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## Flurry of activity surrounds Tenth Anniversary Celebration...

### ...New President announced

The Board of Trustees of Thomas A. Edison State College is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. George A. Pruitt as the College's third president, effective December 1, 1982. He currently serves as Executive Vice President of the Council for the Advancement of Experiential Learning (CAEL), a



Dr. George A. Pruitt

national association of colleges and universities.

"We are delighted that Dr. Pruitt has agreed to become the third President of Edison State College," stated Eleanor Spiegel, Chairperson of the College's Board of Trustees. "Candidates throughout the country were considered and Dr. Pruitt was selected because we feel confident that, with his experience as an educator and his commitment to nontraditional education, he is uniquely qualified to provide the dynamic leadership the College needs to continue its growth," she continued.

Dr. Pruitt, 36, has held a number of significant leadership positions in higher education, including Vice President and Professor of Education at Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee; Vice President, Executive Assistant to the President, and Associate Professor of Urban Affairs, Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland; Dean of Students, Towson State College, Towson, Maryland; Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Instructor in Education, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois. He was born in Canton, Mississippi, and is a native of Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Pruitt attended the University of Illinois, and received the Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from Illinois State University. He received his Ph.D. from The Union Graduate School in Cincinnati, Ohio.

He has served as an accreditation evaluator for the Commission on

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### ...Accreditation reaffirmed

The accreditation of Edison State College was recently reaffirmed by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

The seven-member team of educators appointed by the Middle States Association was chaired by Dr. Dallas Beal, President of SUNY College of Arts and Sciences of Fredonia, New York. "From an experiment in flexible nontraditional access to higher education," the report stated that "Edison State College has crossed the threshold of maturity to become an established institution of public higher education in New Jersey."

"The proof of your working model of access to higher education is clearly evident," the report continued, and the accreditation

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It was a special day for Graduate Maria Rosa, center. To share it with her, her father, Trinidad, came from Puerto Rico. Also pictured is Academic Counselor Selma Gitterman, left.

Over 120 graduates and their families attended the Tenth Annual Commencement ceremonies of Thomas A. Edison State College, October 17, at the War Memorial Building in Trenton.

Graduates traveled from every county in the State and as far away as Minnesota and Canada in order to participate. Throughout the year, 514 associate and baccalaureate degrees have been awarded by the College, bringing the total number of graduates to 3,853 in its Tenth Anniversary year.

Allan W. Ostar, President of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, delivered

the Commencement address.

"Students such as you have been called nontraditional," he told the graduates. "That concept will all change in the years ahead. You will become the traditional students. At a time when everyone is talking about a depression in higher education," he continued, "you are taking part in an exciting new development."

Ostar pointed out that today's society is "more complex and requires more education than it did in earlier times. Did you know that every year eight percent of the jobs in this country become obsolete?" he asked the audience.

"There is a need to learn while on the job," he continued, "and that requires programs that are more flexible in both scheduling and location. Most of you already had career and family responsibilities before coming here, making it necessary to conduct your education at your own pace, independent of class schedules and residence requirements."

"Edison State College recognizes your special needs and has taken the lead nationally in blazing a trail that other colleges and universities surely will follow," Ostar told the graduates.

The Commencement ceremony was followed by a Tenth Anniversary Banquet, which was attended by over 400 students, alumni, and friends of the College.



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## New President announced



Incoming President, Dr. George Pruitt, left, with Alumni Association President Bruce Hubscher at the Commencement reception.

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Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; Mid-Atlantic Regional Coordinator for the American Association for Higher Education; member of the Board of Trustees of the Greater Baltimore Medical Center and the Board of Trustees of the Nashville Urban League. He has been honored with numerous citations and awards for public service and contributions to higher education.

"I am pleased and flattered to have the opportunity to lead one of America's most significant institutions of higher learning," stated Dr. Pruitt. "Edison State College is nationally known for the quality of its programs and the creative responsiveness to the special strengths and requirements of the adult learner," he continued.

Dr. Pruitt is married to the former Delores Walker and has a five-year old daughter, Shayla Nicole.

Edison State College is New Jersey's State College for External Degrees. It offers adults the opportunity to earn college credits

and degrees through several methods, including testing, assessment, transfer, telecourses, correspondence courses, and independent study. In its ten-year history, Edison State College has awarded 3,853 associate and baccalaureate degrees.



Dr. Pruitt addressing alumni and friends at the Banquet.

## Accreditation reaffirmed

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team recommended that the College continue to bring its mission and accomplishments into fuller view of the people of New Jersey.

"The significance of the Middle States report," according to Dr. Arnold Fletcher, Acting President of Edison State College, "is that the team confirms what we at Edison have felt for a long time: indeed, we have 'come of age.' Although our approach to degree programs and college credits is not traditional, when we are evaluated using the same criteria as other colleges, we do exceedingly well. Innovation in education can be obtained without sacrificing quality, and our reaccreditation confirms that fact."

Edison State College, New Jersey's College for External Degrees, offers adults the opportunity to earn college credits in a variety of ways. Its students, whose average age is 39, are typically juggling work and family responsibilities as well as earning a college degree.

The College provides three methods of earning credits: college equivalency examinations, portfolio assessment, and transfer of credits earned elsewhere. Most students use a combination of these methods to earn their degree.

The Commission focused considerable attention on the way in which Edison State College students earn credits toward their degrees and highly praised the examination and assessment methods of earning credit. "It is the methodology used by Edison State College in awarding credit that clearly establishes its uniqueness," the report continued. Edison State College, through its Thomas Edison State College Examination Program (TECEP), has developed ninety-five examinations

in the liberal arts, business, and professional subjects. The examinations have been developed to meet many of the credit distribution requirements of the College's six degree programs, which "... keep the College near the forefront of program development appropriate to its current mission."

The College's portfolio assessment process, whereby students may earn college credits by successfully demonstrating college-level knowledge they gained outside the college classroom, was also commended by the team as being "the process that firms and shapes what is largely unique about the College." High praise was given to the guidance procedures and careful supervision of the portfolio assessment process.

As part of the visit, the accreditation team met with students and alumni of the College. "The students and alumni with whom we met expressed high praise for the Edison experience," stated the team, "and they uniformly shared their enthusiasm for the caring attitude of the staff."

With its degree programs and assessment model in place, the team challenged Edison State College, on its Tenth Anniversary, to focus on a new agenda that should include: future development of the computer capability, a strong minority outreach program, additional counseling for enrolled students, and staff development. "We urge you," the team concluded, "to continue your associations with industry and your consortial arrangements with other institutions. To do so will serve to enhance Edison's image and the uniqueness of its service to New Jersey and beyond."

## Determination, hard work rewarded at Commencement

Although many of Edison State College's graduates have sacrificed a great deal in an effort to earn a degree, for Madelaiden Calderon, the sacrifices were greater and the obstacles more difficult to overcome.

Despite a paralysis in both of her arms and legs, Madelaiden Calderon was on stage with the rest of the Class of 1982 to receive her Associate in Arts degree. Her future plans include completion of her baccalaureate degree—and perhaps graduate school.

Madelaiden earned credits toward her degree by combining testing and assessment at Edison State College with classroom attendance at Jersey City State College. She was able to earn 18 credits in foreign language through the Thomas Edison College Examination Program (TECEP), which was administered orally to Madelaiden because of her handicap.

The remaining credits needed for Madelaiden to earn the associate degree were earned through coursework at Jersey City State College, where she is currently attending classes toward her baccalaureate program. She has earned approximately 80 credits so far, with a major in Musicology and a minor in Psychology.

In order for Madelaiden to attend classes, the cooperation of many people is required. She has been working closely with Academic Counselor, Angela Fontan, of Edison State College, and John Miller, Chairman of the Modern Language Department at Jersey City State College. "Any individual who works hard and is persistent and has the cooperation of the staff can earn a degree, no matter what the obstacles," Dr. Miller believes. Dr.

Miller and Ms. Fontan collaborated to work out Madelaiden's degree requirements. In the beginning, they also interceded on her behalf to clear up scheduling problems and make special arrangements for her to tape lectures because she could not take notes. "The important thing that happened along the way" Miller pointed out, "is that Madelaiden became less and less dependent on us. Now she knows how to resolve problems on her own."

Transportation to Jersey City State College is provided by the New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. Two days a week, Madelaiden arrives on campus in the van, with her electric wheelchair, and attends classes. To make the most of her two days, she schedules classes from early morning to late in the evening and compromises on her choices of subjects "just to fit them into the schedule." Hopefully, the winter weather holds off, because, as Madelaiden points out, her electric wheelchair is "no good in the snow."

Madelaiden and her family came to the United States from Cuba twelve years ago. She has been a piano teacher for 22 years and, despite her handicap, continues to teach through indirect methods. Her knowledge of music is currently being evaluated through Edison State College's Office of Testing and Assessment for possible credit toward her baccalaureate degree.

"There are opportunities for me," Madelaiden stated emphatically. "To accomplish what I have has been very difficult—it requires a lot of effort. But," she continued, "with faith in God, hard work, and the support of people who care, it can be done."



Madelaiden Calderon receives a Certificate of Achievement at the Tenth Anniversary Banquet following Commencement. Her cousin, Manuel, looks on as the award is presented by Thomas Streckewald, Director of Development at Edison.



Graduate LeRoy Becker and his wife, Barbara (left), attended the pre-Commencement reception. They are pictured with Nancy Norville, Edison's Coordinator of Admissions.

# Anniversary Celebration includes alumna art show



Alumna Pat Tindall

"TrentonScapes," a series of watercolors by Alumna Patricia Tindall, was on exhibit at the College the week of October 11 in celebration of the Tenth Anniversary.

"TrentonScapes" depicted familiar Trenton scenes from creative viewpoints, including paintings of West State Street architecture such as the Kelsey Building (where Edison State College is located) and the Capitol Dome. Several of the paintings were exhibited during the 1981 "Eyes on Trenton" art celebration sponsored by the Trenton Artists Workshop Association, but the Tenth Anniversary Exhibit marked the first, and possibly last, time Ms. Tindall's tribute to Trenton was shown as a complete collection. Some Princeton and Manhattan scenes are also included in the series.

Patricia Tindall was awarded her Bachelor of Arts degree from Edison State College in 1980. She has been an administrator in the Department of Art and Archaeology at Princeton University for fifteen years.

Trained as a commercial artist at Pratt Institute, she began to concentrate on the medium of watercolor in 1976, studying with Vincent Ceglia (MCCC), Nicholas Reale (PAA), Jeannie Dobie and Christopher Schink, all American Watercolor Society members. Her representational style, using familiar



Dr. Edward D. Goldberg, Assistant Chancellor for Academic Affairs, delivered the keynote address at the Tenth Anniversary Banquet. Dr. Goldberg discussed the State Department of Higher Education's Master Plan and its relevance to Edison State College.

places and objects as her subject matter, has been labeled "romantic realism."

## Telecourses continue with additional spring offerings

The response to the first Edison State College telecourse offerings was a sell-out. Both courses are fully enrolled and all the necessary materials and texts have been mailed to students.

Because of this very positive response, the College will be offering two additional courses during the Spring semester.

### AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SURVEY

An overview of the governmental system of the United States, this telecourse includes the theories and principles of constitutional government with selected programs of illustration and case studies, as well as an overview of state governments with California, Illinois, and Texas as representative models.

Interviews with top-ranking government officials, dramatizations of important historical events, and on-location visits vitalize the course. Representative Barbara Jordan, William F. Buckley, Jesse Jackson, Senator William Proxmire, Governor James Thompson of Illinois, Jody Powell, Jack Valenti, Bill Moyers, and Ralph Nader are only a few of the important figures who discuss their perceptions about the way federalism operates and should operate.

This course is classified as Social

Science for all degree programs. However, it duplicates the CLEP American Government examination and partially duplicates the TECEP examination Introduction to Political Science.

### PERSONAL FINANCE AND MONEY MANAGEMENT

The wise use of financial resources today requires more than an income-producing job and simple subtraction skills. In today's world, an individual must approach financial needs with the savvy of an investment counselor managing the affairs of the company's most important client. With the guidance of finance author and lecturer Bob Rosefsky, students will learn the basics of budgeting and buying, the intricacies of home ownership, income tax and investments, and the wise use of insurance, wills, and trusts.

This course is classified as a Free Elective for all degree programs.

Please check with your advisor as to the appropriateness of these courses to your degree program.

If you are interested in receiving registration materials for these telecourses, please fill out and return the form below by January 1, 1983. When scheduling of broadcasts has been determined by the various television networks, additional materials will be sent to you. Stay tuned!

### TELECOURSE INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Courses in which you are interested:

American Government Survey

Personal Finance and Money Management

Return to: Registrar, Edison State College, 101 West State St., CN 545, Trenton, N.J. 08625.

Among the Edison Staff getting ready for Commencement were Emily Carone (left) and Maris Cutting of the Office of Testing and Assessment and Academic Counselor Lance Davis. In the background is Counselor Ralph Viviano.



After dinner entertainment at the Banquet was provided by Dr. Arnold Fletcher, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Acting President of the College.



Albert Knowles, Edison's oldest alumnus, receives a Certificate of Achievement from Thomas Streckewald, Director of Development.

# Endowed scholarship created to honor Dr. Matusak

"In recognition of the remarkable development of Thomas A. Edison State College under the leadership of Dr. Lorraine R. Matusak, and in honor of her deep and continuing commitment to access, choice, and quality of education for adult learners nationwide, we, the staff of Thomas A. Edison State College, hereby establish in her name, the Lorraine R. Matusak Endowed Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$500."

With the above declaration, the staff of Edison State College created the first endowed scholarship fund in the College's history. Fittingly, the scholarship honors Dr. Lorraine R. Matusak. In her three years as President of Edison, Dr. Matusak

provided leadership which has been instrumental in the emergence of Edison State College as a national model for adult higher education.

Because this is an endowed fund, scholarships will be awarded from the interest earned. Jules Kahn, Director of Financial Aid, expects that the first awards will be made during the summer of 1983. Interested students may contact him at 984-1150 for complete financial aid information.

The Development Office has set a one year goal of \$10,000 to complete the endowment of this scholarship fund. Students and alumni who wish to contribute may do so by sending checks to: LRM Scholarship Fund, 101 W. State Street, CN 545, Trenton, NJ 08625.

## Final tally on Phonathon

The final results have been tallied for the 1982 Phonathon and the event was clearly an unqualified success! The Foundation received \$11,943.75 in contributions from alumni, staff, and corporate matching gifts. This amount, comprised of 562 individual gifts and 30 matching gifts from 23 corporations, equals a remarkable 78.7% of the amount actually pledged and exceeds the total from the last phonathon by more than \$4,000! In fact, this year's total is only \$56.25 short of the original goal of \$12,000 for the Phonathon; a total which will be exceeded when the remaining corporate matching gifts come in.

The average gift this year was \$21.25, and we received 45 gifts of \$50.00 or more. The largest contribution was \$300.00, and the smallest \$1.00.

Congratulations and thank you to all who assisted in an excellent and highly successful effort.



Renee Borstad, Director of Consumer Affairs in Burlington County and an Edison Alumna, addressed fellow alumni and friends at the Banquet. She also received a Certificate of Appreciation for her support of the College.

## Merck grant aids computer efficiency

Tom Streckewald, Director of Development, is pleased to announce the receipt of the second installment of a two-year \$6,000 grant from the Merck Company Foundation for upgrading of the data processing capabilities of Edison State College.

The first half of the grant was used last year to create computer programs allowing the Registrar's Office to track students' files through the

transcript evaluation process and to reorganize the data input process. Combined with a reorganization of the Registrar's Office under its new Registrar, Jack Phillips, these developments have created an extremely efficient transcript evaluation process.

This year's award of \$3,000 will be used to create computer programs for the administration and record-keeping of the TECEP examination

program and the Portfolio Assessment process, and to construct a computerized listing of all faculty consultants, according to Dennis Smith, Director of Institutional Research and Systems Planning.

The Merck grant, therefore, has been instrumental in helping the College achieve its goal of increased efficiency of delivery of services to students.

## 139 examinations added

# Opportunities increase for credit by examinations

One hundred thirty-nine additional credit-bearing examinations will be available at all regular TECEP administration sites beginning November 13, 1982. This will bring to 234 the total number of college-level examinations in the College's examination program. A brief description of each of these new examinations and registration materials may be obtained through the Office of the Registrar.

These examinations are divided into two different sets. One set is known as the DANTE Subject Standardized Tests (DSST's). The fee per credit attempted for DSST examinations is the same as for other TECEP examinations. The DSST examinations and their credit amounts are listed below:

TITLE	CREDIT AMOUNT
<b>Humanities</b>	
French I	3
French II	3
German I	3
German II	3
Spanish I	3
Spanish II	3
<b>Social Sciences</b>	
Psychology of Adjustment	3
General Anthropology	3
<b>Natural Sciences/Mathematics</b>	
Meteorology and Climatology	3
College Algebra	3
Intermediate College Algebra	3
Plane Trigonometry	3
Calculus I	4
Calculus II	4
Differential Equations	3
Linear Algebra	3
Technical Mathematics I	4
Astronomy I	2
General Geophysics	3
Principles of Physical Science I	3
Geology I	3
<b>Business</b>	
Principles of Financial Accounting I	3
Introduction to Management	3
Risk and Insurance	3
<b>Professional Areas</b>	
Introduction to Education	3
Introduction to Forestry	3
Fundamentals of Electricity	2
Electrical Measuring Instruments	3
Introduction to Electronics I	3
Introduction to Electronics II	3

The second set of examinations is being made available from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. They will be available through Edison State College at its New Jersey testing locations only.

Out-of-state students who wish to take any of these examinations should contact the Enrollment Clerk, Independent Study, Tupper Hall, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701.

Note that Ohio University uses a *quarter-hour* credit system, rather than the *semester-hour* credit system Edison State College uses. The fee for these examinations is \$15.00 per *quarter hour*. Any credits earned, however, will be translated into *semester-hours* on Edison State College transcripts.

The Ohio University examinations and their credit amounts in *quarter hours* are listed below:

TITLE	CREDIT AMOUNT
<b>Humanities</b>	
<i>English, Humanities</i>	
Humanities—Great Books I	3
Humanities—Great Books II	3
Humanities—Great Books III	3
Humanities—Great Books IV	3
Humanities—Great Books V	3
Humanities—Great Books VI	3
<i>English Language and Literature</i>	
Interpretation of Fiction	5
Interpretation of Drama	5
Shakespeare, The Histories	5
Shakespeare, The Comedies	5
Shakespeare, The Tragedies	5
Medieval and Renaissance English Literature	5
Restoration and Neoclassical English Literature	5
Romantic and Victorian Literature	5
American Literature	3
American Literature to the Civil War	5
American Literature since the Civil War	5
<i>History</i>	
Western Civilization in Modern Times I	4
Western Civilization in Modern Times II	4

<b>Zoology</b>	
Principles of Biology	5
Human Biology	5
Introduction to Zoology	6
Human Physiology	4
Bioethical Problems in Biology and Medicine	5
Biology and the Future of Man	5
<b>Business</b>	
<i>Accounting</i>	
Managerial Accounting I	4
Managerial Accounting II	4
Accounting Principles and Procedures	4
<i>Accounting Technology</i>	
Financial Accounting Procedures	3
<i>Business Administration</i>	
Production Management	4
<i>Business Law</i>	
Law of Commercial Transactions	4
Law of the Management Process	4
<i>Finance</i>	
Managerial Finance	4
<i>Marketing</i>	
Marketing Principles	4
<b>Professional Areas</b>	
<i>Aviation</i>	
Private Pilot Ground Instruction	4
Commercial Pilot Ground Instruction	4
Instrument Ground Instruction	4
Flight Instructor Ground Instruction	4
Instrument Instructor Ground Instruction	3
ATP Ground Instruction	4
<i>Electronic Technology</i>	
Basic Electronics	5
<i>Engineering, Chemical</i>	
Introduction to Chemical Engineering	4
<i>Health, Physical Education and Recreation</i>	
Personal and Community Health	4
First Aid	3
Organization and Administration of Physical Education	4
<i>Hearing and Speech Sciences</i>	
Introduction to Speech Disorders	5
<i>Anatomy</i>	
Speech Science	4
Stuttering	3
<i>Industrial Technology</i>	
Engineering Drawing	3
Metal Fabrication	4
Metal Machining	4
Electronics	5
<i>Real Estate Technology</i>	
Real Estate Principles and Practices	4
Real Estate Law	4

Before you take any examination for credit, be sure that the credits you may earn may be applied to the degree you seek, and that these credits do not duplicate others you have already earned. If in doubt, consult your Advisor.