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Silver Anniversary Gala Program

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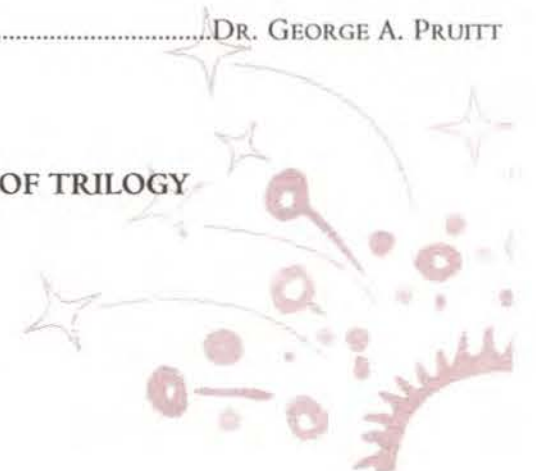
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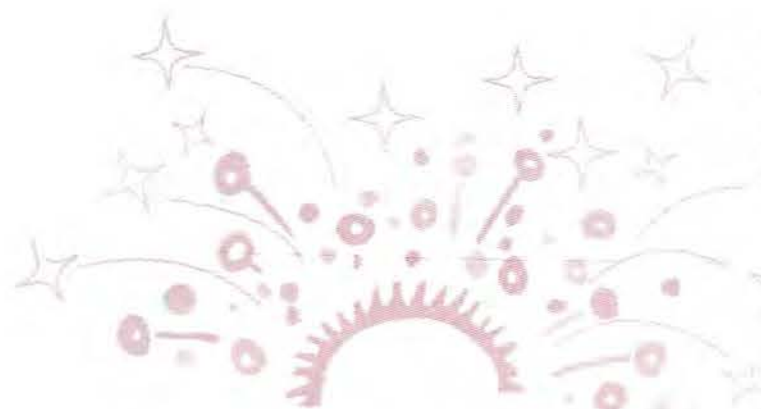
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DEAR FRIENDS:

ON OCT. 22, 1992, THE THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION CELEBRATED THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLLEGE WITH OUR VERY FIRST GALA, "TWO DECADES OF DREAMS FULFILLED." WE'VE NOW ADDED FIVE MORE YEARS TO "DREAMS FULFILLED" AND ARE CELEBRATING OUR SILVER ANNIVERSARY - 25 YEARS OF ACHIEVEMENT!

THOMAS EDISON'S SUCCESS HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY FORBES MAGAZINE FOR LEADERSHIP IN USING TECHNOLOGY TO BRING THE HIGHEST QUALITY EDUCATION TO ADULTS WHEREVER THEY LIVE AND WORK. FROM THE DAY IT OPENED 25 YEARS AGO, THE COLLEGE HAS BEEN AHEAD OF ITS TIME IN PROVIDING ASSESSMENT AND DISTANCE LEARNING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS.

TODAY, THE COLLEGE IS ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF THE "ON-LINE ERA" AND OFFERS THE WIDEST RANGE OF OPTIONS FOR ADULT LEARNERS. IT IS THIS PIONEERING SPIRIT THAT HAS KEPT THOMAS EDISON A VANGUARD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INNOVATIVE LEARNING TECHNIQUES AND TECHNOLOGIES. THAT IS WHY YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL TO THE FUTURE OF THIS INSTITUTION AND TO THE ADULT LEARNERS IT SERVES.

THE SPIRIT OF EDISON AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED THIS EVENING TO THREE EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVERS FROM THE BUSINESS, JUDICIAL AND COLLEGE COMMUNITIES. THE SPIRIT OF EDISON AWARDS RECOGNIZE THOSE COMMUNITY LEADERS AND GRADUATES OF THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE WHO EMBODY THE COMMITMENT TO INNOVATION, CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD AND THE SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE ASSOCIATED WITH THOMAS ALVA EDISON AND THE MISSION OF THE COLLEGE.

PLEASE JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING THOSE WHO EMBODY THE SPIRIT OF EDISON . . .
LT. HOWARD E. BUTT '95, JOHN J. HELDRICH AND JUDGE JOSEPH H. RODRIGUEZ.

WE WISH YOU A WONDERFUL EVENING AND HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE THIRD MILLENNIUM CELEBRATION AS WE GO FOR THE GOLD!

SINCERELY,

Rita A. Novitt

RITA A. NOVITT, CO-CHAIR
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DEAR SUPPORTERS:

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO OUR SIXTH ANNUAL GALA. WHILE THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IS TO HAVE A GOOD TIME, I HOPE YOU ALSO WILL TAKE A MOMENT TO REFLECT ON THE POWERFUL WORK OF THIS UNIQUE COLLEGE IN HELPING ADULTS ACROSS NEW JERSEY AND AROUND THE GLOBE CREATE THEIR OWN PROGRAMS FOR SUCCESS.

THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE IS CELEBRATING ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY. AS THE COLLEGE MARKS THIS IMPORTANT MILESTONE, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM OUR FOUNDATION'S COMMITMENT TO FOSTER THE COLLEGE'S MISSION AND GOALS IN EVERY WAY WE CAN. THE FOUNDATION IS CONSTANTLY WORKING TO BUILD A SOLID ENDOWMENT OF SUPPORT AND TO RAISE SIGNIFICANT FUNDS FOR THE COLLEGE'S REMARKABLE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. AS THE COLLEGE EMBARKS ON ITS NEXT QUARTER CENTURY OF SERVICE TO ADULT LEARNERS, WE WILL CONTINUOUSLY NEED YOUR HELP TO ASSIST THE COLLEGE TO MEET NEW CHALLENGES.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE COLLEGE THROUGH THIS SPECIAL EVENT. A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOUNDATION GALA CO-CHAIRS, JACK NEARY AND RITA NOVITT, AND TO THEIR COMMITTEE FOR MAKING THIS EVENING POSSIBLE.

TO EACH OF YOU WHO HAVE JOINED US IN THIS CELEBRATION, I HOPE YOU WILL HAVE A TERRIFIC TIME.

RESPECTFULLY,

NICHOLAS L. CARNEVALE
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DEAR FRIENDS OF THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE:

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE, ON THE OCCASION OF OUR SILVER ANNIVERSARY, TO WELCOME YOU TO THE SIXTH ANNUAL GALA OF THE THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION. DURING THIS SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, THE COLLEGE MARKS 25 YEARS OF BRINGING THE HIGHEST QUALITY EDUCATION TO ADULT LEARNERS AROUND THE COUNTRY AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS SPECIAL EVENING WILL BE THE PRESENTATION OF THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE SPIRIT OF EDISON AWARDS. THESE AWARDS RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS FROM THE BUSINESS AND COLLEGE COMMUNITIES. THIS YEAR, WE ARE HONORING THREE REMARKABLE INDIVIDUALS WHOSE SINGULAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE HAD A PROFOUND EFFECT ON THE COMMUNITY. I HOPE YOU WILL TAKE A MOMENT THIS EVENING TO PERSONALLY CONGRATULATE OUR SPIRIT OF EDISON RECIPIENTS: ALUMNUS HOWARD E. BUTT '95, JOHN J. HELDRICH AND JUDGE JOSEPH H. RODRIGUEZ.

THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE CONTINUES TO HOLD ITS POSITION AS A LEADER IN HIGHER EDUCATION DECADES AFTER ITS INCEPTION. THIS YEAR, FORBES MAGAZINE RATED US "ONE OF THE NATION'S TOP 20 CYBER-UNIVERSITIES." WE EARN THAT REPUTATION EACH DAY AS WE SERVE BUSY ADULT LEARNERS FROM ALL 50 STATES AND OVER 75 COUNTRIES. A PIONEER IN WHAT WAS ONCE A FAR-REACHING IDEA—DISTANCE LEARNING—WE ARE PROUD TO BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION. OUR ON-LINE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT, ON-LINE COMPUTER CLASSROOM™ COURSES, COMPUTER ASSISTED LIFELONG LEARNING (CALL™) NETWORK AND INTERACTIVE WEB SITE MAKE FULL USE OF TODAY'S COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY. GUIDED STUDY AND CONTRACT LEARNING COURSES, AS WELL AS OUR TESTING PROGRAMS, ALSO BRING LEARNING TO STUDENTS, WHEREVER THEY LIVE AND WORK.

FOR A QUARTER OF A CENTURY, THOMAS EDISON HAS OFFERED ADULTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE COLLEGIATE EDUCATION OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY. I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON YOU TO JOIN ME IN ADVANCING THE MISSION OF THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE. IT IS THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUALS LIKE YOU THAT MAKE THIS COLLEGE THE LEADER IN HIGHER EDUCATION THAT IT IS TODAY.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING THIS EVENING WITH US. HAVE A GREAT TIME.

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THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE, THE THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION AND THE GALA COMMITTEE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK EACH OF YOU WHO PARTICIPATED IN MAKING THIS SILVER ANNIVERSARY GALA A SUCCESS. A SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES TO RICHARD KISCO AND THE PRINCETON FLOWER SHOP FOR TURNING OUR "EVENING UNDER THE STARS" INTO A MOST MEMORABLE EVENT! AND, A NOTE OF APPRECIATION FOR THE MUSICAL SOUND PROVIDED BY OUR BAND, TRILOGY. OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO CORESTATES BANK, OUR STERLING UNDERWRITER, WHOSE MOST GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO UNDERWRITE TONIGHT'S EVENT ENABLED THE FOUNDATION TO RAISE SIGNIFICANT FUNDS THIS EVENING. OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO THE SARNOFF CORPORATION FOR UNDERWRITING THE PRINTING OF THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY GALA PROGRAM JOURNAL, AND TO PARKER COMMUNICATIONS GROUP FOR GRACIOUSLY PRINTING THE INVITATIONS.

WE APPRECIATE THE MANY GIFTS DONATED TO THE SILENT AUCTION, ALL THE COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO SUPPORTED THE PROGRAM JOURNAL, AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE COLLEGE THANKS THE GALA COMMITTEE, STAFF AND FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE WHO SO GENEROUSLY GAVE OF THEIR TIME OR SERVICE.

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Embodying the Spirit of Edison

THE THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION IS PLEASED TO PRESENT THE FOURTH ANNUAL "SPIRIT OF EDISON" AWARDS. THESE PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS RECOGNIZE ALUMNI AND COMMUNITY LEADERS WHOSE CREATIVITY, COMMITMENT AND ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT REFLECT THE PIONEERING GENIUS OF THOMAS ALVA EDISON. THIS YEAR'S Awardees are HOWARD E. BUTT '95, JOHN J. HELDRICH AND JOSEPH H. RODRIGUEZ. (SEE BIOGRAPHIES ON THE PAGES THAT FOLLOW.)

SPIRIT OF EDISON AWARDS CRITERIA

THE "SPIRIT OF EDISON" AWARDS ARE PRESENTED EACH YEAR BY THE THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION. THE AWARDS RECOGNIZE COMMUNITY LEADERS AND ALUMNI WHO EMBODY THE COMMITMENT TO INNOVATION, CONCERN FOR PUBLIC GOOD AND THE SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE ASSOCIATED WITH THOMAS ALVA EDISON AND THE MISSION OF THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE. GIVEN THE GLOBAL NATURE OF THOMAS EDISON'S DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS, RECOGNITION IS GIVEN THOSE WHO HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE AT THE LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL.

SPIRIT OF EDISON AWARD RECIPIENTS ARE CHARACTERIZED BY:

- A HIGH STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE, INNOVATION AND IMAGINATION IN THEIR CAREERS;
- DEDICATION TO HUMANITARIANISM AND SERVING THE PUBLIC GOOD;
- DEVOTION TO THE IDEALS OF SELF-DISCIPLINE, HARD WORK AND PERSISTENCE IN THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE;
- ENTHUSIASM FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF OUR QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH THE CONTINUED AVAILABILITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ADULTS; AND
- DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AT THE COMMUNITY, NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL LEVEL.



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1994
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JOHN P. NEARY

1995
STEVEN E. DESOUSA, '76
JAMES KILGORE

1996
PAULA VAUGHAN, '90
RICHARD J. GILLESPIE

John J. Heldrich



TION, WHICH IS
REGARDED AS A
MODEL OF A TRUE
PUBLIC/PRIVATE
PARTNERSHIP
THROUGHOUT
THE STATE
AND COUN-
TRY. HE WAS THE

FOUNDING CHAIRMAN AND
SERVED TWO DECADES AT
THE HEAD OF NEW
BRUNSWICK TOMORROW,

THE PRIVATE,
NONPROFIT
COMMUNITY
ORGANIZA-
TION WHICH
HAS SPEAR-
HEADED NEW
BRUNSWICK'S
ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND
CULTURAL
RENAISSANCE.

JOHN ALSO
SERVES ON
THE BOARD
OF TRUSTEES
OF THE NEW
BRUNSWICK
CULTURAL
CENTER AND
IS AN EX-
OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE
BOARD OF THE NEW
BRUNSWICK
DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION. THE
UPPER LOBBY OF THE
BEAUTIFULLY RENOVATED
STATE THEATRE IN THE
CULTURAL CENTER IS

NAMED IN HONOR OF
JOHN AND HIS WIFE,
REGINA.

ON THE STATE LEVEL,
JOHN IS CHAIRMAN OF THE
NEW JERSEY STATE
COMMISSION ON
EMPLOYMENT AND
TRAINING (SETC),
WHICH HAS THE CRUCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY TO PRE-
PARE THE STATE'S WORK-

FORCE TO
MEET THE
CHALLENGES
OF AN
INCREASING-
LY COMPETI-
TIVE GLOBAL
ECONOMY. HE ALSO
SERVED AS
CO-CHAIRMAN
OF GOV.
CHRISTIE
WHITMAN'S
TRANSITION
TEAM FOR
THE STATE
DEPARTMENT
OF LABOR.

UNDER
JOHN'S
LEADERSHIP, THE SETC
DEVELOPED THE FIRST
UNIFIED STATE PLAN FOR
NEW JERSEY'S
WORKFORCE READINESS
SYSTEM. THE
COMMISSION HAS
ADDRESSED SUCH CRITICAL
ISSUES AS GENDER EQUITY,

LITERACY, THE DEVELOP-
MENTALLY DISABLED, WEL-
FARE-TO-WORK, SCHOOL-
TO-WORK, WORKFORCE
QUALITY, ONE-STOP
CAREER CENTERS, EDUCA-
TION IN CORRECTIONAL
INSTITUTIONS, AND A
HOST OF OTHER INITIA-
TIVES THAT HAVE EARNED
NEW JERSEY A NATIONAL
REPUTATION IN EMPLOY-
MENT AND TRAINING. THE
BLOUSTEIN SCHOOL OF
PLANNING AND PUBLIC
POLICY AT RUTGERS, THE
STATE UNIVERSITY, HAS
ESTABLISHED THE JOHN J.
HELDRICH INSTITUTE OF
LEADERSHIP TO CONDUCT
POLICY FORUMS ON WORK-
FORCE ISSUES.

AMONG HIS MANY OTHER
ACTIVITIES, JOHN IS A
CHARTER MEMBER OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
RUTGERS. HE ALSO IS A
MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE
ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON
FOUNDATION, THE
LARGEST FOUNDATION IN
THE NATION DEALING
WITH HEALTH CARE ISSUES.

BORN IN NEW BRUNSWICK
IN 1926, JOHN AND HIS
WIFE, NÉE REGINA B. BEST,
ARE THE PARENTS OF
THREE CHILDREN, AND
HAVE 10 GRANDCHILDREN.

HE IS KNOWN
AS THE "HEART
AND DRIVING
FORCE"
BEHIND THE
CITY'S (NEW
BRUNSWICK)
ACCLAIMED
REVITALIZATION

C OMBINING A CAREER
AS A SENIOR EXECU-
TIVE FOR THE WORLD'S
LEADING HEALTH CARE
PRODUCTS COMPANY WITH
A RECORD OF LEADERSHIP
AND COMMITMENT TO
PUBLIC, COMMUNITY AND
CIVIC SERVICE MAKES JOHN
J. HELDRICH A NATURAL
CHOICE FOR THE SPIRIT
OF EDISON AWARD.

JOHN RETIRED FROM
JOHNSON & JOHNSON IN
1991, AFTER NEARLY 41
YEARS WITH THE COMPANY.
AT THE TIME OF HIS
RETIREMENT, JOHN WAS
CORPORATE VICE PRESI-
DENT OF ADMINISTRATION
AND A MEMBER OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AND BOARD OF
DIRECTORS.

IN THE CITY OF NEW
BRUNSWICK, JOHN IS
KNOWN AS THE "HEART
AND DRIVING FORCE"
BEHIND THE CITY'S
ACCLAIMED REVITALIZA-



Joseph H. Rodriguez

DURING HIS ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER, JOSEPH ALSO HAS BEEN AN INSTRUCTOR AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, A LECTURER FOR PROFESSIONAL TRIAL LAWYERS SEMINAR SINCE 1969 AND AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW SCHOOL.

JOSEPH IS A MEMBER AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE BAR ASSOCIATION; A JUDICIAL FELLOW OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF BARRISTERS AND OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS; A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE; AND A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION.

IN OCTOBER 1994, JOSEPH PARTICIPATED IN THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION'S CENTRAL AND EAST EUROPEAN LAW INITIATIVE IN MOSCOW, RUSSIA. THE INITIATIVE'S PURPOSE WAS TO DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO BE RUN ENTIRELY BY THE RUSSIANS IN ORDER

TO ASSIST RUSSIAN REFORMERS WHOSE AIM WAS TO INSTITUTIONALIZE JUDICIAL PRESTIGE AND AUTONOMY THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADVERSARIAL PROCESS USING JUROR-CITIZENS.

OVER THE YEARS, JOSEPH HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS AND ACCOLADES INCLUDING THE "MAN OF THE YEAR" AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION, PETER J. DEVINE AWARD FROM THE CAMDEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION AND THE FRIEND OF HOSPICE AWARD FROM THE KAREN ANN QUINLAN CENTER OF HOPE. HE ALSO HAS BEEN INDUCTED INTO RUTGERS UNIVERSITY HALL OF

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI. HE IS THE RECIPIENT OF HONORARY DOCTOR OF LAW DEGREES FROM RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, SETON HALL, ST. PETER'S COLLEGE, MONTCLAIR STATE COLLEGE (NOW MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY) AND KEAN COLLEGE.

JOSEPH RESIDES IN HADDONFIELD WITH HIS WIFE, BARBARA. HE HAS FOUR DAUGHTERS: LISA, AN ATTORNEY; BARBARA, A TEACHER; JOANNE, A HOMEMAKER AND HAIRDRESSER; AND KRISTIN, A COURTROOM DEPUTY FOR A JUDGE IN PHILADELPHIA. HE IS THE GRANDFATHER OF SIX.



THE HONORABLE JOSEPH H. RODRIGUEZ WILL BE HONORED TONIGHT WITH THE SPIRIT OF EDISON AWARD. A JUDGE WITH THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT IN CAMDEN, JOSEPH'S HIGH STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE AND DEDICATION TO HUMANITARIANISM ARE THE TRUE MEASURE OF "SPIRIT" FOR WHICH THE AWARD WAS DESIGNED.

A GRADUATE OF RUTGERS UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL IN 1958 WITH A L.L.B., AND IN 1968 WITH A J.D., JOSEPH'S CAREER IN THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM BEGAN IN THE LAW OFFICES OF PARTNER, BROWN & CONNERY IN WESTMONT. IN 1982, HE BECAME THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE/PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, A CABINET POSITION UNDER GOV. THOMAS H. KEAN.

Howard E. Butt '95



A MEMBER OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE WITH 26 YEARS OF SERVICE, HOWARD E. BUTT HAS HAD A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN PROMOTING PUBLIC WELFARE. IT IS HIS DEDICATION TO SERVING THE PUBLIC GOOD AND HIS DEVOTION TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION THAT HAS PRECIPITATED HIS SELECTION AS TONIGHT'S ALUMNI RECIPIENT OF THE SPIRIT OF EDISON AWARD.

HOWARD GRADUATED FROM THE 81ST STATE POLICE TRAINING CLASS IN MARCH 1971. AS A UNIFORMED STATE TROOPER HE WAS ASSIGNED TO TROOP B IN NORTHERN NEW JERSEY WITH ASSIGNMENTS TO THE SOMERVILLE, SUSSEX, HACKENSACK AND LITTLE FALLS BARRACKS. HE WAS DESIGNATED A DETECTIVE IN 1976 AND SERVED IN SEVERAL INVESTIGATIVE ASSIGNMENTS, INCLUDING THE MEADOWLANDS SPORTS COMPLEX DETAIL. IN 1980 HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE ORGANIZED CRIME BUREAU.

IN 1986, HOWARD RECEIVED A COMMENDATION FROM NEW JERSEY

STATE POLICE SUPERINTENDENT CLINTON L. PAGANO FOR HIS ROLE AS LEAD DETECTIVE IN A THREE-YEAR MAJOR ORGANIZED CRIME INVESTIGATION OF THE GENOVESE CRIME FAMILY, WHICH RESULTED IN THE ARRESTS AND CONVICTIONS OF 52 MEMBERS OF THIS CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION, THE STATE'S FIRST UTILIZATION OF THE NEWLY ENACTED RACKETEERING STATUTE. HE WAS PROMOTED TO DETECTIVE SERGEANT IN 1987 AND TO DETECTIVE SERGEANT FIRST CLASS IN 1988. IN 1994, HE WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT AND ASSIGNED AS THE SUPERVISOR OF THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT.

IN 1996, HE WAS ASSIGNED AS THE ACTING BUREAU CHIEF (AWAITING A PROMOTION TO CAPTAIN) IN COMMAND OF THE NARCOTICS AND ORGANIZED CRIME BUREAU, ENCOMPASSING 102 ENLISTED PERSONNEL, 12 CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND NINE MEMBERS OF THE NEW JERSEY ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD COUNTERDRUG SUPPORT GROUPS. IN THIS CAPACITY, HE COORDINATES THE

ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS OF THE STATE POLICE IN THE CONTINUING WAR ON DRUGS AND ORGANIZED CRIME.

DURING HIS CAREER, HE HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SEVERAL NEW INITIATIVES, INCLUDING: THE CELLULAR TELECOMMUNICATIONS CLONING AND FRAUD TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE CANINE TRAINING ACADEMY, THE EXPANSION OF THE DEMAND REDUCTION LECTURE PROGRAM, AND THE SPANISH FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM.

HOWARD IS THE HOLDER OF AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES FROM BROOKDALE COLLEGE AND A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN SERVICES DEGREE FROM THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE. HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE PRESTIGIOUS NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF

POLICE STAFF AND COMMAND, AND IS CURRENTLY PURSUING A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY.

HE CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE VICE PRESIDENT, ALUMNI MEMBER RELATIONS, FOR THE THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WHERE HE IS ACTIVE IN SEVERAL COMMITTEES AND PROJECTS TO BENEFIT THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, THE COLLEGE AND THE COMMUNITY.

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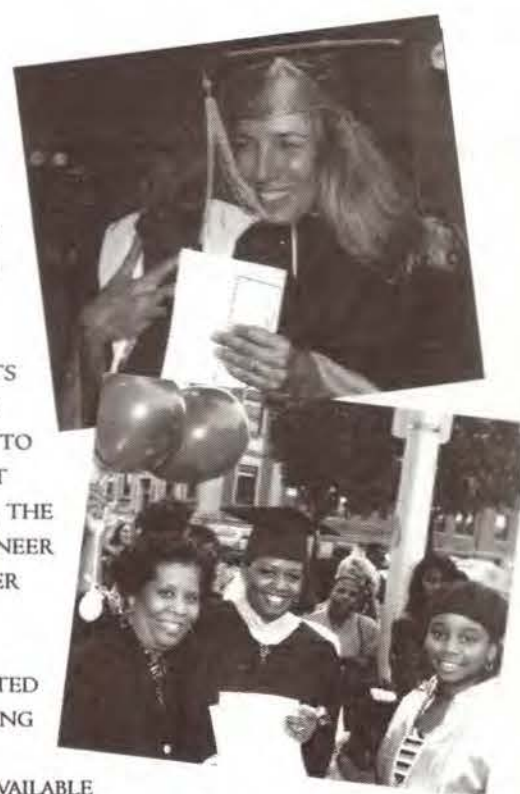
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TODAY, THOMAS EDISON NOT ONLY LEADS THE WAY IN QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ADULT LEARNERS WORLDWIDE, BUT IT ALSO ADMINISTERS THE NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARY, WITH WHICH IT BECAME AFFILIATED IN 1996, AND SUPPORTS THE JOHN S. WATSON INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY, WHICH PROVIDES INDEPENDENT POLICY ANALYSIS AND REVIEW TO THE PUBLIC SECTOR, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER CLIENTS.

Remembering The Past

APPROVED BY THE NEW JERSEY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN DECEMBER 1971, "THOMAS EDISON COLLEGE" WAS ESTABLISHED ON JULY 1, 1972. THE COLLEGE WAS APTLY NAMED IN HONOR OF THOMAS ALVA EDISON, THE NEW JERSEY INVENTOR WHO GAINED ENCYCLOPEDIA KNOWLEDGE OF MANY SUBJECT AREAS WITHOUT ATTENDING COLLEGE CLASSES. (THE COLLEGE AWARDED THOMAS ALVA EDISON AN EARNED DEGREE IN 1992.)

THE COLLEGE WAS GRANTED THE RIGHT TO AWARD THE ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE IN JULY 1972. AT THE SAME TIME, THE INSTITUTION MOVED INTO ITS FIRST HOME AT 1750 NORTH OLDEN AVE. IN EWING TOWNSHIP DR. JAMES DOUGLAS BROWN, JR., WAS NAMED COLLEGE PRESIDENT THAT SUMMER, AND THOMAS EDISON

ENROLLED ITS FIRST STUDENTS IN NOVEMBER.

BY THE SPRING OF 1973, THE COLLEGE WAS IN FULL SWING. DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, THE NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVED THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE AS THE STATE'S NINTH FOUR-YEAR STATE COLLEGE, WITH AN INDEPENDENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES; 70 STUDENTS WERE AWARDED THE COLLEGE'S FIRST ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREES; AND THE MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS ACCEPTED THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE AS A CANDIDATE FOR ACCREDITATION.

THE RAPID PROGRESSION FROM IDEA TO INSTITUTION ILLUSTRATES TWO TRAITS THAT HAVE CHARACTERIZED THOMAS EDISON FROM THE BEGINNING—PIONEERING SPIRIT MATCHED BY A DETERMINATION TO GET THINGS DONE. LESS THAN FIVE YEARS AFTER ITS ESTABLISHMENT, THE COLLEGE RECEIVED FULL ACCREDITATION FROM THE MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS IN APRIL 1976.

THOMAS EDISON MOVED INTO DOWNTOWN TRENTON IN SEPTEMBER 1979, AT A TIME WHEN OTHER INSTITUTIONS WERE LEAVING CITIES. THE SEVEN-YEAR-OLD COLLEGE, WHICH HAD SPENT THREE YEARS AT THE FORRESTAL CENTER OUTSIDE OF PRINCETON, NEEDED ROOM FOR GROWTH. AT THE SAME TIME, THE STATE WAS LOOK-

ING FOR AN APPROPRIATE TENANT FOR THE LANDMARK KELSEY BUILDING AT THE EDGE OF THE CAPITAL COMPLEX, WHILE THE CITY SOUGHT TO PRESERVE THE BUILDING'S HISTORIC USE AS A SCHOOL.

CONCERN THAT THE COLLEGE WOULD OUTGROW THE KELSEY BUILDING AT FIRST DETERRED PRESIDENT BROWN FROM AGREEING TO THE PLAN. BUT STATE SENATE PRESIDENT JOSEPH P. MERLINO FOUND THE SOLUTION WHEN HE PERSUADED GOV. BRENDAN T. BYRNE THAT THE BRICK TOWNHOUSES BETWEEN THE KELSEY BUILDING AND THE STATE HOUSE WOULD BE IDEAL FOR THE COLLEGE WHEN IT NEEDED TO EXPAND. AT A TIME WHEN DEVELOPERS WERE THREATENING THE RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER OF THE STATE HOUSE HISTORIC DISTRICT, THAT PLANNED MARRIAGE OF THE BLOCK'S ARCHITECTURAL GEM AND ITS LESS SHOWY NEIGHBORS SATISFIED COLLEGE, STATE AND CITY CONCERNS.

THE BUILDING IS A FITTING HOME FOR THIS COLLEGE. IT WAS DESIGNED FOR THE SCHOOL OF INDUSTRIAL ARTS, AN INSTITUTION THAT OFFERED TRENTON'S WORKING MEN AND WOMEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL DURING THEIR FREE TIME. WHILE MANY THOMAS EDISON STUDENTS FIT THAT DESCRIPTION, THE COLLEGE'S ENROLLMENT ALWAYS HAS REPRESENTED A CROSS-SECTION OF THE

AMERICAN WORKFORCE. WITH AN AVERAGE AGE OF 39, MANY SEEK THEIR COLLEGE DEGREE TO INCREASE THEIR JOB SKILLS, WHILE OTHERS ENROLL FOR PERSONAL SATISFACTION OR TO RE-ENTER THE JOB FORCE AFTER RAISING A FAMILY OR RETIRING FROM ANOTHER POSITION. THOMAS EDISON CURRENTLY ENROLLS SOME 8,600 ADULT LEARNERS, AND HAS AWARDED MORE THAN 14,000 DEGREES.

Shaping The Future

THE DEPTH OF THE COLLEGE'S ACCOMPLISHMENT IN A SHORT PERIOD IS A TRIBUTE TO ITS STAFF AND THE LEADERSHIP OF THREE PRESIDENTS. DR. LARRAINE R. MATUSAK SUCCEEDED PRESIDENT BROWN IN JULY 1978. FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, DR. GEORGE A. PRUITT ACCEPTED THE APPOINTMENT AS PRESIDENT. IT IS DR. PRUITT WHO HAS NOT ONLY CHARTED THE COURSE, BUT ALSO HAS STEERED THE COLLEGE TOWARD THE FUTURE. HONORED BY THE EXXON FOUNDATION AS ONE OF THE NATION'S MOST EFFECTIVE COLLEGE PRESIDENTS, HE WAS CITED AT THE 1993 THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION GALA FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND UNFAILING DEDICATION TO THE INSTITUTION AND ITS STUDENTS.

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THE COLLEGE CURRENTLY OFFERS THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT (MSM), BACHELOR AND ASSOCIATE OF ARTS, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT, BACHELOR AND ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN APPLIED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN SERVICES, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING, ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN PUBLIC AND SOCIAL SERVICES, ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS, AND ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY.

REACHING OUT TO THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS ANOTHER WAY THE COLLEGE PROVIDES ACCESS TO MEN AND WOMEN SEEKING A COLLEGE DEGREE. THROUGH CORPORATE COLLEGE PROGRAMS, THOMAS EDISON HAS CULTIVATED CORPORATE CLIENTS SINCE 1983. WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION (ACE), THE COLLEGE HELPS BUSINESSES DOCUMENT THE CREDIT VALUE OF INSERVICE PROGRAMS, CREATE TAILORED PROGRAMS TO MEET EMPLOYEES' NEEDS AND ACCOMMODATE THE CHANGING WINDS OF THE CORPORATE CULTURE THROUGH EDUCATION.

THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE HAS LEFT ITS MARK IN OTHER AREAS OF ACADEMIA, AS WELL. DURING

THIS, ITS SILVER ANNIVERSARY YEAR, THOMAS EDISON OPENED THE DOORS TO SENIOR COLLEGE, A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO MEET THE EDUCATIONAL AND PERSONAL GROWTH GOALS OF OLDER AMERICANS. THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON THE ASSESSMENT OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING, CREATED IN 1989 AS THE ONLY NATIONAL PROGRAM DEDICATED TO ADVANCING THE FIELD OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING, ANNUALLY ATTRACTS AN IMPRESSIVE GROUP OF EDUCATORS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE. THOMAS EDISON'S DEGREE PATHWAYS PROGRAM, CREATED TO MEET THE NEED FOR FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE SERVICES IN THE SOUTHERN REGIONS OF NEW JERSEY, HAS QUICKLY SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE STATE. BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT EVERY COUNTY COLLEGE IN NEW JERSEY WILL HAVE SIGNED-ON TO THIS UNIQUE PROGRAM THAT OFFERS TWO-YEAR COLLEGE GRADUATES A SEAMLESS TRANSFER TO THOMAS EDISON'S BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS.

THE COLLEGE ASSISTED THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY BY LOANING AN EXECUTIVE TO SERVE AS THE FIRST DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S MANAGEMENT REVIEW COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION WAS CHARGED WITH UNDERTAKING A STATEWIDE AUDIT OF GOVERNMENT, WHICH RESULTED IN RECOMMENDATIONS SAVING \$1.8 BILLION TO NEW JERSEY CITIZENS. ALSO ON THE STATE LEVEL, THE COLLEGE HAS PARTNERED

WITH THE NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ON HINT (HEALTHCARE INFORMATION NETWORKS AND TECHNOLOGIES), A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON USING TECHNOLOGY IN THE DELIVERY OF HEALTHCARE.

THE CENTER FOR THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT (CUE), WHICH IS UNDER THE WATSON INSTITUTE'S UMBRELLA, PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO STATE, COUNTY AND CITY GOVERNMENTS AS WELL AS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT. IN ADDITION TO ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH THOMAS EDISON, THE WATSON INSTITUTE ALSO WORKS WITH THE N.J. URBAN MAYORS ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF POLICY ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH, PARTICULARLY ON EDUCATION, MUNICIPAL FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES.

TODAY, THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE'S PRESENCE HAS EXPANDED THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND THE STATE. THE COLLEGE'S TRENTON CAMPUS INCLUDES THE KELSEY BUILDING, 101 W. STATE ST., THE ACADEMIC CENTER, 167 E. HANOVER ST., AND THE KUSER MANSION, 315 W. STATE ST. NOW, ANOTHER PHASE OF THE COLLEGE'S EXPANSION HAS BEGUN. RENOVATIONS ARE NEARING COMPLETION ON THE FIVE HISTORIC TOWNHOUSES ADJACENT TO THE KELSEY



BUILDING. BUT PRESERVATION OF THE 19TH-CENTURY STRUCTURES, WITH SOME OF THE NATION'S FINEST GREEK REVIVAL INTERIORS, IS NOT THE ONLY OBJECTIVE. THE PROJECT WILL ENABLE THE COLLEGE TO ACQUIRE 21ST-CENTURY TECHNOLOGY, FROM ELECTRONIC CLASSROOMS AND COMPUTER LABS TO A CORPORATE-STYLE EDUCATION CONFERENCE ROOM AND OTHER FACILITIES LINKING STUDENTS AND FACULTY AT DOZENS OF COLLEGES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND AROUND THE WORLD.

THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE, HOWEVER, ISN'T CONTAINED BY BRICKS AND MORTAR. THE COLLEGE'S REACH IS FELT BY ALL THOSE WHO DARE TO STEP INTO THE FUTURE AND DISCOVER HOW TO TURN THE DREAM OF A COLLEGE DEGREE INTO REALITY. THE ADVENTURE ON WHICH THE COLLEGE HAS EMBARKED IS FAR FROM OVER. IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF INSPIRATION AND EXPLORATION, THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE WILL CONTINUE TO REINVENT THE FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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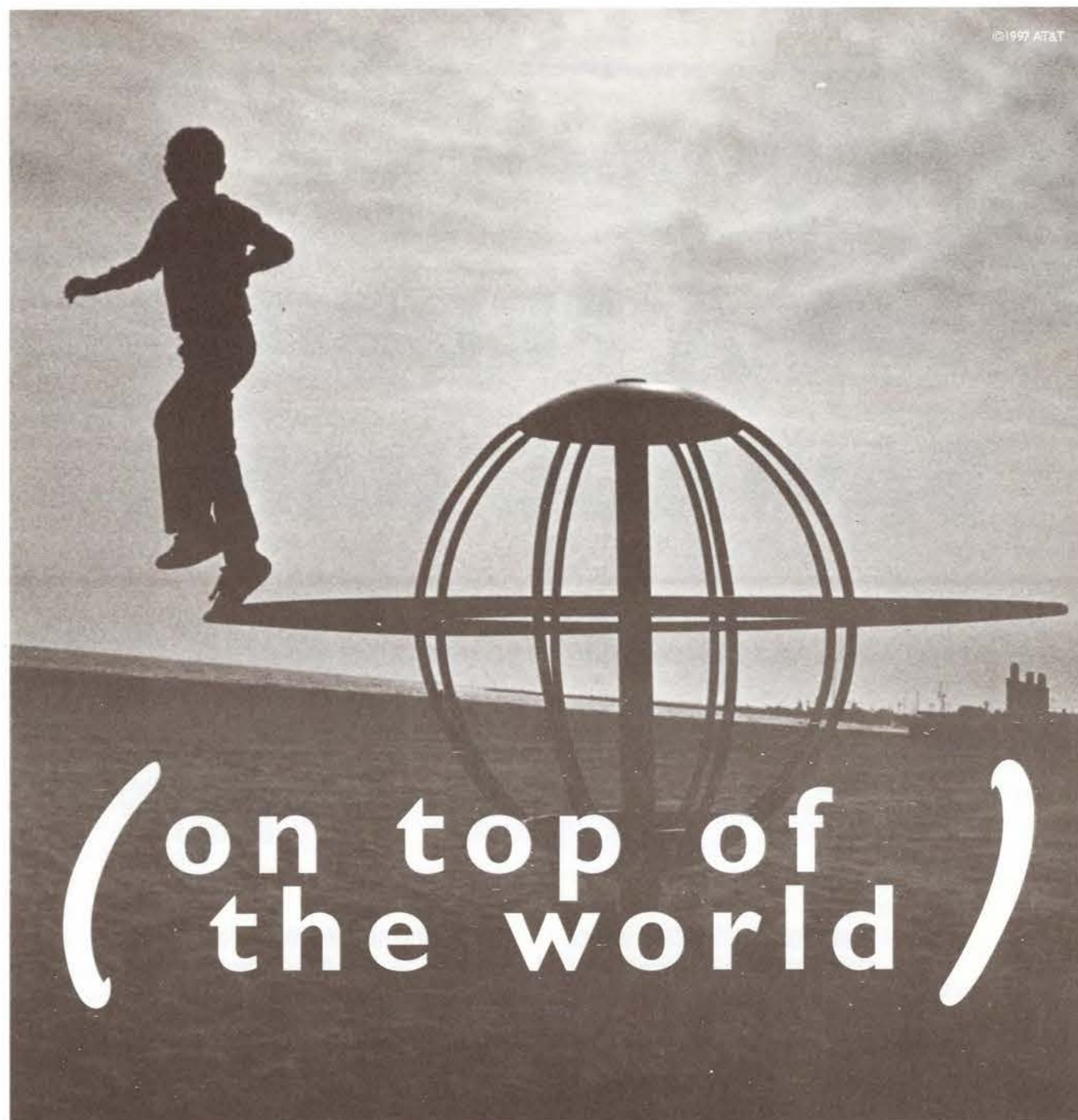
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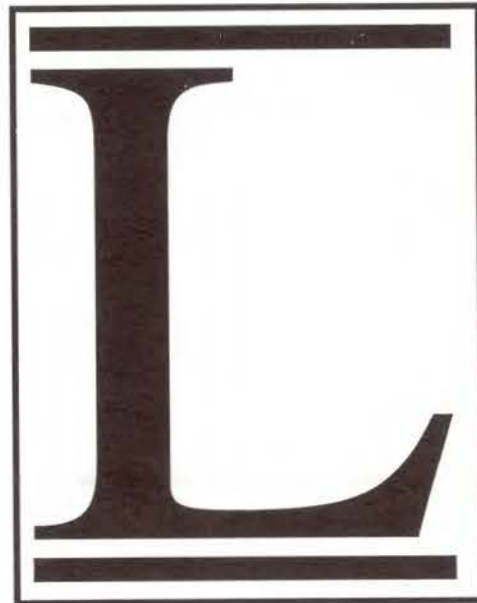
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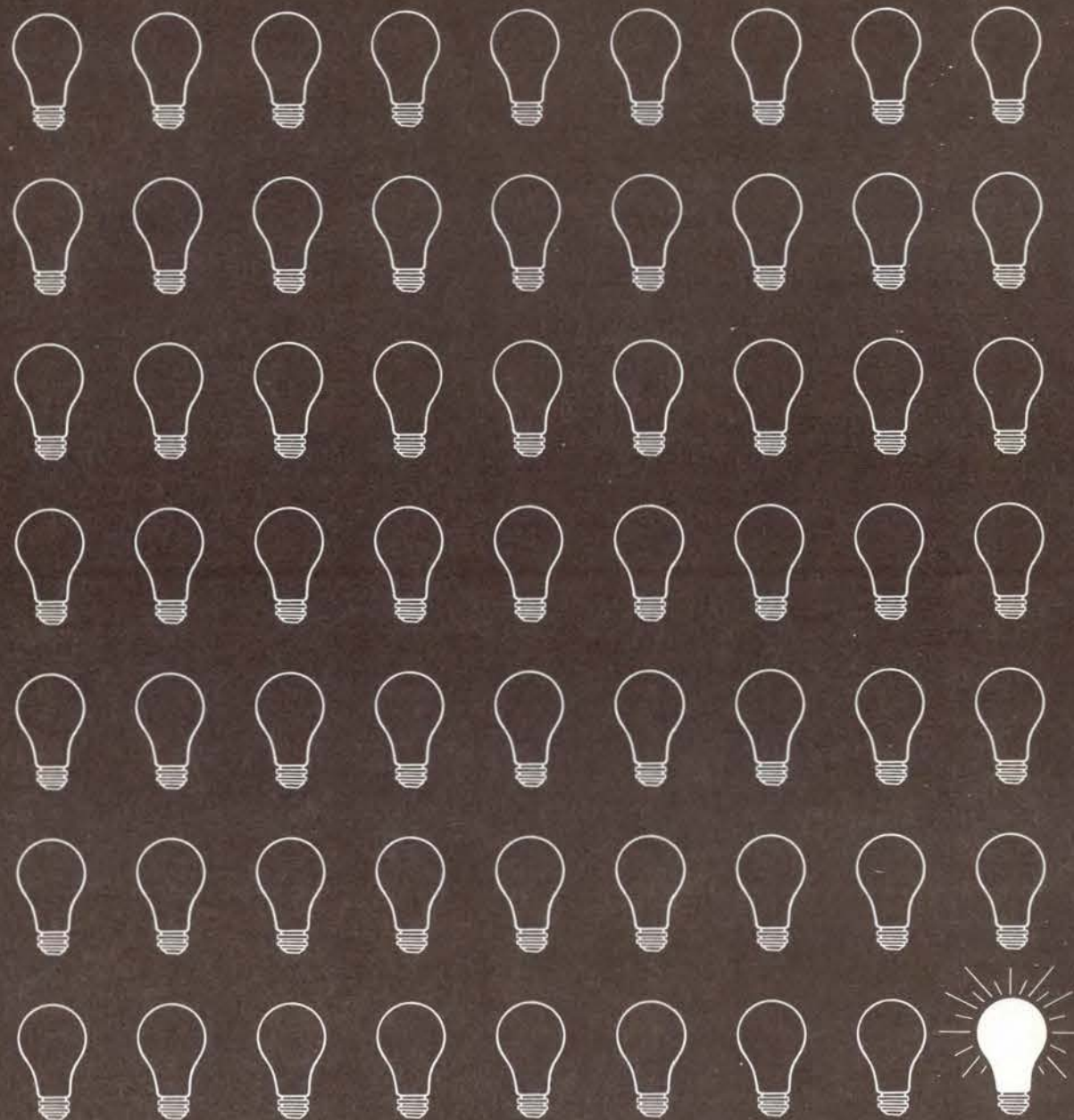
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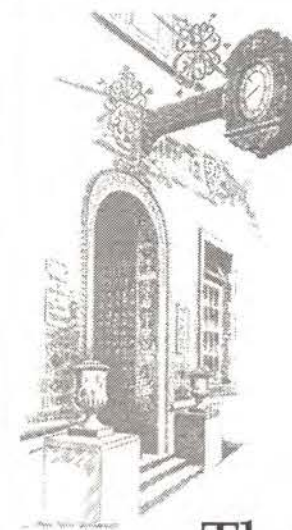


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