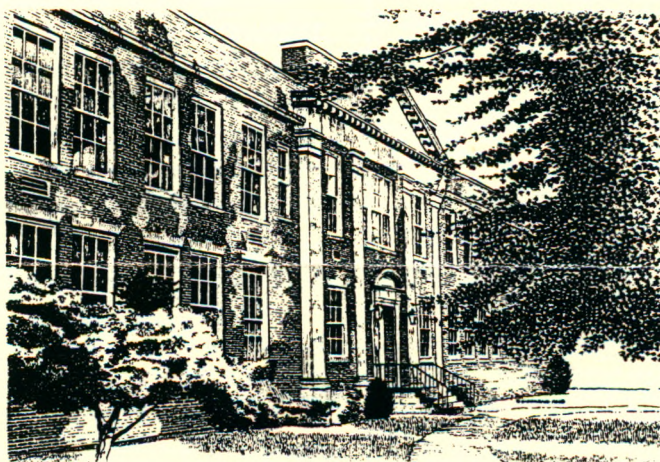
A newsletter from President Frank Pogue, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

Loveland Hall Fire: Clean-up Underway

An early morning fire destroyed the Printmaking Studio (Room 5) in Loveland Hall on Tuesday, March 18. Though the blaze was contained to Room 5, smoke, heat and water damaged adjacent rooms and other areas throughout the building. Fortunately, no one was injured in the fire which was discovered by Ron Harriger, a University Police Officer, on overnight patrol.

I wish to extend most sincere thanks to the Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department which efficiently responded to the call and controlled the fire very quickly. The site was inspected by the State Police Fire Marshall who determined the cause of the fire to be an iron that was left on.

I visited the building several times along with Provost Weber, Vice President Morley, Bill



Coleman, assistant vice president for facilities, and Walter Patterson, university safety officer. I was sorry to learn that some student and faculty artwork had been damaged and that some classes and student art shows will be interrupted as a result of the fire. If all goes as planned, however, Loveland will be open and fully operational (with the exception of the room where the fire originated) by April 11. Art shows planned for the Bates Gallery will

be located elsewhere during the clean-up period.

Sincere thanks are also due to the students and faculty for their help and patience, to Bill Coleman, Tom Anderson (Purchasing) and the Facilities staff for coordinating the clean-up effort. An outside agency has been contracted to clean the facility. We hope to have Room 5 operational by the start of the fall semester.

A Tough First Day on the Job . . .

University Safety Officer Walter Patterson

Walter Patterson joined the Edinboro Family on March 18, 1997 - the day of the Loveland Hall fire. Needless to say, his first day on the job was quite challenging as he assisted the Facilities staff and the State Police Fire Marshall with the investigation of the fire scene. Walter certainly met the challenges of this first assignment, and we were fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and competent safety officer on staff to attend to the necessary safety and prevention follow-up details.

Walter earned his bachelor of science degree in occupational health and safety management from

Slippery Rock University. He has extensive industrial safety and training experience -- most recently serving as the corporate safety manager and industrial hygienist for a manufacturing company in northeastern Ohio. He has nineteen years experience as a firefighter and fire officer.

Among his goals and objectives as Edinboro University's safety officer is the development of a formal fire and safety program and to initiate corresponding training efforts. He intends to develop within the community a comprehensive understanding of and appreciation for safety and fire prevention issues. He feels, as I do, that the key to a successful program is training and education.

From the Desk of the Provost

Honorary Doctorate Nominees

Although the May Commencement exercises are almost upon us, it is already time to be thinking about the coming academic year, at least in terms of the process of awarding honorary degrees.

In 1984, the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education approved an academic policy permitting each university to recognize outstanding individuals for honorary degree conferment. The honorary degree may be awarded to recognize distinguished service, creativity, scholarship, or other individual accomplishment in the service of humanity, whether in scientific, social, academic, creative, business, public, or other appropriate endeavor.

Honorary degrees may not be awarded to active State System of Higher Education Board of Governors members, Council of Trustees members, administrators, or faculty members except in extraordinary cases meriting special consideration. It is not required that the nominee for an honorary degree be personally involved with this University. The individual may be someone whose recognition would reflect favorably on Edinboro University and the State System of Higher Education.

In preparation for the December 1997 and May 1998 Commencement ceremonies, nominations are being sought from all sectors of the University. All suggestions received from our various constituencies will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the President's Cabinet which will present its recommendation to the President, resulting in a nomination to the Council of Trustees. Nominations, along with supporting materials, should be forwarded to me no later than April 25, 1997. I appreciate your attention to this important aspect of next year's Commencement ceremonies.

Clifford "Kip" Allen Joins the Council of Trustees

Clifford "Kip" Allen, an Edinboro business owner and mayor of the Borough of Edinboro, has been appointed by Governor Tom Ridge to the Edinboro University Council of Trustees. His appointment was effective March 18, 1997.

A native of Grove City, Pa., and a graduate of Grove City High School, Kip attended Edinboro State College in the mid 1960s before being drafted into the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict. For his service there as a sergeant with the 1st Air Cavalry Division, he was

awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Bronze Star Medal for heroism.

Kip has been a member of the Edinboro Borough Council since 1990 and Edinboro's mayor since 1992. He has owned and operated the Edinboro Hotel since 1976.

I know the Edinboro Family joins me in welcoming Kip to our Council. He has long been a supporter of scholarship programs and other University initiatives, and more recently has served in a leadership capacity with the State System of Higher Education Mayor's Council of Governments. He has always been a strong advocate for effective "town-gown" relations and will certainly add a valuable and unique perspective to the leadership of Edinboro University.

PBS Teleconference: *The New Public University*

Mission Day was an opportunity for us to examine Edinboro University in the context of a changing environment. It is fortuitous, then, that the American Association of State Colleges and Universities has produced a satellite teleconference titled "The New Public University—How Do We Compete in a Changing Environment." I invite you to attend this video conference on April 10, 1997, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in Classroom 6 at the Porreco Extension Center.

We will hear from a panel of leaders in public higher education to learn about new delivery systems and find out how other campuses are adjusting to legislators' and students' new expectations, including successful institutional models that meet community and corporate needs, and involving and motivating faculty, students, and community to change. If you are able to attend, contact Continuing Education (732-2671) to register.

"Writing and Thinking Workshop" April 3-5

As a result of funding I have allocated this academic year for faculty development, the English and Theatre Arts Department is hosting a workshop titled "Writing and Thinking," April 3-5. The workshop facilitator is Dr. Rob Whittemore, an associate of the Institute for Writing and Thinking at Bard College. Dr. Whittemore, professor of anthropology, will invite faculty members from English, Philosophy and Art to find ways of integrating writing into their curriculum and to facilitate participation of students in discussion. The campus coordinator for the grant is Professor Lucy Bohne, Department of English and Theatre Arts.

Math and Science Center Receives \$182,000 Grant

The Edinboro University Regional Mathematics and Science Center received a \$182,000 grant from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Program. This federal grant funds the first year of a three-year program for teacher enhancement and renewal.

The Center was created in 1994 to enhance the teaching skills of math and science teachers in grades K-8 by providing information, workshops, and access to math and science materials. It features an education resource center which has an extensive supply of math and science education materials and equipment available to be loaned out to local school teachers. The Center serves 17 school districts in Erie, Crawford and Warren counties, as well as the Diocese of Erie and the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit.

Much of this funding will go toward two summer institutes for math and science teachers who will receive a stipend for attending the two-week sessions. Co-Directors Dr. Bruce Smith and Dr. Nick Stupianski note that one of the big changes in the program this year is the inclusion of undergraduate students and pre-service teachers who are now able to check out materials and use the resources of the Center.

Technology Ingenuity Contest

Edinboro University is pleased to host again this year on Saturday, April 19, the Technology Ingenuity Contest at Cooper Hall. This contest is jointly sponsored by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, Technology Educators of Northwest Pennsylvania and the Erie Engineering Societies Council. The contest involves teams of the top science and math students from various high schools and junior high schools in the northwestern Pennsylvania region along with their parents. Preliminary registration figures indicate well over 200 students are preparing for the contest. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase our campus, faculty and facilities to potential students and their families.

Edinboro Students Named to Who's Who

The 1997 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will include the names of 77 students from Edinboro University who

have been selected as outstanding campus leaders. Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. These students join an elite group from more than 1,900 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934. Congratulations!

Wiring Upgrade Underway in Butterfield Hall

If you have visited Butterfield Hall during the past three weeks, you may have noticed a flurry of activity in the hallways, plenty of noise, and strange "ladders" hanging from the walls. Staff from Facilities and Technology and Communications have been busy installing cable trays, raceway and twisted-pair wiring within the building. These materials comprise the physical components of Structured Cable Systems (SCS), lacking within most University buildings but a key element of resilient voice, data and high-speed multimedia information networks. These information networks link information technologies to the Internet and to EUPnet (the University's Intranet).

The initial idea and inspiration for the project came from Dr. Philip Kerstetter, dean of education, and his department chairpersons with individuals from Networks and Telecommunications. Dr. Kerstetter took the initiative to highly prioritize the need and allocated the funding from within his budget. Unlike some other wiring projects on campus, the Butterfield Hall project could be addressed by our own staff.

The project should be completed by the end of April and is a first step in a larger comprehensive plan to upgrade the cable plant infrastructures across the campus. Please look to the *In Touch* and Technology and Communications newsletters for updates on infrastructure improvements.

A Memorial Service for Dr. Scott Dye;
retired member of the
Speech and Communication Studies Department
who passed away on February 22,
will be held on
Saturday, April 19, at 11:00 a.m.
at the Newman Center in Edinboro.

Student, Faculty and Staff Accolades

- ✓ Segments of a David Weinkauf (Art Department) film were screened at an Oscar Night gala in Hollywood, California. The film, *Chuck Jones: A Life of Animation*, was part of a tribute to this animation legend. In addition to salutes to past Academy Award winners for best animated short film, the winner and the nominees of this year's Oscar for best animated short film were invited to make guest appearances at the gala following the awards ceremony.
- ✓ Professor John Repp of the English and Theatre Arts Department received a residency fellowship (funded by the Lannan Foundation) for the month of June at the Dorland Mountain Arts Colony, Temecula, California. Professor Repp will draft poems intended for his third full-length collection.
- ✓ Jake Gallo, Center for Career Services, will present a paper at the 18th International Council for Distance Education (ICDE) Conference at Penn State University, June 2-5. The presentation will discuss his research on a Distance Learning Inventory and a Distance Learning Model. Jake is a doctoral student in Adult Education with a certification of study in distance education at Penn State.
- ✓ For the second consecutive year, Edinboro students participated in an alternative Spring Break Project in the Erie area. During the week of March 24, more than a dozen students assisted in a series of community service projects, which included working at Emerson Gridley Elementary School, the Emmaus Soup Kitchen, the Booker T. Washington Community Center, and Community Shelter Services.
- ✓ Student Jena Sabom recently participated in the 1998 Miss Pennsylvania USA Pageant held in Monroeville. Over the course of the two-day competition, Jena participated in two stage shows, rehearsals, interviews and many meetings.
- ✓ Kimberly Kennedy, Director of Residence Life and Housing, was named "Ambassador of the Year" by the Mountain View at Edinboro Chapter of the National Ski Patrol.
- ✓ The Grants Department reports that Edinboro received six awards during the second quarter of this year totaling \$99,885. The proposals funded include three programs through the SSHE Social Equity Office (Future Trek, Enhancing Edinboro and Project Camp), a training grant from Hamot Medical Center for graduate students in Speech Language Pathology and a grant from the PA Department of Education for the integration of arts into the curriculum.
- ✓ Desktop Systems and Learning Technology staff members in Technology and Communications have completed the setup, installation and delivery of systems on campus from the first set (36) received. Another shipment arrived recently, so staff members have been busy with this priority.

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