

Invention

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Edison Hosts First National Institute on Experiential Learning

by Idalie M. Muñoz

"It's a hot topic in Cincinnati education circles and provides us with a real competitive edge."

"There is no one way to do it. A lot of schools around the country do it differently."

Educators were all abuzz during the first National Institute on the Assessment of Experiential Learning, which for many of the participants

proved to be an eye-opening experience in the latest trend in adult higher education.

The Institute, the first to be co-sponsored by Edison State College and the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL), was held July 16-20, at the Henry Chauncey Conference Center in Princeton, N.J. The Institute was designed as a national forum to bring

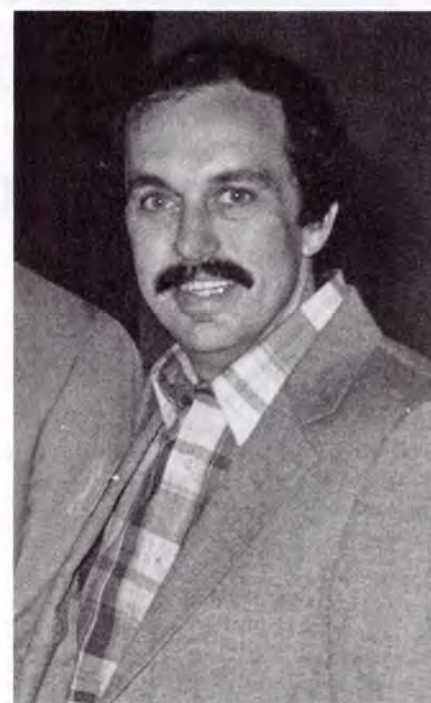
together administrators and faculty in higher education from across the country who are involved in the assessment of experiential learning. This process is also known as prior learning assessment, or the measurement of non-collegiate experience, such as supervisory experience or a serious hobby, for college credit.

The four-day Institute featured workshops, small group discussions, simulations and role-playing during concurrent sessions geared to participants' interests. Workshops led by national and international experts in prior learning assessment included such topics as "How Adults Learn through Experience," "Identifying College-Level Learning," "Selecting and Training Faculty Assessors" and "Marketing Prior Learning Assessment."

"The concept of prior learning assessment can be confusing to some. Many educators are unsure of how to do it, how to learn it, how to implement it. Our own program experienced a lot of initial internal resistance," said Iris H. Kelsen, director of Wilmington College's Cincinnati, Ohio, branch, which deals exclusively with evening and weekend classes for adults seeking business degrees.

"It's not for everybody. The 18-20-year-olds on our main campus can get college credit by doing on-campus internships. But the adult students with more experience should get the opportunity to do prior learning assessment. It's a very good marketing tool in terms of attracting potential students."

Mrs. Kelsen was especially gratified with the letter from one grateful student who "wrote in to say how much he appreciated the school's recognition that the prior 40 years of his life had meaning."



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Conference Participant
Blaine S. Greenfield

Blaine S. Greenfield, a senior associate professor in the Business Department of Bucks County Community College in Pennsylvania, came away with a greater understanding of the assessment process. As a faculty assessor for Edison State College, he felt that the Institute helped to familiarize him with the "techniques, procedures and practices of assessment."

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Edison Class of '89 Reflects Reality of the 90s



Badi G. Foster, president of the AETna Institute for Corporate Education, addresses the Class of '89.

An unusually mild October afternoon set the scene for Edison's Seventeenth Annual Commencement, honoring the 539 adult students who completed their degree requirements in the past year.

Badi G. Foster, president of the AETna Institute for Corporate Education at AETna Life and Casualty in Hartford, Conn., delivered the commencement address and was awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by the Edison State College Board of Trustees.

The AETna Institute for Corporate Education offers educational opportunities, ranging from management education to basic literacy training, for over 28,000 AETna employees each year. In recognition of its commitment to employee education, the Company was recently given the Corporate Award for Excellence from the American Society for Training and Development.

Many of the 539 adult students who earned associate and baccalaureate degrees in the past year attended the ceremony. Graduates this year ranged in age from 20 to 73 and came from nearly every county in New Jersey and from states as far away as Texas, Florida and New Hampshire. Most of them are working adults who pursued a college education while balancing careers, family and civic responsibilities.

Havelin "Saint" St. John said he's been working 20 years for the Bachelor of Arts degree he received during the ceremony. An Edison

student for the past two years, St. John completed his degree requirements by combining coursework from West Virginia University and testing completed through Edison State College.

"I started working for my degree in 1969 but left school because I had to go to work," said St. John, who has aspirations of becoming a teacher one day and is planning to do his graduate work at Trenton State College. "Edison's program was perfect for my needs. I could study at my own pace and I liked the idea of teaching myself. I had to be disciplined and it was a challenge, but walking up and receiving my degree was a reward and emotional culmination to all those years of hard work."

Denise Daddio decided to return to college to further her career in advertising design. She has been working in the advertising field, including owning her own business, since 1975 when she earned her Associate in Arts degree. She feels that her Bachelor of Arts degree from Edison will create new opportunities.

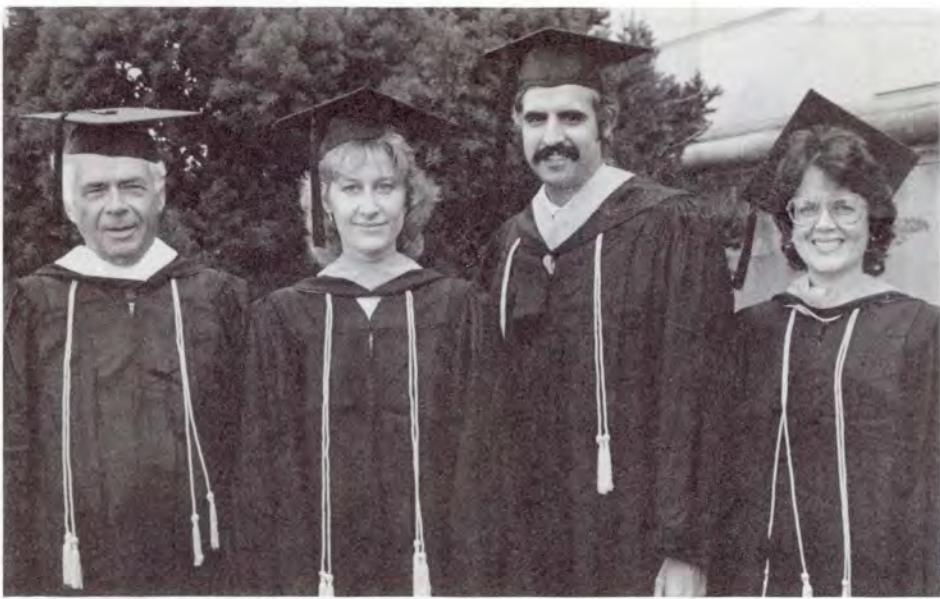
"Edison is an excellent way for working adults to earn their degrees," said Daddio, who also cited personal satisfaction as one of the things that motivated her to complete her baccalaureate work. "In the handbook the college provides, everything is spelled out clearly and it helps you map out a program plan which makes your goals attainable. I would encourage anyone who wants to get a degree, but hesitates because they feel they don't have the time, to consider the alternatives that Edison offers."

Ronald Morrell believes that no one ever has enough education. An administrative assistant in the New Jersey Department of State, Morrell received his Associate in Arts degree at the ceremony and will continue to work through Edison towards his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree with a specialization in accounting.

"I like keeping my mind active," explained Morrell. "The technology and information you learned in 1980 may have already become obsolete, and I think it's important that people continue to educate themselves. I really haven't set any time restraint on myself for getting my bachelor's degree and the flexibility at Edison allows me that option."



Charles Addis (left) of Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania, prepares for the Thomas A. Edison State College 17th Annual Commencement Ceremony with the help of his wife Lill. His son Matthew captured the moment at a "Greet the Graduates" reception.



Among the baccalaureate graduates selected as Arnold Fletcher Scholars for their exceptional achievement in independent learning were, from left to right: Louis Korda, Marcia L. Markwardt, Edward A. Sierra and Diane M. Mohlenhoff.

Outstanding Scholars Honored

Twelve graduates were selected to receive the Arnold Fletcher Scholar Award at the College's Seventeenth Annual Commencement Ceremony. The New Jersey recipients were Russell Jaeschke of Edison, Diane Mohlenhoff of Brick and Louis Korda of Teaneck. Other award recipients are Thania Lozano of Sumter, S.C.; William Hinkle of Mentor, Ohio; Mark Greenia of Sacramento, Calif.; Edward A. Sierra of Mastic Beach, N.Y.; Kenneth Slabaugh of Tecumseh, Mich.; Jerald Taylor of Virginia Beach, Va.; Marcia Markwardt of Ithaca, N.Y.; Clyde Holland, Jr., of Clover, S.C., and Richard Phillips of Fayetteville, N.C.

The Arnold Fletcher Award recognizes Edison State College baccalaureate graduates for exceptional achievement in independent learning. Students selected have demonstrated excellence and have earned a large number of credits using one or more of the nontraditional learning modes recognized by the College: assessment of prior learning through portfolio, examinations, Guided Study and correspondence courses. The award is named in honor of Dr. Arnold Fletcher, vice president for Academic Affairs at Edison State College from 1973 to 1983.



Graduate Wilbert Draft of Greenbelt, Maryland, is surrounded by family members after receiving his baccalaureate degree at Thomas A. Edison State College's 17th Annual Commencement Ceremony.

Speaker for the Class of '89:

"Edison made the seemingly impossible, possible"

by Linda Soltis

While sitting in a doctor's office one day, something captured Marcia Markwardt's attention. "I picked up a magazine and a caption jumped out at me," she explained. "It read: 'Even with a husband, 3 kids and a part-time job, I could get my B.S.

degree' . . . Reading that article literally changed the course of my life."

At the College's Seventeenth Annual Commencement on Sunday, October 15, Markwardt detailed her long educational journey that culminated with the acceptance of

her Bachelor of Science degree with a concentration in Human Services at Edison State College.

As commencement speaker for the graduating class, Markwardt reflected on the significance of the only State College in New Jersey created especially for the adult learner as she addressed the class of '89.

When Marcia Markwardt started her college career in 1972 at a two-year institution in Western New York, Edison State College was being founded. She explained how she received her Associate's degree in 1974 and spent the next decade working in a number of human services-related occupations. She also became a wife and mother. She said that despite all her good intentions to continue her education, "life kept getting in the way," and it became more and more difficult to make the commitment to go back to the classroom.

"I remember saying many times that much of the knowledge I had gained through my work and life experiences was, I believed, equivalent to college-level knowledge, and that frustrated me," she told the audience. "I did not want to waste a lot of time in a classroom."

However, she explained, up ahead on the career path she had chosen, there was a barrier to her advancement—graduate school was mandatory. She had to find a way to begin work on her bachelor's degree.

Markwardt said that she was soon taking advantage of the flexibility of an external degree program, as well as the variety of options offered through Edison to earn the college credits she needed. She did portfolio assessment, correspondence courses, an advanced level practicum and testing. She explained that out of the 64 credits she needed to acquire her bachelor's degree, only six were through formal classroom instruction. Because she demonstrated excellence and earned a large number of credits using nontraditional learning methods recognized by the College, Markwardt was one of the graduates to receive the Arnold Fletcher Award.

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"Although it was not easy to juggle family, job and school," Markwardt concluded, "Edison made the seemingly impossible, possible. On behalf of the entire graduating class, I would like to express our gratitude to both the founders of Thomas A. Edison State College, for having the vision to create a unique design and approach to help adults earn college credits and degrees; and to the faculty consultants and staff for developing and coordinating the most comprehensive set of services available for adult students."



Dr. Ruth M. McKeefery, dean of Academic Programs, leads the procession of graduates, staff and guests at the Thomas A. Edison State College 17th Annual Commencement.

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"The Institute faculty involved us in looking at learning from different perspectives," said Greenfield. "They chose not to go the straight-lecture route in their seminars. Through role-playing, simulations and games, we were able to experience different learning styles."

Helpful tips for "doing a good thing better" was Carolyn Tonge's reason for attending the Institute. As assistant dean for Academic Support Services at the College of New Rochelle in New York, Ms. Tonge has had extensive experience with the college's long-standing prior learning assessment program.

Walt Griffin, associate dean of the Union Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio, the "original university without walls," dispensed with the basics and focused in on improving assessment techniques and successful marketing. All of the Union Institute's students are "nontraditional," with learning contracts for individualized degree programs.

One of the more unusual institutions represented at the Institute was the William Carey International University, a nontraditional university in Pasadena, Calif., specializing in the training of adult Christian workers for cross-cultural experiences in the United States and abroad.

"We service Christian workers going overseas, primarily missionaries. We're the only U.S. institution designed to do that," said Michael David Hernandez, director of Admissions and Records.

"I have very precise ideas and recommendations that I'm going to make as a result of what I've learned here. Prior learning assessment is not only a good institutional mechanism to help meet students' needs, but it also addresses the broader questions of learning outcomes and measuring techniques.

"I consider the rigorous assessment practices exemplary and anything but nontraditional of higher learning.



Educators from around the country participated in the first National Institute on the Assessment of Experiential Learning, cosponsored by Edison State College and the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL).

The methodology involved should be in place in every institution. It's what an institution should be doing normally to analyze and define learning outcomes and, in turn, its own institutional mission."

"The National Institute proved to be a groundbreaking step in the development of expertise in prior learning assessment," stated Dr. Debra A. Dagavarian, director of the Institute and of Testing and Assessment at Edison State College. "Participants came from all over the country and from varying levels of familiarity with this process. We're very encouraged by the results of this first national forum and look forward

to building on our progress in successive years. Our efforts can only

serve to improve increased access to education for adult students."



Dr. George A. Pruitt (right), president of Edison State College, and Rita Novitt (left), an Edison trustee, are pictured with Alden Dunham, program chair of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, at the CAEL International Assembly recently held in Philadelphia. The Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) and Edison State College have worked jointly on many projects to enhance learning opportunities for adult students. The group was attending a reception and dinner for the founding director of CAEL, Dr. Morris Keeton.

Graduation Culminates Years of Hard Work

The following letter was written to Alumni Affairs Director Annette Singer by the wife of Henry Earl Peacock, Jr., one of our recent graduates. Earl, his parents, and his wife travelled from Georgia to attend Commencement.

Dear Mrs. Singer,

I felt it necessary to write you a letter and tell you how meaningful your graduation services were. My husband graduated from Edison this October after 4-1/2 long years of taking classes part-time and working full-time. (Two of our three children were also born during this time!)

Few people will ever know what an effort it was to accomplish that degree! I do know, however, that everyone who attended that ceremony did know how difficult it was. There seemed to be an attitude of mutual respect among everyone there. Each graduate, I'm sure, had made numerous sacrifices as did their families to reach their goal. I know we did, but it was worth it! I was so proud of my husband for his accomplishment—but I had respect for each person there because we had all accomplished so much.

It was interesting too, to finally see the faces we had been talking to these past 4-1/2 years. Edison State College for us had only existed on the telephone wires and in our mailbox. You and the others were always helpful and pleasant to talk to. But you were even more so in person. Thank you for all you have done.

I'm so glad we decided to attend the graduation ceremony. It has given me such a memory to keep.

Thank you again,
Sincerely,

Anne Peacock



The Chief Inspector of Schools for the Scottish Education Department, along with eight other Scottish and British educators, visited Edison State College for a two-day orientation about how the College provides services to adult students. In Scotland, the educators are involved in widening access to educational and training opportunities for adults. As a result of their visit, the group hopes to establish long-distance partnerships with American institutions and agencies.

Edison People: In the News

Carron M. Albert

Carron M. Albert, director of Personnel at Edison State College, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Trenton Area Family YMCA. The Y has been serving Trenton area residents for over 133 years.

Albert is presently on the Board of Trustees of the Mercer Regional Blood Center. She also serves as chairperson of the State College Classification Advisory Board and the YMCA Human Resources Committee. She is a commissioner with the Mercer County Commission on the Status of Women as well as a member of the New Jersey Personnel Council.

Dr. Thomas F. Donlon

Dr. Thomas F. Donlon is serving as the director, Office of Test Development and Research, during the one-year leave of absence by Dr. Paul Jacobs.

Dr. Donlon served in a number of staff positions at Educational Testing Service from 1961 to 1986, including director of the Test Development Division and senior research scientist. He holds a Ph.D. in Educational Measurement from Columbia University, a Masters in Psychology from Fordham University, a law degree from Rutgers University and a baccalaureate degree in the field of psychology from Union College.

For the past three years since leaving ETS, Dr. Donlon has been a consultant in the field of educational measurement, as well as having a general law practice.

Dr. Sonja Eveslage

Dr. Sonja Eveslage, director of the Center for Corporate and Public Partnerships, has been named to the Generalship Advisory Council of the New Jersey Department of Higher Education. The Council considers issues related to undergraduate instruction at the State's colleges and universities.

"By examining issues affecting the future of general education, the Advisory Council will stimulate vigorous discussion on campuses across the state," says Eveslage. "It is very exciting to be a part of this process."



Theresa A. Bowman (second from left), an academic advisor at Edison State College, joins with other members of The National Coordinating Council on Emergency Management's (NCCEM) Advisory Council to Develop Professional Standards for Emergency Management (ASPSEM). David Palmer (left), an ASPSEM project consultant, is the president of Emergency Response Planning and Management, Inc.; Rosemarie Chisholm-Cohen, the ASPSEM administrative committee chairperson, is a coordinator for County of Ocean Emergency Services; and Dennis Dura, an ASPSEM project consultant, is an associate planner for Emergency Response Planning and Management, Inc.

"The issues examined by the Council strike at the core of Edison's objectives in linking educational providers with adult learners. In a changing economy, employers are concerned with increasing their businesses' productivity and flexibility in the face of change. The Council can address these concerns from an educational perspective."

The Advisory Council includes members from State colleges and universities, labor and business organizations, as well as representatives from the New Jersey Department of Higher Education.

Dr. Richard S. Hansen

Dr. Richard S. Hansen, vice president for Public Affairs at Edison State College, has accepted the position of vice president and chief operating officer for Vermont College of Norwich University.

Dr. Hansen joined the staff of Edison State College in 1981. During his tenure at Edison, New Jersey's only nontraditional state college for adult learners, College enrollment

doubled to over 7,000 students a year. "Richard Hansen contributed greatly to the leadership and development of this College during a pivotal time in its evolution," said College President Dr. George A. Pruitt. "Colleges have programs, but they also have personalities and character. Rich Hansen has represented the best values and high personal standards by which we all want this College to be known."

Dr. Sonja A. Eveslage, director of the Center for Corporate and Public Partnerships, was named interim vice president for Public Affairs. Dr. Lansing Davis, administrator of the Center's Corporate Programs, was appointed acting director of the Center for Corporate and Public Partnerships.

Idalie M. Muñoz

Idalie M. Muñoz of Moorestown was appointed Director of Communications and College Relations at Edison State College early this year.

Ms. Muñoz has had extensive experience in the communications field. Most recently, she was the Assistant Director of Public Relations for the Temple University Health Sciences Center, where she promoted the Center's medical, research and educational activities in print and on radio and television. She also produced a weekly, hour-long radio medical show.

Prior to working at Temple, Ms. Muñoz was a Manager/Producer at WCAU-TV, the CBS owned-and-operated station in Philadelphia. In her 12 years at WCAU, she was involved in a variety of public affairs areas such as editorials, public service announcements, features, and local public affairs programming.

Ms. Muñoz was awarded a B.A. degree in Communications from Temple University. She is active in numerous professional and civic associations including serving as the co-chair of the National Federation of Hispanics in Communications, an officer of the Temple University School of Communications and Theatre Alumni and as a former member of the President's Council of Associates of La Salle University. Recently, she was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Trenton Urban Women's Center.



Idalie M. Muñoz

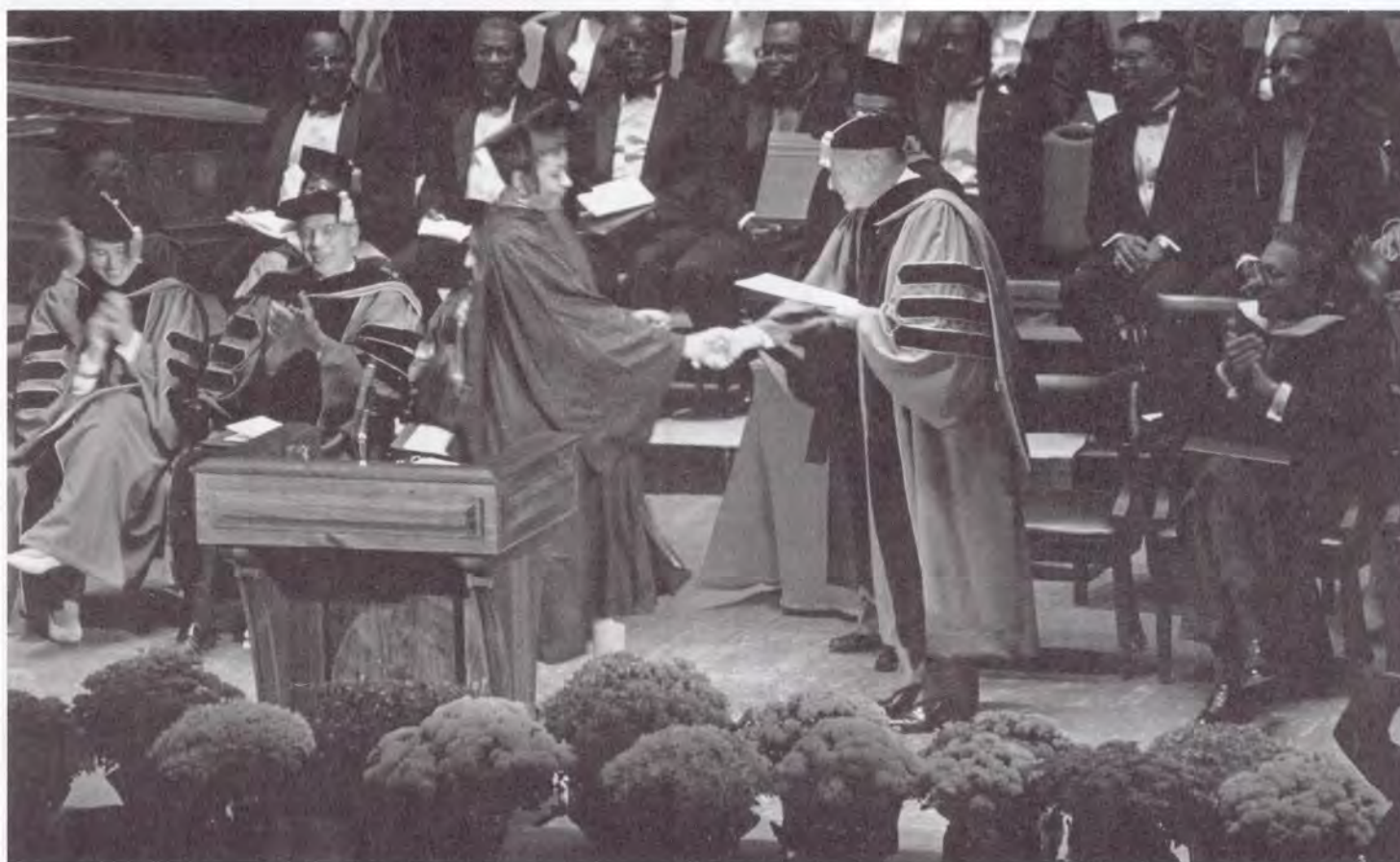
Michael J. Scheiring

Michael J. Scheiring, vice president for Administration and Finance at Edison State College, has been elected to a three-year term on the National Council of the American Society for Public Administration. He will represent Region II, which includes 2,000 ASPA members in the New York-New Jersey region.

As an active ASPA member, Mr. Scheiring has served the organization in a number of capacities for 16 years. He is serving his second term as president of the New Jersey Central chapter of ASPA.

Scheiring is presently on the boards of the Thomas A. Edison State College Foundation and the New Jersey Education Computer Network, Inc., as well as on the Lawrence Township Task Force on Growth Management.

"In New Jersey, ASPA has been deeply involved in issues such as civil service reform, comparable worth, economizing government, and in supporting the need for a well-trained, compensated and professional public service that is treated with respect," said Scheiring. "Our membership has been actively solicited by the Governor and other elected and appointed officials to provide input and guidance on these important issues."



Among those graduating with the Class of '89 was Edison's own Annie Bowser, a senior admissions officer at the College. Annie started working at Edison in a clerical position eight years ago and, after earning her associate degree in 1983, she was eligible to apply for a professional-level position in the Office of Admissions. Annie earned 18 credits toward her bachelor's degree by completing the Certified Public Managers Program offered by the State of New Jersey and recently she applied for admission into Rutgers University's Masters in Public Administration Program. It took Annie 15 years to complete her bachelor's degree, and part of her motivation was to serve as a role model for her daughter, Teshia, and for other single parents. Annie recalls, "Many times a single parent will come into my office and say that achieving a college degree is impossible because of their other responsibilities. I use myself as an example to show them that it can be done and to help motivate them."

New VP Announced

As this issue of *Invention* was going to press, it was announced that Dr. Norman C. Crawford, Jr. was appointed to the position of Vice President for Public Affairs at Edison State College.

In announcing his appointment, Dr. George A. Pruitt, president of the College, said: "Dr. Crawford has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to higher education throughout his distinguished career. He has held significant positions of leadership, having served as president of Drury College (Mo.), president of Salisbury State College (Md.), interim president of the University of Maine at Farmington and vice-president for operations at the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) in Washington, D.C."

A profile of Dr. Crawford will appear in the next issue of *Invention*.

Cash Award Marks Corporate Partnership

Marking a unique partnership between business and academia, representatives from the Public Service Electric and Gas Company delivered a check for \$6,500 recently to the Thomas A. Edison State College Foundation. Dennis J. Cremins, public affairs manager-Central New Jersey, and H. Denis Hanson, manager of nuclear training, made the presentation on behalf of PSE&G.

"We take great pleasure in presenting this check to your Foundation to support the growing and ongoing partnership between PSE&G and Edison State College," stated Cremins. "This contribution will help to continue the implementation of programs and services that are vital to PSE&G."

Through Edison State College's Center for Corporate and Public Partnerships, PSE&G employees have been assisted in obtaining

college degrees. This collaborative approach has attracted national attention to PSE&G's Nuclear Training Department, recently cited for its progressive leadership in this area by the American Association of Colleges and Universities.

PSE&G's nuclear reactor operators are able to earn the Bachelor of Science in Applied Science and Technology (BSAST) degree with a specialization in Nuclear Engineering Technology from Edison State College. According to Dr. Sonja Eveslage, director of the Center for Corporate and Public Partnerships, 100 PSE&G employees are currently enrolled at Edison.

"Using Edison's degree requirements as a framework," said Eveslage, "standard courses needed in the degree were identified and the company has worked with area colleges to provide on-site and traditional classroom instruction."

PSE&G's own evaluated courses are also used for credit and employees may exercise many independent study and testing options.

"In the Nuclear Department, our training gets the college credit value it deserves by our association with the Center," said Mr. Hanson. "Using the external degree program allows our people to get the full value of their experience. It has been a good combination."

"Through their generosity," added David G. Puddington, executive director of the Thomas A. Edison State College Foundation, "the College will be able to continue its PSE&G-named scholarship program at the same level as last year, as well as assist in the support of the activities of the Center for Corporate and Public Partnerships and the continuation of other Edison programs."



Annette Singer

Singer Honored

At the First Alumni Commencement Banquet, the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association presented Annette Singer, director of Alumni Affairs, with a resolution they had unanimously adopted which recognizes her numerous contributions to the Association. The resolution recognized Singer for her "enthusiasm, friendship, devotion and visionary leadership."



Administrators from Edison State College accept a check for \$6,500 made as a contribution to the College by PSE&G. Standing under a portrait of the College's namesake are (l. to r.) David G. Puddington, executive director of the Thomas A. Edison State College Foundation; Dr. Sonja A. Eveslage, director of Edison's Center for Corporate and Public Partnerships; Dennis J. Cremins, PSE&G public affairs manager for central New Jersey; and H. Denis Hanson, manager of nuclear training at PSE&G's Nuclear Training Center.

Edison Thanks Supporters

Shortly before his death, Trenton Mayor Arthur Holland, along with New Jersey State Treasurer Feather O'Connor and former Counsel to the Governor Jean Bogle were honored by the Board of Trustees of Edison State College at a special luncheon.

"We don't often have the opportunity to say how much we appreciate the positive work done by politicians or government officials," said Dr. George Pruitt, president of Edison State College. "But the

collective weight of the contributions made by these three individuals to the cause of higher education bears special recognition.

"We want to show our appreciation for their dedicated public service. New Jersey college students are the ultimate beneficiaries of their unceasing efforts through the years, especially the many adult students seeking new careers and employment opportunities in this region."



The Edison State College Board of Trustees honored, from left to right, Jean Bogle, former Counsel to the Governor, Trenton Mayor Arthur Holland, and New Jersey State Treasurer Feather O'Connor at a special luncheon in the fall. Looking on is Dr. George A. Pruitt (right), President of Edison.



Edison State College representatives joined with military personnel at a luncheon at McGuire Air Force Base recently to discuss the importance of educational opportunities for veterans and members of the armed forces. Pictured, from left, are Capt. George W. Paffendorf, the education services officer for the New Jersey Army National Guard; Dr. George A. Pruitt, president of Edison State College; Brigadier Gen. Kenneth L. Rieth, deputy adjutant general, State of New Jersey; Dr. Sonja Eveslage, director for the Center for Corporate and Public Partnerships; and Col. Vincent J. Zolnoski, Jr., education coordinator, Education Center, Fort Dix.

FEATHERS IN OUR CAP

- ❑ **Alumni Phonathon:** The very successful 1989 phonathon exceeded its pledge goal of \$55,000 by \$735, with the Alumni Leadership Circle (Association board members) contributing over 10 percent of the total pledged. There was an increase in the number of first-time pledges. Matching gifts from companies where alumni are employed reached an all-time high. One-hundred-and-six volunteers, consisting of alumni, friends, staff and students participated. Ida Hammond ('78) and Kevin O'Brien ('80) co-chaired the phonathon. The Alumni Association's share of the monies raised is used for scholarships.
- ❑ **Association Newsletter:** The second edition (Winter/Spring 1989) was published in March. *Alumni Highlights* is a continuing process to integrate and interpret alumni/ae interests, which beginning with this issue, will be included in each issue of *Invention*.
- ❑ **Edison Weekend:** The weekend was held at the Kutsher Country Club in New York State's Catskill Mountains. Sixty-six participants relaxed, played, exercised, renewed old friendships and made new ones.
- ❑ **Peer Counseling:** The peer counseling project assisted 163 students in its first year. The project has been so successful that the alumni committee administering the project had to double in size. Plans are also underway for the peer counselors to work with the Admissions Office to assist with outreach to college applicants. Many thanks to Cecile Caruso ('83) and Nancyanne Kopp ('76) who organized and launched this program. Greetings to Adela Rescigno ('86) the new project coordinator and her committee members: Eileen Lehman ('89), Lea O'Shea ('88) and Nat Zocco ('82).
- ❑ **Scholarships:** A contribution of \$1,350 to the Thomas A. Edison State College Foundation, Inc. assisted the College in granting scholarships to eleven students during 1988-89.



A record number of alumni participated in the 1989 Alumni Phonathon, helping to raise over \$55,000 in pledges.

A Weekend to Remember

by M. Jane Coult '86

Good times, good people and good food all combined to make the last weekend in April an Edison Weekend to remember!

Alumni, students and staff converged on Kutsher's Country Club in Monticello, NY, on Friday night, where they renewed old friendships and began new ones at the cocktail party and dinner that followed.

A long list of activities (golf, tennis, aerobics, ice skating, racquetball, swimming, social games) helped work off the delicious food consumed over the weekend. Singers and comedians

entertained the group in the nightclub before we moved on to the disco. Edison staff contributed seminars: Nick Green, director of Admissions, spoke on human sexuality; Herb Singer, husband of Annette Singer, director of Alumni Affairs, discussed the art of paperweight collecting; and Idalie M. Muñoz, director of Communications and College Relations, presented the ESC video, *Opening Doors*.

Everyone went home on Sunday, tired but happy. Once again, each participant had witnessed and been part of another "Edison Experience."

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The Alumni Association needs your help in order to produce an ethnic and regional cookbook with favorite recipes of our readership.

This will be fun to do, nourishing for fundraising and very good to eat.

Let us hear from you with recipes and let us know if you can help with the project.

Join us.

Write to:

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Office of Alumni Affairs
Thomas A. Edison State College
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East Orange, NJ 07018



Alumni President Norma L. Horton (left) is presented with the Award for Outstanding Service to the Alumni Association by last year's award winner Ida B. Hammond at the First Annual Alumni Commencement Banquet, which was held after the Commencement Ceremony.

Outgoing President's Letter

October 15, 1989 was another memorable and exciting day for our College and Alumni Association. I was happy to be part of the festivities.

Our annual-meeting program included the election of officers and directors for 1990 by the attending alumni/ae, followed by our traditional reception to welcome the new graduates.

After commencement ceremonies we gathered, with families, friends, current students and alums, at the beautiful Princeton-Scanticon for a festive banquet to celebrate and honor the new graduates.

As your outgoing president, I experienced ambivalent emotions. It was my last opportunity to preside at the annual meeting. These past two years have been simply wonderful because I have had the rare privilege of working with an incredible group of capable, loyal, talented and fun-loving officers, directors and associate directors. They upheld the legacy left by "pioneer" alum leaders with their hard work and dedication and they led your Association to another plateau in service and contribution to Thomas A. Edison State College. We can be very proud of their performance.

But, also, I am sad that this is an end for me and that I will not be a part of the new leadership elected at the annual meeting. The new leadership is exciting and I foresee even greater accomplishments in 1990. My good wishes go with your new officers, and I will be cheering for all of you.

To each of you whom I have gotten to know, respect and love, my thanks for your support and encouragement. You have been my inspiration and have taught me so much. I am the richer for it. To all alums, your many kindnesses throughout these two years have inspired us all to try to do our very best.

Thank you.

Peace,

Norma

Norma L. Horton '83
Outgoing President, Alumni Association



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Edna Dorothy Daniel (AA) Perth Amboy, NJ, is commissioner of the Perth Amboy Housing Authority and a member of the Perth Amboy Board of Education. Edna earned her Ed.M. at the Rutgers Graduate School of Education in 1975.

1976

Russell H. Farr (BA) Blytheville, AR, has been elected chairperson of the Mississippi County Public Facilities Board for 1989-91. He continues to be an active participant in additional public service commissions and boards in Mississippi County, Arkansas.

1977

Urban A. LeJeune (BSBA) Tuckerton, NJ, received his MS in Computer Science from Monmouth College in 1984 and his Ed.D. from Temple University, specializing in educational administration, in 1989. He taught computer science at Brookdale Community College and Stockton State College and will be visiting assistant professor at Lafayette College, Easton, PA, this year.

Stanley J. Sternick (BS) Mays Landing, NJ, recently retired from the Federal Aviation Administration Technical Center in Pomona, NJ. His career, which started in the engineering design branch, involved full-scale fire tests with smoke and toxic gas analysis at the Analytical Chemistry Laboratory.

1978

Carolyn A. Houss, DO (BA) Ocala, FL, was accepted at medical school after her graduation from Edison. She graduated in 1983 and completed her residency. Currently she is a board-certified family physician practitioner in Florida.
Nancy Storck-Newhouse (BA) Tucson, AZ, earned her MA in Oriental studies from the University of Arizona in 1988. She translates and writes for national magazines and smaller publications.

1979

Charles D. Goebel (BA '77, ASM '78, BSBA) Fair Haven, NJ, received his MBA from Monmouth College in 1981 and his C.Mfg.E. (Certified Manufacturing Engineer) in 1979.

Charles, whose professional background includes the vice presidency of Dental Products Division of Keystone X-Ray, Inc. has been an adjunct instructor in Economics and Finance at Brookdale Community College since 1982.

1980

Jay Kessler (BA) San Francisco, CA, was transferred to the Naval Legal Service Office, Treasure Island, San Francisco, as department head of the legal assistance department. Jay received his JD at the University of Toledo, School of Law in 1983.

1982

Roberta E. McNeil (BS) Piscataway, NJ, received her MS in governmental administration from the Fels Center of Government, University of Pennsylvania, in May 1989.
Joseph Risse (BA NS/M) Dunmore, PA, whose latest publication is "The Complete Electronics Career Guide," provides a current comprehensive guide to job opportunities in the booming electronics field. Before retiring, Joe, a licensed professional and senior broadcast engineer, was director of the Electronics Technology program at ICS Center for Degree Studies.
Joyce G. Stecher (BA) Lewes, DE, is a recipient of the Golden Poet Award for 1989, which was awarded by the *World of Poetry* for her poem "Of Two Minds" [see Musings] at a ceremony in Washington, DC, in September. This is not Joyce's first accolade. Her first published poem, "Ocean's Dreams," was selected as Editor's Choice by the *National Library of Poetry*. "Of Two Minds" will be published in the anthology entitled *Great Poems of the Western World*.
Sarah E. Taylor (BSBA) Temple Hills, MD, received her MS in adult education in December 1988 from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, VA. She is chairperson of the computer science department, National Defense University, DOD Computer Institute.

1984

Anne M. Bazzell (AA '80, BA) Aiea, HI, an Air Force historian at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, was named winner of the Military Airlift Command's Numbered Air Force Program Award for 1988.

Art Jeyes (BS/AST) Crownsville, MD, earned his MS in technical management at Johns Hopkins University, Whiting School of Engineering in May 1989.
Ruth Olinsky (BA) Lawrenceville, NJ, is our original Musings (poetry and art) contributor. The recipient of the Award Of Merit for poetry in 1987, 1988, 1989 and the Golden Poet Award in 1988, her work has been published in the anthology book *Earthshine* by Poetry Press, the Delaware Valley Jewish Reporter and *The Book of Remembrance*, a memorial book. Ruth has also given poetry readings at the Cox Arboretum, Ohio, and at Ahavath Israel Congregation, Trenton.

1986

Joseph P. Linskey (BS) Edison, NJ, has been promoted to sergeant in the Franklin Township Police Department and is assigned to the newly created research and planning officer position. Joseph graduated from Seton Hall University with a M.Ed. in May 1989.
John P. McInerney (BSBA) East Brunswick, NJ, has been promoted to vice president and general manager, Home and Specialty Fabrics at Springs Industries, NYC.

1988

Marilyn R. Caprio (BSBA) Bridgewater, NJ, a full-time manager with AT&T, is certified to instruct the Dale Carnegie Course® in effective speaking and human relations for Wes Westroma Associates, Inc., Kendall Park, NJ.
Dan Ashley (BSBA) Rialto, CA, earned his MBA from California State University in 1989. He is currently director of data processing at Loma Linda University Medical Center, a 650-bed research teaching hospital.
C. Diane Lyness (BA) Voorhees, NJ, received a full scholarship and research assistantship to pursue her Ph.D. in political science at Temple University. In September, Diane will teach at Temple.

1989

Edward A. Sierra (BS/AST) Mastic Beach, NY, is matriculating at NY Institute of Technology for his MS in training and learning technology. He is currently a reactor operator at Brookhaven National Laboratory's high flux beam reactor. The HFBR is one of the most advanced research reactors in the world.



Five-year-old Timothy W. Schwedes (right) receives a PHT (Putting Her/Him Through) certificate from Dr. George A. Pruitt (second from right), president of Edison State College, honoring him for his support of mom Kristine Davison while she worked for her Edison degree. Looking on is Chairman of the Board of Trustees George H. Hanford.



Alumni Barbara Wallace (left) and Kevin O'Brien (center) join Dave Puddington, director of Development at Thomas A. Edison State College, following the Annual Breakfast Meeting of the Alumni Association prior to the College's 17th Annual Commencement.

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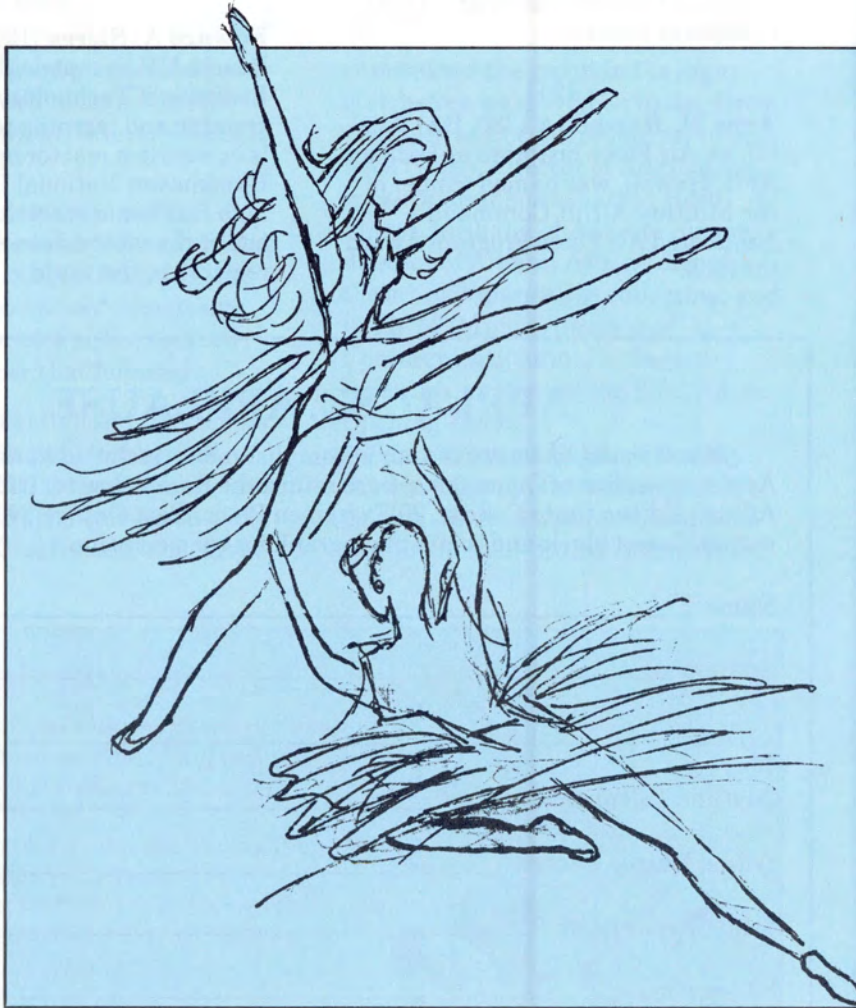
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Musings

OF TWO MINDS

*One mind is a dancer whirling along the convoluted
Corridors of thought toward ever higher
Levels of consciousness and knowledge.
The other is a plodder, peering nervously around corners,
Glimpsing worlds yet to be explored,
Wanting to proceed, uncertain as to path.*

*Wise is the soul blessed with both minds,
For the dancer will ever push the plodder upward
Toward shining goals,
While the plodder will clutch at the dancer,
Forcing moderation and tempering speed,
Slowing it to enjoyment of all things,*

Before Time dies.

Joyce G. Stecher, BA '82

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