



# Technology & Communications

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## FROM THE DESK OF ANDREW LAWLOR

Greetings!

Imagine the far off whistle of a freight train. You know it exists, but you know very little about it. Where it is going, what is it carrying, how fast is it traveling? It has no effect on your life, but you know it was there.

Later, you come to a railroad crossing and, hearing the whistle, stop and wait for a train. Now, you are close enough to read on the engine that it is from the B&O Line, it is carrying coal, and, because you had to wait five minutes, it is going slow. It has had some effect on your life, as it interrupted your own travels, but only in a minor way. Your paths have crossed, but you are on your way again practically unaffected by the experience.

Another day, another place, and while crossing a train track with your car, it stops and will not restart. As you continue turning the ignition key, you begin to feel anxious. What if a train is coming? Should I get out and try to push? Where is a tow truck when you need one? And then, the worst happens - you hear that train whistle. You know that this train is going to have a lasting effect on your life, and you pray that the worst outcome is explaining the situation to your insurance adjuster and replacing your car! And while that is not catastrophic, the train and your life have become intertwined, even if only for awhile. You will not forget that day or the days following until life has settled back into a routine.

Why am I sharing this story? It is an analogy for Edinboro University's relationship with the SAP Shared Administrative System Project. When it began several years ago, it was theoretical and distant. When our payroll checks were computed and printed using SAP, we recognized the change, but as long as our pay was not affected, the impact was minimal.

However, we are now embarking on a path of change. We are on the track, and the train is coming! SyTEC representatives came to Edinboro University last week to work with Finance and Administration and Technology and Communications personnel on the implementation of SAP Finance. Implementation is now underway and will be complete in late November. It is reported that SAP is going to improve some processes and make others more difficult. More importantly, it will change how we operate and do business. Any change in software will have that effect.

On a related note, the chief IT officers of the State System have determined that, where SAP does not deliver functionality, the System universities will need to address those deficiencies. The goal is to do so using an approach that allows for applications to be shared among the universities. To accomplish that, we need a common application development framework. The CITO's have begun the process of determining how to build it so we are ready when SAP, especially Campus Management, is implemented.

So, for Edinboro University, the train is here for SAP Finance, and we are going to be changed because of it. We are also involved in the implementation process for Campus Management (the portion that deals with student records and processing) but are in the third wave, while the first universities will get started in 2007. We welcome the involvement now as it provides an opportunity to shape our future.

Stay tuned for more SAP news and embrace the transformation!

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## TECHNOLOGY FEE PROPOSALS SUB- MISSIONS DUE

Proposals for the 2006-07 round of the Technology Fee submission are now being accepted. To do so, access the Technology Fee Implementation System at <http://www.tac.edinboro.edu/techfee/>.

**The deadline for submission is March 31, 2006.**

Please note that we encourage questions and consultation as you develop your proposal. Resources are available within the Technology Fee Implementation System as well as by contacting the Help Desk at x2111 or sending an email to DJ Bradley at [bradley@edinboro.edu](mailto:bradley@edinboro.edu).

Here are some tips for submitting a successful proposal:

- enter "eup\" in front of your username (i.e. eup\username) when accessing this system

- read the 12 item checklist before entering your proposal
- remember to research all the associated costs for implementing your proposal including but not limited to hardware, software, network, phone, electrical, construction renovations, HVAC and any other related items prior to entering your proposal. These items are required and may delay your or negate the consideration of your proposal.

The Teaching and Learning with Technology Roundtable (TLTR) is holding another Technology Buffet this semester to provide additional suggestions and consultation on the Technology Fee proposals. It will be held on March 23, 2006, in the Van Houten South Dining Hall. I encourage you to attend and pick up some great ideas for your proposal! Register at:

<http://departments.edinboro.edu/tac/dslt/tltr/events.html>

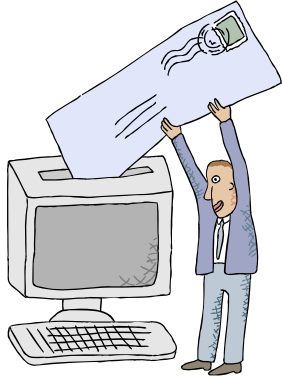
The Planning for Technology Committee looks forward to reviewing your submissions.

## Distance Education Task Force Holds Second Meeting



Given the significant growth in both videoconferencing and web-based distance learning at Edinboro, the Distance Education Task Force will examine both methods, at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Working within the context of the University's priorities and System goals, the Task Force will identify objectives, resources and future directions for distance education.

Members include: Andrew Lawlor, Chairperson, Peg Bevevino, Trish Hillman, Mary Flowers, Jerry Kiel, Rick Wagonseller, Kathleen Daily, Elizabeth Richardson, Frank Taylor, Scott Baldwin, Gayle Morris, Vera Lee Byrd, Randall McCaslin, and Elizabeth Roush.



## IS YOUR EMAIL ACCOUNT OVER 90% FULL?

If so, starting the week of March 19th, notifications will be going out via email asking you to delete or move messages.

The notification will let you know that your electronic mail account is using over 90% of its allotted disk space. It will also inform you that the University's limited resources cannot permit excessive use of disk space or obsolete messages, including those containing attachments.

If you do receive a message of this nature, to ensure continued receipt of emails you'll need to delete messages or move them to your PC.

Please contact the Help Desk at x2111 to request assistance in organizing and downloading your email files or visit the following link:

<http://www.tac.edinboro.edu/quotaissues.html>

## THIS YEAR IN

### TECHNOLOGY

1972

- Intel introduces its 200-KHz 8008 chip, the first 8-bit microprocessor.
- Atari is founded and ships Pong, the first commercial video game.
- Canada's Automatic Electronic Systems introduces the world's first programmable word processor.
- Bill Gates and Paul Allen form the Traf-O-Data company.
- 5.25 inch diskettes first appear.

The following website is used to convey timely information about situations which impact the entire campus:

<http://alerts.edinboro.edu/>



## CHECK OUT THIS RESOURCE:

Read more than 3000 books online free:

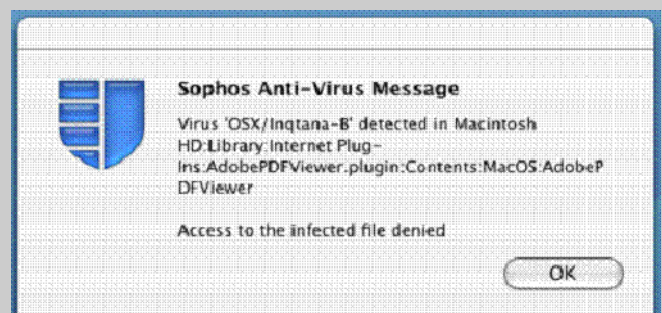
<http://www.nap.edu/>

## TECH TIP by: DJ Bradley

Don't forget to "lock before you walk" your computer by pressing and holding the windows key while pressing the "L" on your keyboard.

## Virus Makes History at EUP

The first ever Macintosh virus has hit our campus. Joe Pyrdek, Technology Technician for Liberal Arts, found this on a Mac he was working on. Below is the historic message:



## YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

The next **TLTR Technology Buffet** will be held on THURSDAY, March 23rd from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. in Van Houten South.

During the Technology Buffet, there are 10 tables or stations, each with a different type of technology to enhance learning. Each presenter at the station will go through a 10 minute demonstration of the technology. The audience will move from station to station and the presenters will restart their demonstrations every 10 minutes. Lunch will be served during the event and you can walk around (with your lunch if you wish) to each station.



Space is limited, so please register using the TLTR Registration form by going to the Edinboro University Homepage and typing in "Technology Buffet Registration" in the Keyword Search box.

For more information please click this link

<http://departments.edinboro.edu/tac/dslt/tltr/events.html>



**C-CUE**  
(Consortium for  
Computing in Under-  
grad Education)

As a member of C-CUE ([www.ccue.org](http://www.ccue.org)) there are a couple of events members of the Edinboro community may be interested in attending.

On April 21st, Edinboro will be hosting a C-Cue event/TLTR co-sponsored event "Technology Applications in Art". For more information:

<http://departments.edinboro.edu/tac/dslt/tltr/ccue.html>

C-Cue's next Tech Summit will take place on May 17-19, 2006 at the Oglebay resort and Conference Center.

There will be 3 tracks: End User Support/Networking/Security, Instructional Technology, & Vendor Technology/Vendor Fair.

Click here to register:

<http://www.laroche.edu/ccue/>

**// BITS //** Business Information Technology Summit **// 2006 //**

BITS (Business Information Technology Summit), sponsored by the NWPATechnology Council, is back and better than ever, with a range of timely topics of business and IT! With keynote speaker, Ray Gilbert, Associate Vice President of Enterprise Collaboration at Lucent IT, this is an event you won't want to miss.

**CEO/Entrepreneur Track:** For leaders in tech-based innovation;

**CIO/IT Management Track:** For leaders in supervising and creating high technology value in any company;

**TECH Enthusiast Track:** For anyone interested in the latest and greatest tech trends and issues.

BITS will be held on May 17, 2006 at Edinboro University. As a Tech Council member, Edinboro University registrants are eligible for the member rate of \$50. For more details visit:

<http://www.techcouncilnwpa.org/bits0601.asp>



## ADOBE CONTRACT RENEWED— So What Does it Mean?

Our Adobe contract was recently renewed with the PA State System of Higher Education (PA-SSHE). We have purchased and continue to purchase a bulk of the Adobe licenses with Technology Fee funds, therefore we have to ensure licenses are controlled and maintained properly.

What does all this mean to you? As you probably are aware, if you are a Faculty member, you can use the existing copies of the Adobe products that have been purchased with technology fee funds free of charge. If you have plans to install the Adobe products in lab environment for students, it is also free. If you are not a Faculty member, you must purchase a “concurrent” license and the 24 month maintenance of the Adobe product you desire and you must also purchase a copy of the K2 client for each user in your area that wishes to use the product. This is beneficial to your department because you may have several department members wishing to use one of the Adobe products, but you only need to purchase one license and it will be controlled by the key server. Of course only one individual can use it at a time, but it could be installed on every machine in your department if need be.

This may seem a bit confusing (that is because Adobe makes it difficult with their licensing structure), but we can assist you if you need to purchase one or more of their products. Please submit a helpdesk call if you are interested in pricing and installation options for any Adobe product.



## WORMS, VIRUS' & OTHER COMPUTER MALADIES...

A new form of worm has been discovered that 'chats' to users of instant messaging programs to persuade them to download an infected file. For more information:

<http://www.vnunet.com/vnet/news/2147269/intelligent-worm-exploits-im>

Be aware of a new virus, Bagle-DO mass-mailing worm, which uses social engineering and attempts to scare email users into opening an attachment with the threat of a lawsuit. For more information:

[http://www.sophos.com/pressoffice/news/articles/2006/03/bagledo.html?pl\\_id=9%20%20&lang\\_id=1&lp\\_keyword=bagledo](http://www.sophos.com/pressoffice/news/articles/2006/03/bagledo.html?pl_id=9%20%20&lang_id=1&lp_keyword=bagledo)

As usual, the best way to avoid an infection is by ignoring email from unfamiliar sources and by keeping a current and updated version of an antivirus product on your system.

## DID YOU KNOW...?

Since September of 2004, Edinboro University has recycled 1132 pieces of technology equipment.



A stack of outdated keyboards await recycling in Ross Hall.



## The fastest way to service.....

Contact the **Help Desk** at X2111 or type in KEYWORD: *TAC Help Desk* and then choose *request support*.

For new employees, employee changes/relocation or separating employees, please use our **ECOR** (Employee Changes & Office Relocation) wizard. Type in KEYWORD: *“ECOR”*

**Reminder:** Forms like the CSR (Communications Service Request) are no longer used and submission of such could cause a delay in service.