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University Video

During the past six weeks, the Center for Learning Through Telecommunications has been negotiating with University Video to participate in the distribution of telecourses through retail video outlets. This method of distribution is viewed as expanding the opportunity for adult learners to make use of this medium by making it more convenient to access. The College's role would primarily consist of test development and administration. Students completing a course would register to take an appropriate TECEP examination. This is similar to the current arrangement the College has with the electronic university.

The initial phase of this project will involve three pilot sites: Denver, Colorado; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Richmond, Virginia. Should the pilot phase prove successful, the program will be expanded to targeted cities.

Linking Learners and Libraries

Linking Learners and Libraries was the title of a one-day conference held under the auspices of Project LEARN on November 1, 1985, sponsored by Edison State College, Educational Testing Service, the New Jersey Library Association, the New Jersey State Library, and Trenton State College. The purpose of the conference was to bring together representatives from higher education, libraries, corporations, adult education schools, and others who are providers of services to adult learners, to learn from one another and to expand the focus of their own work.

Speakers included author Ron Cross; David Carr, Associate Dean of Graduate School of Education at Rutgers University; Lynn Miller, President of the New Jersey Library Association; Mary Joyce Doyle, Director of the Bergenfield Free Public Library; Dr. Arlon Elser of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation; Dr. Sally Yerkovich of the National Endowment for the Humanities; and Dr. Robert Corman of the Fund for New Jersey.

One participant commented at the end of the day, "I never realized that so many people in so many different types of institutions and from such different vantage points were trying to do some of the same things I am. I feel I have a whole new resources network from which to draw, learn, and contribute."

#### New Staff Member

Richard Hamilton joined the Office of Prior Learning Assessment to succeed Dr. Bakewicz as portfolio advisor.

Prior to coming to the College, Richard was employed by the Department of Environmental Protection as a Senior Environmental Specialist. In addition to this position, Richard worked for Comex, Inc., offering CLEP training sessions, conducting information sessions, and developing new tutorial materials for adults. He also worked for the Morris County Human Resources Agency, the Dover Learning Center, where he developed remedial curricula in math, reading, and English for an adult alternative high school.

His educational background is in environmental science, education, and English literature. He has an M.S. in Science Education from Montclair State College.

#### Resignations

Susan Simosko resigned as Director of the Office of Prior Learning Assessment and of the Statewide Testing and Assessment Office effective February 1, 1986. Susan has provided outstanding leadership to the College for a number of years. She will be missed at the College.

#### Navy Basic Nuclear Power School/Nuclear Regulatory Commission Operator License Additional Credits to be Awarded by Edison State College

Edison State College currently has 121 students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Applied Science and Technology Program with specializations in either Nuclear Industrial Operations or Radiation Protection. In addition, there are 39 students with the College for Limited Service who have completed the Navy Training program and/or have an operator's license. These students will receive from 38 to 50 semester hours of credit. It is anticipated that a total of 7,500 credits could be awarded to these students for the above programs. At \$3.00 per credit hour for transcription, the potential amount to be collected by the College is \$22,500.

Most students in the Nuclear Industrial Operations Specialization will hold Reactor Operator licenses from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as well as having completed Navy Basic Nuclear Power School. These students will receive 57 semester hours from these two sources, which will cover specialization, advanced theory, mathematics, and physics. Students who have not been in the Navy will receive 27 semester hours covering most of the specialization.

Students who have completed the Navy program but do not have an operator's license, notably those who work in Radiation Protection, will receive 38 semester hours covering math, physics, advanced theory, and about one-half of the specialization. Such students in the Radiation Protection Specialization would then do portfolios for five or six courses in their specialization, such as Health Physics, Radiation Detection, Radiation Monitoring, Biological Effects of Radiation, Radiation Shielding, and Radioactive Waste Control.

With these credits, a large number of our current students will be able to complete their degrees, and we will be more competitive with other schools for new students.

It should be noted that Edison State College awards credits for 34 licenses and certificates, ranging from as few as two credits to a maximum of 60 credits. This option for students to earn credit through licensure and certificates is a very important part of the Edison State College program. It attracts many students to the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Programs, and accounts for a very large number of credit awards.

#### Opening Doors

The College's Admissions process has been dramatically improved with the introduction of a new recruitment publication titled, "Opening Doors." The publication serves as a single information piece that is sent to individuals who inquire about the College. An application for admission is included in the publication which is designed to move a potential student through a straightforward step-by-step process culminating in completion of the application for admission. Careful attention has been paid to providing the potential student with the appropriate level of information needed to make a decision to apply and enroll.

#### Alumni Affairs

Recognizing the impressive growth of alumni activities and alumni participation in those activities, a separate Office of Alumni Affairs has been established. This function was previously handled as part of the Development Office. The Edison State College Alumni Association, which was founded in 1976, is a revitalized and dynamic organization. The Alumni Association Board of Directors is providing excellent volunteer leadership and, as a result, is channelling the time and effort of over 300 active alumni to the benefit of the College.

As part of this reorganization, the Alumni Phonathon portion of the Annual Fund has been shifted from the Development Office to the Alumni Affairs Office. The single most ambitious undertaking being planned by the Alumni Association is the First Alumni Weekend scheduled for May 3-4, 1986, at the AT&T Corporate Education Headquarters in Princeton.

### New Jersey Legislature

As a result of the recent election, the control of the New Jersey General Assembly has shifted from Democratic to Republican. The Republicans were successful in being elected to 50 seats as opposed to 30 seats for the Democrats. The new Speaker of the Assembly will be Charles Hardwick, Republican, from the 21st District. Alan Karcher, Democrat, from the 19th District, has been elected as the new minority leader. We do not expect this change in leadership to have a major impact on the College.

### Community Service

In keeping with the community involvement function of the Division of Public Affairs, Tom Streckewald, Executive Director of Development, has recently been named to two volunteer positions. He will serve as the 1985-86 Chair of the Education Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the Princeton Area and will work with the Chamber to develop beneficial linkages between the education and business sectors. Tom has also been appointed to the Board of Directors of Trenton Renaissance, an organization which includes many local professionals among its members. Trenton Renaissance is dedicated to the realization of a planned, multi-faceted rebirth of the City of Trenton.

### Salary Program

The College has been notified that its salary program allocation for FY 1986 will total \$162,001. This compares to an initial planning target allocation of \$167,000 and the College projected need of \$190,000.

### Space Changes

The Capital Planning and Budgeting Commission space on the fifth floor has been vacated for the College's use. This space is currently being evaluated for its suitability for housing the College's data processing equipment.

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