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NEWSLETTER OF THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE

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Annual Fund smashes 1992 goal *New target set for balance of 1992*

"What the alumni of this College have done this year to raise funds for Thomas Edison is nothing short of remarkable." Those were the words used by Dr. Natale S. Caliendo, Jr., vice president for Public Affairs, to describe the first round of appeals for this year's Annual Fund.

Nothing short of remarkable may be an understatement. After reviewing their efforts—that is, pushing the Annual Fund over the \$72,000 goal—the Alumni Annual Fund Committee voted to commit to raising another \$15,000 in the November Phonathon. This second round of calls, a first for Thomas Edison State College, will be made Nov. 8–11.

"The enthusiasm and dedication of the Alumni Annual Fund Committee, the three co-chairs—Stephanie Feist '90, Paul Hays '89 and Gail Anne Palatine '91—as well as the leadership of Rita Ackley '90, vice president for Development, and all our volunteers has been outstanding," raved Annette Singer, director of Alumni Services. "The only thing that shone brighter than our volunteers was the generosity of the alumni we called. There was an air of celebration surrounding the College's 20th Anniversary which was reflected in the number of pledges and gifts that we received."

Supporting the College's programs, services and innovations is the payback for alumni who make a donation during this year's Phonathon. College President Dr. George A. Pruitt has identified six priorities that will receive support from funds donated to the Thomas Edison State College Foundation, Inc.: The

Master of Science in Management degree, which is in the developmental stages, would be the first graduate degree program offered through Thomas Edison State College; expanding the Computer Assisted Lifelong Learning (CALL) Network to provide better service to all adult learners; Corporations on CALL, which will link business and industry, via computer, with the College's wide array of educational resources; the Trenton Office of Policy Studies (TOPS), a collegiate-municipal partnership with the city of Trenton that assists with policy planning and program development; the National Institute for the Assessment of Experiential Learning, a yearly forum for educational professionals that covers prior learning assessment; and the purchase of DocuTech, a high-speed printer-copier that could save the College time and money while producing, in-house, many of the College's publications.

Commitment to the College, gratitude for a flexible yet challenging educational opportunity and the need to help tomorrow's students were some of the reasons cited, by alumni, for the success of this year's effort despite the poor economic conditions. "It's this bond and partnership between the alumni and the College that helps maintain the margin of excellence and the fine national reputation Thomas Edison State College enjoys," said Dr. Caliendo, who also serves as executive vice president of the Foundation.

"You can't underestimate the efforts of the alumni volunteers," said Co-Chair Stephanie Feist '90. "We had a record

number of alumni, students and staff show up and hit those phones."

Paul Hays '89, co-chair, credits some of the success to the Pre-Phonathon efforts of our volunteers. During the Pre-Phonathon, the Alumni Board of Directors, the Annual Fund Committee and students call alumni to solicit their help at the Phonathon. "The more Pre-Phonathon callers, the more Phonathon volunteers, the more money raised," commented Hays who, like many of the co-chairs and members of the Alumni Association Board, volunteered for most of the Phonathon sessions.

"My appreciation goes out to the staff," said Co-Chair Gail Anne Palatine '91. "As volunteers, it was very gratifying to see the staff show up and volunteer their time after a full day of work, or on the weekend. It makes our jobs as volunteers a bit more fulfilling."

This year's Annual Fund effort was set up differently than in past years. The Phonathon was turned over entirely to the Alumni Annual Fund Committee, with support from the Alumni Board of Directors and the Office of Alumni Affairs. Letters from Alumni Association Board President Ida B. Hammond '78 and Dr. Caliendo were sent to alumni to keep them apprised of the College's activities and plans. Additionally, two Phonathons were planned instead of Thomas Edison's traditional single effort to reach all of the College's alumni and the 20th Anniversary goal of \$72,000. The new format seems to be working—this year's goal was met on April 14, just four months into the campaign year.

Some committees would be content with reaching a goal. Not the self-motivated, enthusiastic Alumni Annual Fund Committee at Thomas Edison State College. "During a follow-up meeting, the Committee unanimously voted to pursue a goal of \$15,000 in the November Annual Fund appeal," said Singer. "That's ambition. That's a great example of the kind of student Thomas Edison State College attracts and the kind of alumni we graduate."

"We hope to be able to speak with those alumni whom we were not able to reach so that we can discuss the College's priorities and the role alumni play in shaping the College's future," she continued. "We would like as many alumni as possible to support these important initiatives during our anniversary year."

"We'll also be looking for more volunteers," added Hays. "Keeping the phones busy is critical to the success of any Phonathon. Palatine agreed: "We'll need all kinds of volunteers, so those who don't want to call will certainly have something to do."

"Some said we wouldn't make \$72,000," noted Feist. "Some will say we can't possibly raise another \$15,000. They just don't know our alumni. When we go after something worthwhile, they respond!"

Anyone interested in working on the November Annual Fund campaign or on the fall Phonathon can contact the Office of Alumni Services at (201) 877-1450.

PONSI director put to work in Israel

by Barbara W. Eklund

James A. Ratigan, director of the Program on Noncollegiate Sponsored Instruction (PONSI) at Thomas Edison State College, coordinated a major international PONSI evaluation for the American Council on Education (ACE). As a result, students at the Zaidner Institute in Jerusalem will have greater access to completing college degrees in the United States. This cooperative venture, which required four teams of faculty consultants from the U.S. and Israel, was two years in the planning.

Over 100 courses at Zaidner were evaluated for college-level equivalency, making it one of the largest PONSI evaluations ever conducted. PONSI is an ACE program that evaluates courses offered in noncollegiate settings (such as corporations, the government or nonaccredited schools) and makes a college credit equivalency recommendation. This recommendation is honored at Thomas Edison as well as over 1,500 other colleges and universities in the U.S. that will award

students college credits based on the recommendation.

In America, organizations like AT&T, Digital Equipment Corporation, the Chubb Institute and the New Jersey Department of Personnel have had courses in their training programs reviewed by PONSI. The evaluation at Zaidner was one of the few done outside the United States.

The Zaidner Institute provides a college-level, career-oriented education to a student body that consists primarily of young Jewish women with substantial prior Judaic and secular education. When the Institute began in 1984, it set out to provide education in Jewish studies. Today, the curriculum includes three additional areas: business (especially accounting), computer science and communications, as well as Hebrew studies.

Why would an Institute in Israel go through the work and expense of such an American evaluation? According to Ratigan, the objective of officials at the

Zaidner Institute was to provide a vehicle for their students to matriculate at colleges in the United States and earn college degrees (the Institute does not confer degrees). The women at Zaidner are extremely motivated to

advance in their careers and see a college degree as very important. Many of the women assume responsibility for the family finances as their husbands pursue full-time advanced Talmudic study. Some have dual citizenship in

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James Colaizzo (right), Admissions Services representative for the College, provides counseling to Albert Wise, Jr., at an Application Day sponsored by Thomas Edison State College.

Calling all . . . garners replies

The Calling all . . . feature is starting to get replies, with Mensa members leading the pack, as usual. Here are some of the missives from our high-IQ friends:

James Bonn '92, BSBA, of San Diego, writes, "I am a member of three major high-IQ societies: Mensa, .98+; Camelopard, .98+; and Intertel, .99+. Your request that Mensans ' . . . send your story . . . ' leaves me wondering, 'what is the relevant story?' As you know, the standard IQ tests accepted by the many high-IQ societies supposedly measure learning ability. Most of these societies' members would readily argue (two carefully chosen words) this is a genetic gift wholly (or at least 98 percent+) determined by birth.

"I also happen to be born with eyes that are more blue than 99 percent+ of the population of the world, but what is the 'story' about that? I am much more proud of what I have DONE with my 'highly gifted mind' in completing my BSBA in International Business at Thomas Edison State College." Bravo, James!

"How I got smart" begins a letter from student Joel "Twisty" Nye. He continues, "I wasn't always smart. I might have been intelligent, but until the fifth grade I was merely a quiet daydreamer failing math.

"We took quizzes. Each student had a construction paper pony with one's name on it. For each quiz we passed, we'd advance a locker. However, when half the class was at the finish line, I was still at the starting gate.

"It was during recess when a caring girl named Natalie approached me. She told me, 'The other kids don't have something that you do. If you just put your mind to it, you can do anything.' Reluctantly, the bulb in my head turned on and, I said, 'She's right, ya' know.'

"With a little prayer and effort, I turned around. I had become the top math student in my middle and high schools. But, I owe much to a concerned classmate who encouraged a spirit of excellence in me and who let me choose to be bright."

Twisty goes on to say that he found Mensa first as a reference on the old Columbo television series, and later at a costume party at the house of a "distinguished friend." Many encouraged him to join. Ironically, it was his Mensa membership that lead him to Thomas Edison State College, his high-IQ society that enabled him to complete his degree in a nontraditional fashion. Thanks to Mensa member Dr. John Bears Guide to Earning College Degrees Nontraditionally, Twisty is pursuing a BSAST. He works as the computer specialist for the Salvation Army's SWONEKY Divisional HQ, and is a resident of Cincinnati.

Carl F. Eddy '85, BSAST, of Wilkes Barre, Pa., also has an interesting story. Currently assistant professor of electrical engineering technology at Luzerne County Community College in Nanticoke, Pa., Carl is no stranger to the educational process or garnering knowledge. After completing his Thomas Edison degree with an electronics specialization, he enrolled at Regents College and received his B.S. in social science in 1990. He holds various professional licenses, as well as a certificate in telecommunications engineering, which he likens to having a master's degree. Not one to be content with his present credentials, Carl has amassed 18 graduate credits in technology and applied mathematics from Millersville University.

Hard work could be Carl's middle name. He has worked full-time throughout all of his educational pursuits. With challenging jobs such as electrical technician for Bendix, he was naturally drawn to the nontraditional education format. He came to Mensa as a result of the test-taking process. Based on IQ tests, he knew that he'd qualify. In 1987, he took the Mensa test, wanting to "do it legitimately." He has maintained his membership to this day.

Perhaps you've been busy. Maybe you've been on vacation. If you're a Mensa member, we'd still like to hear from you! Our call is still out for inventors, too. Simply send your information to the Invention editor at Thomas Edison State College, 101 West State St., Trenton, NJ, 08608-1176.

Help us celebrate *Two Decades of Dreams Fulfilled*

You are cordially invited to join the Thomas Edison State College Foundation and friends of the College at Two Decades of Dreams Fulfilled.

This gala event, commemorating the 20th Anniversary of Thomas Edison State College, will be a sumptuous black-tie dinner-dance at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Princeton, N.J. It will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Tickets for this celebration are \$125 per person, the proceeds of which benefit programs and services at Thomas Edison State College. In addition, the Foundation is producing a commemorative ad book. Ad prices

range from \$75 to \$225 inside the book, more for the covers.

The event is being chaired by Foundation board member Rita Novitt, a former member of the College's Board of Trustees. Other committee members are Richard Gillespie, chairman, The Gillespie Organization; Ida Hammond, president of the Thomas Edison State College Alumni Association; Linda Holt, director of Communications and College Relations at Thomas Edison; and Ida Julian, director of Development at Thomas Edison and vice president of the Thomas Edison State College Foundation.



PONSI in Israel

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the United States and have attended school here.

Officials from Zaidner visited with administrators at Thomas Edison a few years ago to explore how their students could earn college degrees. Since Thomas Edison cannot develop articulation agreements with non-accredited schools, the PONSI program was recommended as a way for the students to have their learning at Zaidner evaluated for college credit equivalency. Once the courses were successfully evaluated through PONSI, students would have the option of applying the credits at Thomas Edison or one of the other 1,500 colleges around the U.S. that recognize PONSI recommendations.

"PONSI helped bridge the gap by acting as a translation service, so to speak, for the knowledge obtained by the students. Once PONSI conducted the evaluation, Thomas Edison and the other colleges that have adopted policies on the acceptance of PONSI on their campuses could act on the recommendation," Ratigan explained. He "was pleased that Thomas Edison

could play a role in this cooperative venture which creates opportunities for international students to continue their education in America. Thomas Edison has played a leadership role in advocating for adult higher education in this country and it was very rewarding to continue this advocacy at an international level."

Dr. Lansing Davis, director of PONSI for ACE in Washington, anticipates that PONSI will get more involved internationally as foreign students look for ways to document their college-level knowledge. "The PONSI model provides a way for foreign students to connect their noncollegiate training to a college equivalency," explained Dr. Davis. From the point of view of the foreign institution, Dr. Davis believes that a positive review from ACE is well respected and gives the program prestige within its own country. "The U.S. is recognized as a leader in higher education and many organizations outside this country want a U.S. 'stamp of approval' for their educational programs. PONSI provides that mechanism," Dr. Davis said.

Sports pro's look to Thomas Edison to complete degrees

by Linda Holt

Thomas Edison State College is one of the few public, baccalaureate institutions in the nation with no sports teams. But that doesn't keep its students from playing hard ball in the big leagues.



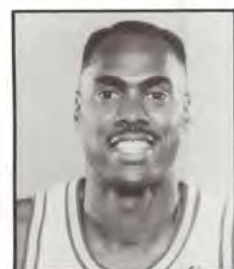
Mark Eaton

Three professional basketball players are currently among the College's more than 8,600 adult students.

"Thomas Edison State College has a national reputation for excellence," observed Mark Eaton, a center with the Utah Jazz and also a candidate for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications at the site-free College for adults. "I know I'm not going to play basketball forever, and earning my

degree will help me prepare for a rewarding second career."

Other professional athletes enrolled in Thomas Edison are Alton Lister of the Golden State Warriors and Scott Hastings of the Denver Nuggets (formerly with the Detroit Pistons). Both athletes play in the forward/center



Alton Lister

position and are enrolled in the College's B.A. degree program in Communications.

All three athletes had some academic background, but their superior talent shot them directly into the "big leagues" before they had a chance to complete their undergraduate degrees.

According to Doreen Dial, an education/career consultant for PACE Sports in San Diego, this is a trend that promises to grow. Ms. Dial works with professional and amateur athletes by assisting them in completing their college degrees or receiving career training for alternative careers.

"Thomas Edison was founded to address a variety of adult educational needs," said Dr. George A. Pruitt, College president. "Among them is the need to provide high-quality educational opportunities to men and women who were so successful at an early age that they didn't have a chance to complete their formal education."

Why do professional athletes in the western half of the nation choose a college located in Trenton, New Jersey?

"Thomas Edison State College is the perfect college for professional and amateur athletes who are faced with travel," observed Dial. "It provides the flexibility that these athletes need in order to complete their degrees."



Scott Hastings

"At Thomas Edison, adult students can transfer in credits from courses they have taken at other accredited colleges and universities," Dial said. "They can also complete degree requirements in flexible ways, earning credit for college-level knowledge acquired at work, in the military or in corporate settings."

The College's graduates include a wide range of successful adults, including Steven DeSouza, the screenplay writer who wrote "48 Hours" and "Die Hard" I and II; and Aviva Goldman, a best-selling Israeli author and soprano.

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Alumni Association News Celebrate Commencement!

Plan to attend this year's Commencement ceremony and PHT Awards Commencement Banquet on Oct. 25. It's shaping up to be a day of fun and fellowship, as well as a celebration of the College's many success stories and 20th Anniversary. Need more convincing? Here are comments from last years attendees:

I cannot begin to express my profound joy now that my graduation day has arrived. Without a fine institution such as Thomas Edison State College, my dream of attaining my college degree may never have been realized. I intend to enter law school in the fall of 1992, which would not have been possible without my excellent foundation at Thomas Edison. Your faculty and staff have done everything within their powers to assist me in my endeavors. I was torn as to whether to attend the formal commencement—after attending, I would not have missed it for the world.

—Richard Buzby Jr. '91

This day will be the most significant day of my life. I waited for this for 8-1/2 years, and it was worth it. The graduation was very well organized, and the Commencement banquet was very chic, also. The Office of Alumni Affairs provides a good celebration for the graduates. Thanks!

—Ibis M. Roman '91

Board update

Involving students new priority

A new Alumni-Student Committee was developed as a result of the May meeting of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. The goal is to encourage alumni and students to work together on College/alumni projects, and to generate activities that will appeal to students. Spearheading the effort is Adele Ellis '88, vice president for alumni member relations, and Marilyn Peterson '91, chairperson.

The committee is looking for recruits! Interested alumni and students can contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at (201) 877-1450.

This news is good news

A new alumni coordinator has been appointed by the Alumni Association Board of Directors to act as a liaison between the Alumni Association and Invention staff. Charlotte Cooney '91 will work with the Office of Communications and College Relations to provide pertinent information, news and dates about alumni activities to be published in the quarterly newsletter.

Alumni with timely tips and noteworthy news can also continue to contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at Thomas Edison State College, 153 Halsey St., 5th floor, Newark, N.J., 07102-2898.

Extra! Extra! Get your PHT certificates!

Did a special family member or friend support you as you pursued your degree at Thomas Edison? If you're a recent graduate, why not consider PHT (Putting Him/Her Through) certificates for those who provided you with a helping hand? Look for the announcement and order form to arrive in your mailbox during August and September.

Graduates will have the opportunity to honor PHT recipients at the banquet immediately following Commencement on Sunday, Oct. 25. Certificates will be mailed to graduates unable to attend the banquet so that you can honor PHT recipients in your own special way.

Keep an eye out for PHT and banquet mailings! If you graduated before November 1991, you can still order certificates by contacting the Office of Alumni Affairs, Thomas Edison State College, 153 Halsey Street, 5th floor, Newark, N.J., 07102-2898. Orders must be received by Aug. 11!



Commencement 1991: Alumnus Paul Hays '89 puts the final touches to the hood of Jean Hunt '91. Alumni interested in helping with Commencement 1992 are invited to call (201) 877-1450.

One of our best . . .

Ondina A. Jeffers '80 (A.A.), '82 (B.A.)



If Ondina Jeffers could find a way to bottle and sell her enthusiasm, she could easily quit her job as a teacher in New York's inner city. She could, that is, if she didn't "love it, love it, love it!"

"When I was working as a school secretary, I saw a number of teachers who were making a difference. I decided I wanted to be one of them," said this effervescent vice president for programming of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, who also holds an M.A. from Fordham University. Today, thanks to her Thomas Edison

State College degree, Jeffers has achieved a miracle in her kindergarten classroom: each year, every one of her public school students learns to read.

Making a difference has always come naturally to Jeffers. She serves her community in a number of ways, include as a board member of the Hightstown-East Windsor Community Action Service Center. What made the difference for Thomas Edison—that is, how the College enlisted the aid of such a distinguished alumna—was Commencement.

Jeffers explained that she didn't attend her 1980 Commencement, but decided to go in 1982. That year, Dr. George A. Pruitt was introduced as the new president. She described it as an exciting time, full of promise. Her long association with the College began shortly afterward with the Central Jersey Chapter of the Alumni Association, which was one of a number of regional "groups" that the College supported at the time. She recalled, "I came out for my first meeting, held in a small luncheonette, on a cold, snowy day. I've been involved ever since."

Because of the distance from her job in New York to her East Windsor home, Jeffers shied away from becoming "too involved." Recently, however, the College ring sales program and the prospect of revitalizing regional meetings persuaded Jeffers to jump right in.

"I'm very excited about reviving Regional Outreach Meetings," she noted. "I have a good feeling about them. They will be a time for alumni and students to get together, to share common interests, to get to know each other and to find out what the Alumni Association is doing. It'll be a great way to move students into the alumni arena, because they'll already know some fellow alumni."

Of equal importance to Jeffers is the College ring sales programs, her "baby." Alumni who wish to purchase a Thomas Edison ring write to Jeffers via the Office of Alumni Affairs. Jeffers acts as not only the liaison between the Alumni Association and the company, but as a consultant. "I want to give a little something extra to alumni who want something special. That's what makes the Alumni Association unique—we always try to give that extra effort. We always try to do what's good for the alumni and good for the College."

As she heads out to teach her fifth year of summer school, Jeffers maintains her passion for all of her "loves." Top on the list is a constant supporter of Jeffers' involvement and Alumni Association activities—her husband, Wilfred. His involvement in many alumni events, most notably the Phonathon, underscores the family-oriented nature of the Alumni Association and the College. It's a value that this teacher continues to inspire in all of those who meet her.

Anyone interested in Regional Outreach Meetings, the College ring sales program or any other alumni activities can contact the Office of Alumni Affairs, 153 Halsey St., 5th floor, Newark, N.J., 07102-2898., (201) 877-1450.

Thanks to our Phonathon volunteers

Alumni, students and other volunteers:

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'81

Ron C. Luckenbach (BA) of West Trenton, N.J., is supervising investigator of the Early Detection and Prevention Unit of the Fraud Investigation Section of Mercer County Board of Social Services. He recently helped develop a program to process the resources of drug offenders arrested while actively receiving public assistance. Luckenbach was also instrumental in establishing a system with the Bucks County assistance office to identify recipients collecting dual benefits from Mercer and Bucks Counties.

'86

Richardson Jefferys (BA) of Bielefeld, Germany, received his master's degree from Villanova University in 1988 and moved to Germany in the fall of 1990 to teach and practice psychology. Jefferys writes, "It has been a joy and a delight to teach in university and junior college settings here, and I have been enriched by my (psychological and sociological) research and study . . . I am constantly aware that my career, working in Germany and countless wonderful colleagues, associates and friends were made possible by the opportunity that [Thomas] Edison gave me to earn a degree."

'87

Julie-Ann Silberman (BA) of Richmond, Ind., recently received a Master

of Divinity from Earlham School of Religion. Silberman will be ordained into the Unitarian Universalist Ministry this spring.

'88

Grace Spader (AA) of Medford, N.J., has received her bachelor of arts degree from Glassboro State College (now Rowan College of New Jersey). Spader, who graduated with honors, was in the Teacher of the Handicapped program.

'89

Lea Bayers Rapp (BA) was recognized for outstanding work by winning four 1992 journalism awards from the New Jersey Press Women. Her award-winning work included an essay for a national magazine, and articles on business, consumerism and home for a leading New Jersey newspaper. She resides in Sayreville, N.J.

Stephen E. Spring (BSBA) of N. Dighton, Mass., has recently been admitted to the Suffolk University Executive MBA program. He is currently field service manager for TTI Engineering, an engineering firm specializing in nuclear decontamination and radioactive waste.

Elizabeth Lindsay (BA) of Sarasota, Fla., has been appointed by the Governor to the State Board of Regents. Lindsay, who owns a citrus farm

and a company that does remodeling and interior decorating, is a licensed contractor. She also finds time to serve on the Florida Arts Council and is the president of the Asolo Center for the Performing Arts.

'91

John T. Hill (BSHS) of North Middletown, N.J., a police officer in Middletown Township, has completed 75 percent of the courses required for a master's degree at Jersey City State College. Hill, who has also launched a successful second career writing articles for criminal justice publications and has had four articles published (including one which was distributed internationally), explains, "My college education is directly responsible for my writing accomplishments."

'92

David Vine (BSBA) completed his Thomas Edison degree in just one year, using every method available. This comes as no surprise, since this self-starter has run his own management consulting firm since 1981. David assists executives in strategy development, market research, and development and implementation of highly targeted marketing programs. Some of his many memberships include certified management consultant member of the Institute of Management Consultants, treasurer and vice

president of the New Jersey Chapter of the Public Relations Society of American, and secretary of the Rotary Club of Lawrence Township.

William D. Wagoner (BSHS) of Royal Oak, Mich., has been appointed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to serve on the Emergency Management Institute (SMI) Board of Visitors. William has served the City of Berkeley for nearly two decades in the dual capacities of assistant city manager and emergency program manager. He is a certified Professional Emergency Manager in the State of Michigan and currently is on the adjunct faculty of Central Michigan University's graduate school of administration.

If you would like news of your accomplishments included in the Applause, Applause section of *Invention*, please send information to: Office of Alumni Affairs, Thomas Edison State College, 153 Halsey St., 5th Floor, Newark, N.J. 07102-2898. You may enclose a black-and-white photograph for consideration. Please include your daytime phone number, Thomas Edison degree(s) earned and year of graduation. Rest assured that your news will be published as soon as possible; however, due to our quarterly publication schedule, it may not appear in the next issue.

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