

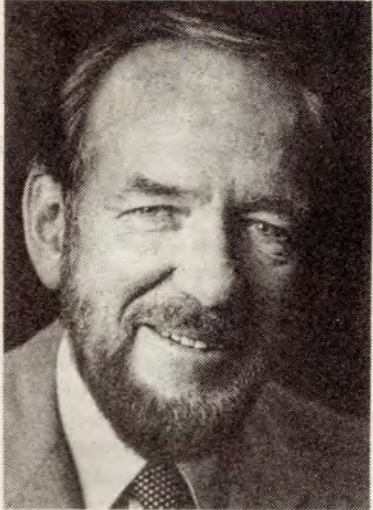
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Quarterly Newsletter of Thomas A. Edison State College

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## Edison State College Holds Twelfth Annual Commencement

Thomas A. Edison State College recently held its Twelfth Commencement at the War Memorial Building in Trenton.



Dr. John R. Coleman

Graduates from every county in the State and several from other states attended the ceremony. This year's class numbered 455, bringing the total number of graduates since the College's inception in 1972 to 4,966.

Dr. John R. Coleman, President of the Edna McDonnell Clark Foundation, delivered the Commencement address. The Foundation is a private philanthropy concerned with improving conditions for those least well served by the established institutions of society.

Dr. Coleman drew national attention when he took a sabbatical leave from his Presidency at Haverford College to work as an unskilled laborer on a variety of jobs. His experiences during that time became the subject of one of his books, *Blue Collar Journal*, which



Graduate Vaughn K. Buntain of Mountainside shares a happy moment after the ceremony with his wife Sharon and their two sons Ryan and Gregory.

was later made into a movie. Dr. Coleman is currently writing a new book, . . . *And Throw Away the Keys*, which recounts his experiences undercover as an inmate or a guard in seven states and federal prisons.

Speaking to the graduates, Dr. Coleman said that, above all, what he has learned from his experiences is "how very much we are all alike. We all need appreciation and respect; we

all need to feel a sense of accomplishment no matter what our job is in life. We all share a need to respect our bosses' ability and fairness."

Dr. Coleman challenged the graduates to use their new degrees to make a difference in their community—and more personally—in their own lives.

## Alumni Meet at Banquet

The Capitol Plaza Hotel was the setting for the Third Annual Alumni Banquet. Alumni spanning each graduating class, including the Class of '84, topped off Commencement Day activities by joining fellow Edison graduates for a relaxing dinner and program.

Highlighting the evening was the presentation of the Alumni Association's First Annual Awards of Recognition. Recipients Helen Nelligan (BA '76) and Lee Becker (BA '82) were honored for their efforts in developing a leadership training program for their respective chapters. The skills taught were especially helpful to alumni organizing the first three chapters.

Also recognized were: Mike Dumpert (ASM '81), Irma

Friedmann (BA '82), and Linda Kosene (BA '77), founding Chairpersons for the North, Central and South Jersey Chapters respectively.

Bruce Hubscher (BA '76), outgoing President of the Alumni Association, presented the President's gavel to Frank Hawrylo (BS '79), incoming President.

On behalf of the Alumni Association, Frank presented Bruce with a plaque in recognition of his three years of service as Association President. The new President also congratulated the Class of '84 on their achievements and encouraged old and new alumni to continue to work together for the benefit of the Association and the College.

## College Names Foundation Board

Edison State College recently announced the names of several new members to its Foundation Board. A nonprofit corporation affiliated with Edison State College, the Foundation raises funds to support special programs and initiatives of the College.

Elected at a recent meeting were: Edward E. Booher, former Chairman and President of the McGraw-Hill Book Company; John J. Connolly, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National State Bank; Richard J. Gillespie, President of Gillespie Advertising, Inc.; Larry G. Woolf, President and Chief Operating Officer of Caesars Tahoe; Christian C. Yegen, Chairman of the Board and President of the Integrity Financial

Group, Inc.; George A. Pruitt, President of Edison State College; and Richard S. Hansen, and Michael J. Scheiring, both Vice Presidents of Edison State College.

Mr. Booher retired in 1976 as President of the Books and Education Services Group and as a Director of McGraw-Hill, Inc. He had served as a Director of McGraw-Hill since 1961, and since 1951 as a Director of the McGraw-Hill Book Company of which he was Chairman and President. Mr. Booher continues his professional life as a publishing consultant.

In 1967, Mr. Booher was elected Chairman of the newly created Board of Higher Education of New Jersey, a post he held until August 1972. He was Chairman of the Board of Higher Education when Edison State College was founded. Mr. Booher is a past member of the Visiting Committee of the Harvard Graduate School of Education as well as a past Governor of Yale University Press.

Mr. Connolly is currently President and Chief Executive Officer of National State Bank. He joined the bank in May 1983 as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. National State, with \$1.2 billion in assets, is the ninth largest commercial bank in New Jersey. Prior to joining National State Bank, Mr. Connolly spent 18 years at First Pennsylvania Bank and Corporation. His career at First Pennsylvania included assignments in the branch, commercial loan, and international areas, as well as directing a subsidiary finance company in Colorado.

Mr. Gillespie is currently President of Gillespie Advertising, Inc. Gillespie Advertising is a Princeton-based advertising agency with current capitalized billings of approximately \$14 million. Mr. Gillespie founded the agency in 1973 following an eight year career with Dow Jones & Company, Inc. The agency provides a full range of marketing/advertising services

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Pictured at the organizational meeting of the Edison State College Foundation Board are newly elected members, standing left to right: John J. Connolly, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National State Bank; Edward E. Booher, former Chairman and President of the McGraw-Hill Book Company; Richard S. Hansen, Vice President of Edison State College; Michael J. Scheiring, Vice President of Edison State College; Richard J. Gillespie, President of Gillespie Advertising; and seated left to right: George A. Pruitt, President of Edison State College; and Christian C. Yegen, Chairman of the Board and President of the Integrity Financial Group, Inc. Not pictured is Larry G. Woolf, President and Chief Operating Officer of Caesars Tahoe.





Above, the graduates are shown lining up for the traditional Class picture on the steps of the War Memorial following the Commencement ceremony. Below, friends of Joan Bucci of Upper Montclair help her get ready for the ceremony.



## Graduation (continued)

Although the majority of Edison State College graduates are New Jersey residents, it is interesting to note that students and alumni reside in every state in the country. Many of the out-of-state people have never been to the College's offices in New Jersey, and communicate with the College by mail or telephone to receive advice and plan their degree programs.

Commencement Day is so special that many times graduates travel great distances to attend the ceremony—some plan their vacations to be in New Jersey on that special day. This year's attendees included:

Anne M. Bazzell, Hawaii  
Mary E. Camp, Ohio

Edward John Carrigan, Massachusetts  
Laura F. King, Colorado  
George G. LaVie, Canada  
Arthur Jeyes, Maryland  
Patricia A. McAlee, Florida  
Lillian Jean Morrison, Maryland  
Bonita Osborn, Colorado  
Erika J. Reilly, Virginia  
Eleanore L. Scherck, California  
Marie E. Scherck, California  
(Eleanore and Marie are mother and daughter.)

Dennis Shank, Massachusetts  
Franklin Wheeler, Virginia  
All of this year's graduates are invited to keep in touch with the college by sending information for the "Alumni Notes" section of *Invention*.

## Staff Receive Awards

President George A. Pruitt has announced the recipients of the Nonteaching Professional Paid Leave Program and the Merit Award Program. These programs were implemented by the College pursuant to the Agreement between the State of New Jersey and the Council of New Jersey State College Locals NJSFT-AFT, AFL-CIO.

Ms. Diane Gruenberg, Coordinator of the Liberal Arts degree program, was selected for the Nonteaching Professional Paid Leave Program.

Ms. Gruenberg has received an appointment from the People's Republic of China to teach English at Yunnan Teachers University in Kunming, Yunnan Province. During her stay in China, she is continuing research on adult education practices in China for her doctoral dissertation

at Rutgers, The State University.

The recipients of the Merit Award Program are Ms. Angela Fontan, Community Services Specialist, and Mr. Thomas Eklund, Program Advisor. The Merit Award Program is intended to recognize outstanding professional contributions of nonteaching professional staff.

Ms. Fontan's major meritorious contribution to the College has been in her continuing enhancement of College relationships with minority communities, in improvements in academic services that exceed normal job expectations, and in noteworthy contributions to her professional associations.

Mr. Eklund assumed a leadership role in developing and coordinating the Advisement Telephone Center. In addition, he is developing the College's first degree program planning handbook and coordinated the program planning workshops for enrolled students. Eklund's service to the College has been highly lauded by students, colleagues, external consultants, and past and present supervisors.

## Foundation

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including market planning, print, broadcast, direct mail, sales promotion, and now offers services from a recently formed public affairs division. The Company doubled in size during the last two and one-half years, and will shortly expand to new quarters in Princeton. Mr. Gillespie personally directs the creative aspects of many of the Agency's accounts.

Mr. Woolf is currently President and Chief Operating Officer of Caesars Tahoe at State Line, Nevada. Mr. Woolf was Senior Vice President at Caesars Atlantic City until August 1984. He was responsible for casino, hotel, and food and beverage departments. He served in a number of managerial positions after joining the Caesars organization in New Jersey in 1979. Mr. Woolf's previous experience in the gaming industry included 12 years at Harrah's in Reno, Nevada, where he held various casino management responsibilities.

Mr. Yegen is currently Chairman of the Board and President of the Integrity Financial Group, Inc., which serves the financing and insurance needs of business and government. The Company, through Integrity Insurance Company, is a specialty lines property and casualty insurer licensed to write business in all fifty states. Integrity Credit Corporation is a direct finance lessor specializing in full pay-out leases for office equipment, primarily telecommunications and copier equipment. Mr. Yegen has been with Integrity Financial Group since 1970 and Chairman/President since 1981. The company is headquartered in Paramus.

## Active Year Planned for PONSI Program

A second annual sponsors seminar, a workshop for colleges and universities, a survey, and publication of a regular newsletter are among the activities planned by the Edison State College Program on Noncollegiate Sponsored Instruction (PONSI), according to Director James A. Ratigan.

"We're anticipating a very active and productive year with more participation than ever on the part of our sponsors, students, alumni, and our colleagues in other higher education institutions," Ratigan said. "We plan to continue with some of the innovations that proved successful last year."

Among these was the sponsors seminar held last spring to give organizations an opportunity to share their questions and concerns about PONSI and to learn how to use their credit recommendations to maximum effectiveness. Ratigan noted that those who attended said they would like to take part in future seminars, adding that a second annual sponsors seminar will be scheduled this year.

In addition, Ratigan is planning another workshop for representatives of colleges and universities throughout the State to provide them with information about the PONSI process and discuss their policies regarding acceptance of PONSI credit recommendations. A formal survey to be conducted within the next few months will also help to monitor changes in academic policies at these institutions.

A newsletter will be circulated regularly to local PONSI sponsors and higher education institutions in the New Jersey area. Its purpose is to keep the College's PONSI affiliates informed of upcoming activities, changes in policies and procedures related to PONSI, and evaluations of local interest.

"The American Council on Education publishes a National

Guide that lists all courses recommended for credit through PONSI, but since this Guide is only updated once a year, colleges are often unaware of very recent evaluations," Ratigan explained. "The PONSI newsletter will fill that void by reporting the most current local evaluations to our affiliates."

PONSI was created by the American Council on Education to promote credit awards for college-level training obtained outside the college sector. Those who graduate from training programs carrying credit recommendations are eligible to receive academic credits at any of approximately 1,500 higher education institutions nationwide, including 27 in New Jersey. Programs eligible for evaluation include those sponsored by organizations in business and industry, labor unions, professional and voluntary associations, government agencies, and trade, technical and business schools.

"Our students and alumni of the College can be instrumental in

bringing PONSI services to these organizations," Ratigan said. "We plan to give presentations about the PONSI program to our three alumni chapters and to make information more readily available to students who are interested in helping to arrange evaluations for their places of employment or other organizations to which they belong."

Assigned responsibility for PONSI in 1981 by the New Jersey Department of Higher Education, Edison State College oversees evaluations of training courses and aids sponsors and program trainees in making use of PONSI credit recommendations. The College has conducted evaluations for more than 30 organizations, including AT&T, the American Institute of Banking, Atlantic Electric Company, the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Mountainside Hospital, Research Cottrell, Chubb Institute for Computer Technology, the New Jersey Association of Realtors, and Schoolwatch, Inc.



Governor Thomas H. Kean recently visited the College to attend a Board of Higher Education meeting being held in one of the College's meeting rooms. Greeting the Governor on the steps of the Kelsey Building is Dr. George Pruitt, Edison's President.



## Nursing Community Attends Reception

Representatives of associations and organizations within New Jersey's nursing community were introduced to Dr. Dolores Brown Hall, Director of the Edison State College Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program, at a College reception earlier this year.

The reception, held in the Kelsey Building, was attended by nursing education administrators, nursing service administrators, nursing educators, and members of both the New Jersey Board of Nursing and the New Jersey League of Nursing.

"It was the beginning of the establishment of a network with people in the various agencies to determine what services Edison State College can provide to them and to identify people in the community who can assist us in the implementation of certain segments of the program such as the study groups," Dr. Brown Hall said.

The study groups are designed to provide academic support networks for Edison State College BSN students. Each group will be coordinated by a Facilitator who has a Master's degree in Nursing and collegiate nursing experience.

"We would like these groups to be available to give our students an opportunity to work with each other, identify their academic strengths and weaknesses, and prepare for their written and performance examinations," said Dr. Brown Hall. She is planning to establish at least one group per county that is convenient to the place of residence or employment of BSN students, and she has asked agencies across the state to donate space for these groups to meet within their facilities.

"We've received quite a lot of support from people in the community thus far," she said. "We feel this is an important step in implementing the external degree nursing program in New Jersey."

The first program of its kind in the state, the Edison State College BSN program was established last year to help registered nurses earn a college degree while continuing to work full time. Students may earn the required credits completely outside the college classroom; the 48 credits required for the Professional Nursing Component of the degree are awarded entirely through written and performance examinations.



Among those attending the Nursing Reception were, above, left to right, Dr. Dolores Brown Hall, Director of the Program; Eileen Alessandro, Executive Director of the Association of Diploma Schools of Professional Nursing; Dr. Ruth McKeefery, Dean of Academic Programs at Edison; and, Dr. Jean Arnold, Associate Professor at the Rutgers College of Nursing. Below, Benjamin Epstein (right), a member of the New Jersey Board of Nursing, speaks to Dr. Jerry Ice, Vice President of Academic Affairs, at Edison.



## Military News

### Edison State College Students Eligible for Air Force ROTC

Dr. Jerry Ice, Vice President for Academic Affairs, has negotiated an agreement in which qualified Edison State College students are eligible for Air Force ROTC instruction at Rutgers University.

Students who achieve an Edison State College degree and complete the Air Force ROTC program at Rutgers will be able to attain appointments as commissioned officers in the United States Air Force.

Portfolio Assessment can only be completed by a member of the Armed Forces who is in the United States. Service persons who are stationed overseas can begin putting their portfolios together and plan on going through the assessment process when they return to the U.S.

Further information concerning Portfolio Assessment can be obtained from the Office of Military Affairs.

### Portfolio Assessment by Examination Covered by Tuition Assistance

The cost of portfolio assessment by examination has been covered for the first time by Air Force tuition assistance.

Portfolio Assessment is a method of earning college credit for college level knowledge acquired outside the classroom. Through assessment, students identify college-level knowledge that applies to their degree programs and provide evidence of this knowledge. If evidence cannot be provided, or if the student requests an exam in the area where college-level knowledge is claimed, the student's knowledge in the particular area will be tested by a qualified faculty consultant. The consultant usually is actively teaching courses comparable to the area in which the student is claiming college-level knowledge.

Portfolio Assessment is extremely cost-effective and consequently saves the Armed Forces from paying full tuition for a course when the student has the college-level knowledge in the particular subject and can demonstrate this knowledge by passing an exam.

In addition to saving the military money, portfolio assessment helps the student earn a degree in a shorter period of time, and permits him/her to concentrate on courses in which he/she does not have college-level knowledge.

### Edison and the N.J. National Guard: Partners in Education

Edison State College, recently chosen as a partner college in the New Jersey National Guard Academy's "Adopt a School" program, has signed an agreement to provide educational services for at least 50 Guard officers this year.

The College will be part of the Academy's effort to meet the new higher education requirements set by the National Guard Bureau in Washington.

Guard officers are required under these guidelines to obtain at least 60 semester hours of college credit by 1989. The Academy's agreement with the College is aimed at bringing appropriate educational opportunities to those affected by the mandate.

Edison State College was selected because of its flexible methods of earning credits and its "eagerness to award credits for military education," according to Colonel Vincent J. Zolnoski, Deputy Commandant at the Academy.

As a first step, the College conducted an on-site evaluation of the five officer training programs run at the facility. As a result of the May evaluation, conducted by subject-matter specialists, all five were approved for credits at the College. These include the Basic/Primary Noncommissioned Officer Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Senior Noncommissioned Officer Course, Company Commander's Course, and Army Officer Candidate School.

Col. Zolnoski, coordinator of the Academy's military and civilian education office at Sea Girt, cited Edison State College's expertise in helping busy students plan

educational activities to fit in with their other professional and personal responsibilities. "Fulfilling those requirements is going to impact on the Guardsperson. Being a Guardsperson already means devoting many hours in the evenings and on weekends. Now we're going to ask that person's family to allow more time for getting a degree," Col. Zolnoski said.

"Adopt a School" is a nationwide program established by President

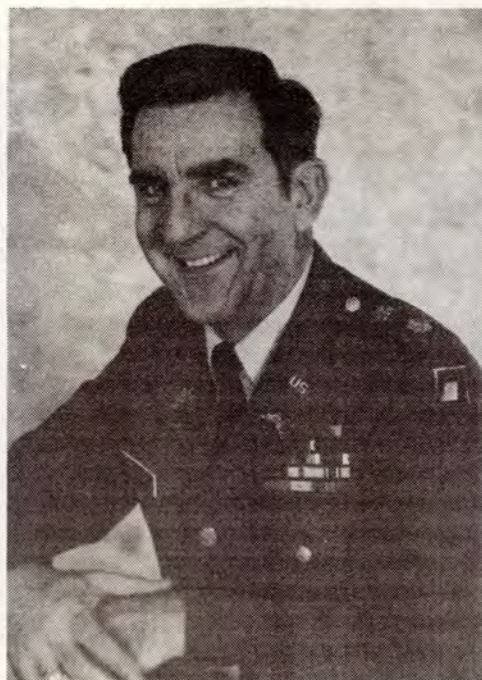
Ronald Reagan in 1983 to promote cooperative relationships between educational institutions and federal departments and agencies.

"I think it's an exciting program and a much needed program," said Col. Zolnoski, who prefers to call it "Partners in Education." He added that several area colleges will take part in the Academy's phase of the project, which is expected to serve more than 400 participants.

"We look to Edison State College to be an integral part of it. They're attuned to military life and military education," he said. Col. Zolnoski credited Jules S. Kahn, director of military affairs for Edison State College, with being "very dedicated and enthusiastic" in his efforts to help launch the Academy's program.

Kahn said he believes the College can be of great assistance to Guard personnel in providing the advisement and programs they need to comply with the new education requirements. "I am delighted to be a part of the Academy's program and to be able to serve the men and women of the National Guard," Kahn added.

The Academy anticipates referring approximately 50 officers for enrollment in the College's business programs on the associate and baccalaureate levels. The agreement also calls for Academy officers to receive 75 percent reimbursement for tuition equivalency fees, transcription/evaluation fees, and fees for credits awarded through portfolio assessment. The National Guard also will reimburse officers for 75 percent of their practicum fees within the Bachelor of Science in Human Services program.



Colonel Vincent J. Zolnoski



# Directed Independent Learning Program Expands Offerings

Given the overwhelming response to the introduction of Directed Independent Learning this fall, the program is being expanded and may include as many as eight programs. These programs go beyond the traditional telecourse, offering students the opportunity to study an area in depth and earn nine credits for their efforts.

The programs are adopted from those developed by the British Open University and are made available in America through the International University Consortium. Members include the University of Maryland, Boston University, Wayne State University, Iona College, Penn State, Temple University, and Edison State College, among others.

Each program consists of a series of video lessons, a comprehensive study guide, and extensive text and supplementary readings. Students are assigned a faculty mentor with whom they can take up questions and who will assess their learning through written assignments and/or examinations.

The video portions of each program are broadcast over the New Jersey Network and the Cable Television Network (CTN). Edison is considering making the video lessons directly available to students on VHS cassette.

If you are interested in Directed Independent Learning, please fill out the coupon below. You will receive more detailed information and registration materials.

All video lessons are tentatively scheduled to be shown from 4-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, on New Jersey Network.

## Times Harvest: Exploring the Future (Social Science)

This upper level course examines the major issues and philosophies of future studies along with the methodologies and techniques used in futures research. Topics include food and population, natural resources, science and technology, economics and political systems, telecommunications, cultural values, and others. The course enables students to analyze systematically the effects of social and technological change from a global, national, local, and personal perspective.

## Conflict and Stability in the Development of Modern Europe 1870-1970 (Social Science)

This upper level course focuses on the themes of conflict and stability within the context of the development of modern Europe. In each section of the course these processes are explored through four main topic areas: (1) ideas; (2) international competition and European balance; (3) social conflict and social integration; (4) technology, communications, and weaponry.

## People and Organizations (Social Science)

This is an upper level course concerned with the processes at work in complex organizations, with

special emphasis upon the mechanisms of formal and informal organizational control. Control of the external environment by organizations as well as control within the organization will be considered. Topics include the classification of organizations, power, roles, decision making, and the relationship between the individual work group and the organization. Major theories of organizations will also be studied.

## Systems Organization (Business)

Systems Organization is an integrated introduction to systems analysis and management. The focus of this upper level course is information transfer, i.e., the knowledge of, and ability to describe, the interplay between the systems view, and the practice of management. The course is oriented toward supervisors, middle management, and administrative people, but also has a wide appeal in that it provides a general framework for understanding systems relationships in organizations and for thinking analytically about complex organizational problems.

## Systems Performance (Business)

This upper level course introduces the use of systems concepts, techniques, and methods to analyze the performance of complex systems.

After the student learns the philosophy and theory of basic systems, the course examines various methods and techniques used in the analysis of systems that have failed. The course concludes with a series of case studies focusing on systems failures. These include nuclear power generation, regional government, health delivery, and a possible California earthquake.

## The Age of the Enlightenment (Humanities)

This course explores the culture of the "Age of Reason" at its height through the close study of a number of major texts and of certain leading figures. There is an interdisciplinary approach, embodying, for instance, historical, literary, and philosophical approaches. The works of fiction and poetry, philosophy, history, science, music and art are studied in their own right, but also as interconnected and mutually illuminating phenomena.

## The Religious Quest (Humanities)

This upper level course is designed as an intensive one-semester (9 credit) course in world religions. Emphasis is on specific forms of religious expression and practice, rather than the more abstract or theological aspects. Religions covered by the course are those of the

majority of humankind and are living traditions in today's world (Hinduism, Buddhism, religions of China and Japan, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and several African primal religions). A final section deals with alternatives to religion, such as Marxism and scientific humanism.

## Greece 478-336 B.C. (Humanities)

This course is a study of Greek civilization from the end of the Persian War to the rise of Macedon, centering on Athens. This was the age when Athens developed direct democracy of a radical kind, when her imperial ambitions over-reached themselves and she was beaten in a twenty-seven year war to make a remarkable recovery in the second Athenian League. It was the age of the great historians: Herodotus and Thucydides; dramatists: Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, Aristophanes; orators: Pericles, Isocrates, Demosthenes; sculptors: Phidias and Praxiteles; the architect Ictinus; thinkers: Anaxagoras, Democritus, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle. Athens was the center of Hellenic culture; Pericles called her "the school of Greece." The aim of the course is to introduce students to this exciting age.

## TELETECEP Program Continues

In addition to its new Directed Independent Learning option, Edison continues to offer its popular TELETECEP program. TELETECEP consists of thirty, half-hour televised programs coordinated by a detailed study guide with a comprehensive text. Students view the programs, read the text, and

review the self study materials in the study guide. Three credits are earned by passing a TECEP examination administered at the conclusion of the televised programs.

During the coming Spring semester, Edison will offer the following two TELETECEP programs:



## Personal Finance and Money Management

explores the basics of budgeting and buying, the intricacies of home ownership, income tax and investments, and the wise preparation and use of insurance, wills, and trusts. The goal is to make today's students savvy managers of their own financial interests. Designed to be used for college credit, the course is also an excellent continuing education offering for many target audiences.

If you are interested in additional information and registration materials, please clip and send the form below.



## The Business of Management

is an introduction to management, designed for the managerial candidate without formal management training, as well as for the undergraduate student. The course provides essential skills in planning, staffing, directing, controlling, decision-making, motivating, communicating, and applying managerial skills to businesses and other organizations.

I am interested in the following programs:

- ☐ Times Harvest
- ☐ Conflict and Stability in the Development of Modern Europe 1870-1970
- ☐ People and Organizations
- ☐ Systems Organization
- ☐ Systems Performance
- ☐ The Age of Enlightenment
- ☐ The Religious Quest
- ☐ Greece 478-336 B.C.

I would like the video lessons on:

- ☐ New Jersey Network
- ☐ Cable Television Network (CTN)
- ☐ I am interested in using the VHS cassettes

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Edison State College  
101 West State Street CN 545  
Trenton, NJ 08625

Yes, I would like information on the Spring TELETECEP program.

I would most likely view these programs on: \_\_\_\_\_ New Jersey Network;  
\_\_\_\_\_ WHYY (Philadelphia); \_\_\_\_\_ WNET (New York City);  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other

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# Financial Aid

## Available To Mature, Second-Career Women

The Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation of Princeton has awarded Edison State College a Newcombe Scholarship grant of \$7,000 for financial aid to mature, second-career women students.

The money will be awarded to Edison State College students for the 1984-1985 academic year. Women over 25 years of age who have earned 60 or more credits and need financial assistance to complete their college degrees may apply. Grants are awarded based on financial need and academic promise. To date, forty-seven Edison State College students have been awarded scholarships of between \$100 and \$600 to assist them in completing their degrees.

The money can be used for all College fees, including enrollment, study guides and college equivalency examinations, the portfolio assessment process and workbook, and graduation. It is also possible to use the scholarship money to attend career counseling workshops offered by the College.

"Many women have had their college education interrupted because of work and family responsibilities," explained Jules Kahn, Director of Financial Aid. "If there is money in the household budget for college expenses, it often goes to their children. This grant enables them to continue their education in order to re-train for a new career. For women who already have earned an associate degree, the scholarship means that they can continue their education and earn a baccalaureate degree," he continued.

The Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation is a private foundation created under the will of Mrs. Newcombe, heir to the Smith Kline drug company of Philadelphia. The Trustees of the Foundation have chosen four groups of students to receive aid: graduate students in the humanities and social sciences; physically handicapped students; mature second-career women students; and disadvantaged students enrolled in a small number of colleges related to the United Presbyterian Church.

For additional information and an application, write to Jules Kahn, Edison State College Southern Regional Office, 100 Kings Highway South, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034, or call 609/354-0090.

## Tuition Aid Grant Program

In addition to being eligible to participate in the Guaranteed Student Loan and Pell Programs, Edison State College students can also participate in the New Jersey Tuition Aid Grants Program (TAG).

Edison State College students who are New Jersey residents, qualify economically, and who successfully complete at least 12 credits per semester during the following certification periods are eligible for a TAG award:

July 1 through December 31  
January 1 through June 30

TAG awards can be used to help pay tuition costs at other colleges, Edison State College equivalency fees, Thomas A. Edison College Exam fees (TECEP), and College Level Exam Program fees (CLEP).

Students are responsible for paying all tuition and fees, and will be reimbursed at the end of the certification period after having furnished proof of successful completion of the 12 or more credits that have previously been completed.

The deadline for applying for a TAG award for the January 1 through June 30 certification period is March 1, 1985. This means that the New Jersey Financial Aid Form (NJFAF) must be received by the College Scholarship Service by March 1st date.

### Edison State College Compiles Directory of Higher Education Opportunities for Women

Edison State College and the New Jersey College and University Coalition on Women's Education have collaborated to produce "Options for Women in New Jersey," a directory of continuing higher education opportunities.

The directory describes academic programs offered by accredited institutions of higher education in New Jersey, including entrance requirements, services for returning women, sources of financial aid, and the names of contact people. Use of the Directory was planned especially for college admissions offices, counseling offices, adult schools, women's centers, and public libraries.

Copies are available for \$9.00 by contacting coalition member Adrienne Anderson at 52 Elm Road, Princeton, NJ 08540.



Roy Meriwether (right) is thanked by President George Pruitt for donating his time and talents to the creation of the College's Alma Mater.

## College Introduces Alma Mater

Edison State College's new Alma Mater was introduced at Commencement this year. The music and lyrics were written by Roy Meriwether, a noted jazz pianist with nine albums to his credit and more than 50 original compositions. A child prodigy who began to perform at the age of four, he has played to rave reviews in many cities across the country both in concert and as a club performer. His extended work *Black Snow*, supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, depicts the history of black Americans and has been hailed as a milestone in the history of jazz composition.

The College is indeed fortunate that Roy Meriwether chose to recognize the uniqueness of Edison State College by donating his considerable talents to the creation of our Alma Mater.

### Alma Mater

*Here's to our College  
Our alma mater  
You met the challenge of our needs.*

*Age didn't matter  
Only our knowledge  
We did indeed  
Dared to succeed  
In college.*

*You served our lifelong dream  
You answered every need  
Now on this day we pay you  
Tribute—Honor.*

*Here's to our College  
Our alma mater  
All hail to thee  
Edison State  
All hail to thee.*

*Thomas Edison  
State College  
All hail to thee.*



Alumni from the Central and South Jersey Chapters met with Edison staff at Harrah's Marina Hotel in Atlantic City. Dr. Jerry Ice, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Annette Singer, Director of Alumni Programs, were attending a Conference for Adult Educators at Harrah's. While at the Conference, they met with a group of Edison alumni and their guests. Pictured above are: Standing, left to right: Rosemarie Andreano (AS '82), Dr. Ice, Evelyn Loewy (AA '78), Annette Singer, Fred Sterling (BS '82), Cornelia Muse (BA '78), and, seated, Shirley McHugh (BS '80). Spouses and other guests decided to try their luck in the Casino while the alumni met. Denise Weber, Alumni Office secretary, was also present and took the photo.



Edison Alumna Ruth Olinski of Lawrenceville (third from left), won first prize in a poster contest sponsored by the College and Project LEARN. The purpose of the contest was to promote the theme of lifelong learning. Second prize was awarded to Diane Matus of Bayonne (left). Also pictured are Joan Fernandez (second from left) who coordinated the contest, and Susan Simosko, Director of Testing and Assessment at Edison. Project LEARN is a national project supported by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to establish the first nationally coordinated network of adult continuing education services.



Alumni in the Washington D.C. area met at the home of Chuck and Linda Hicks to discuss plans to establish the first out-of-state alumni chapter. Stressing the role alumni can play in helping the College recruit adult students and the importance of providing opportunities for alumni to meet fellow Edison graduates, the members present decided to move ahead with plans to hold their first organizational meeting in the fall. Alumni in the area will receive a letter with details. Any alumni interested in becoming active in the D.C. area chapter should contact the Alumni Office, 609/984-1588. Seated are: Chuck Hicks (BSTS '84); Carl Blue (BA '79) past Secretary of the Alumni Association; Maryann Wall (BSHS '80); Betty Knox (BSBA '81). Standing are: Dan McElwain (BA '77) and Tom Hicks (BSBA '79) Director, Non-Chapter Alumni.





Alumni Association Officers for 1984-85 include, from left to right, Bill Geddes (BA '82) Director, North Jersey; Mildred Koslow (BS '83) Director, Non Chapter Alumni; Millie Kevit (AA '82) Secretary-Treasurer; Tom Hicks (BSBA '79) 1st Vice President; Jaqui Berends (BA '79) 2nd Vice President; Lee Becker (BA '82) Director, Central Jersey. Not in photo: Frank Hawrylo (BS '79) President; Cornelia Muse (BA '78) Director, South Jersey; Gordon Beaver (BA '75) Director-at-Large.

## Chapter News

### Central Jersey

The members of the 1984-85 Governing Council are:

Irma Friedmann (BA '82)	Chairperson
Lenora Dunlap (AA '78)	Vice Chair
Lee Becker (BA '82)	Secretary/Treasurer
Lois Carbone (BA '78)	Publicity Chair
Ondina Jeffers (BA '82)	Membership Chair
(To be appointed)	Program Chair

The Council is seeking to fill the position of Program Chair. Anyone in the Central Chapter interested in working with a committee to plan chapter programs, please contact Lenora Dunlap at 609/893-2750.

The Chapter is planning a seminar on post graduate opportunities for Edison graduates. A panel consisting of Edison alumni, a representative from Edison State College and representatives from area colleges will discuss options for graduate study for the adult student. Details will be sent to Central Chapter members.

If you are interested in becoming active in the Central Jersey Chapter, just call Ondina Jeffers at 609/448-4970, evenings.



Irma Friedmann (BA '82) received an award for her role as Founding Chair of the Central Jersey Alumni Chapter.



Maria Rosa (BSHS '82) Chair, South Jersey Chapter, accepted the Founding Chapter Chair Award for Linda Kosene (BA '77) the Chapter's first Chairperson.

### North Jersey

The members of the 1984-85 Governing Council are:

Mike Dumpert (ASM '81)	Chairperson
Mildred Koslow (BS/HS '83)	Vice Chair
Betty Templeton (AA '82)	Secretary/Treasurer
Tom Dettling (AA '81)	Program Committee Chair
Linda Campbell (AA '81)	Membership Committee Chair
Rhoda Cooper (BA '81)	Publicity Chair

The Chapter's Annual Night at the Races, held at the Meadowlands Race Track, was a resounding success! Twenty-five alumni and their guests enjoyed the sumptuous Pegasus International Buffet—which continued for 4 hours—met and socialized with fellow alumni and cheered their favorite horses. The Chapter dedicated one race and had the opportunity to present the Winner's Trophy and see the chapter's name up in lights as well as in the program booklet.

Bravo to the Big Winners, Sol and Mildred Koslow. They proved it pays to stay until the very end—11 races—and win the trifecta.

"Fantastic!" "A lot of fun!" "Can't wait for next year!" "A great way for me to meet other alumni. Count on me for next year!" "A great way to celebrate my birthday!", are some of the alumni comments.

Thanks to Lois Fowler (AA '82) who coordinated the event—and has agreed to do it again—and to Linda Campbell (AA '81), who provided the "guidance" and "research" for the novice gamblers.

RESERVE: FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1985 for the Second Annual NIGHT AT THE RACES.

If you are interested in becoming an active member of the North Jersey Chapter, call Linda Campbell, 201/625-5794, eves.

## Alumni and Guests Attend Financial Planning Seminar

As a service to its alumni, the College sponsored a Financial Planning Seminar at the Sheraton Inn in New Brunswick. Alumni and their guests came from as far north as Sussex County and as far south as Cape May to hear Don and Paul Zoch, Certified Financial Planners from Fairfield, NJ, discuss and show how to make your dollars work for you.

During an informal buffet luncheon, alumni had an opportunity to socialize and talk to the Zochs.

Here are some alumni reactions:

"I attended because I do not understand the process and mechanics of money making money. This seminar covered many aspects of planning how to make my little bit of money grow."

Shirley McHugh (BS '80)  
Collingswood, NJ.

"Factual, no-nonsense, to-the-point. Well worth the registration fee. My wife and I learned more than we expected. I look forward to attending future programs." Tom Kenney (BA '77) Closter, NJ.

"It was everything I always wanted to know about investing but was afraid to ask. The seminar was geared to the lowest as well as the highest incomes. Compared to other financial planning seminars I have attended, I found this to be clearer, more concise and interesting. As a new alumna, I was delighted to meet fellow alumni from my Central Chapter and other chapters. It was great sharing college experiences and interests. Such comradery! Please have more."

Carmen Riedl (AA '83) Milltown, NJ.



Alumni at a dinner meeting planning the new alumni calendar of events included, left to right, Tom Dettling (AA '81) North Jersey; Millie Kevit (AA '82) and Cornelia Muse (BA '78) South Jersey; Lenora Dunlap (AA '78) Central Jersey.



Alumni Helen Nelligan (BA '76) and Lee Becker (BA '82) received Awards of Recognition at the Annual Banquet.



Attending a recent North Jersey Alumni Meeting were; left to right, Rhoda Cooper (BA '81) white jacket; Barbara Wallace (BS '83); Bill Geddes (BA '82); Tom Dettling (AA '81); Mike Dumpert (ASM '81); Mildred Koslow (BS '83). At the meeting, but not in the photo, Linda Campbell (AA '81) and Bette Templeton (AA '82).

### South Jersey

Members of the 1984-85 Governing Council are:

Maria Rosa (BSHS '82)	Chairperson
June Rizzi (BA '83)	Vice Chair
Betty Pardi (AA '78)	Secretary/Treasurer
Nancy Lee (BA '83)	Program Chair
(To be appointed)	Membership Chair
Millie Kevit (AA '82)	Publicity Chair

The Council is seeking to fill the position of Membership Chair. Any member of the South Chapter interested in working with the Membership Committee should call Maria Rosa, 609/482-2567, evenings.

If you are interested in working on any committee in the South Jersey Chapter, please call Maria. Chapter meetings are held at the Cherry Hill Library and the Camden County Library.



Message From the Alumni President

Congratulations to the new graduates and to Frank Hawrylo, the incoming President of the Alumni Association.

As the outgoing President, I wish Frank and the new Board of Directors continued success as they plan for the growth of our Association.

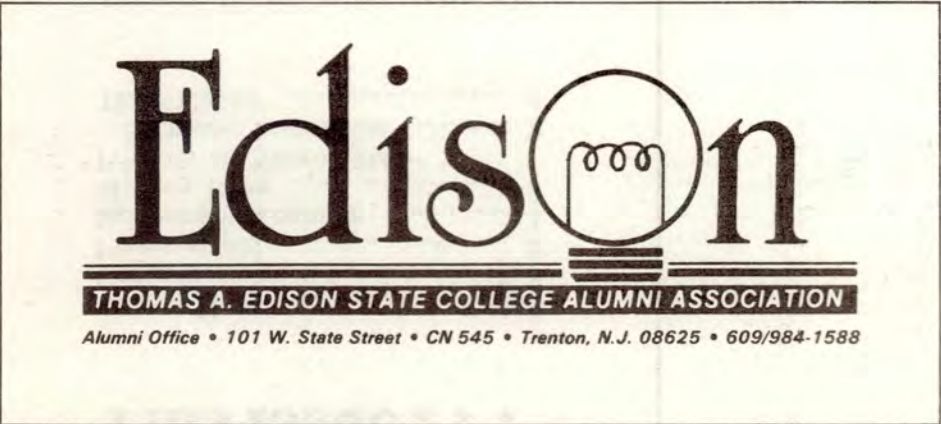
The Officers for the 1984-85 year are:

Frank Hawrylo (BS '79)	President
Tom Hicks (BSBA '79)	1st Vice President
Jaqui Berends (BA '79)	2nd Vice President
Millie Kevit (AA '82)	Secretary/Treasurer
Bill Geddes (BA '82)	Director (North Jersey)
Lee Becker (BA '82)	Director (Central Jersey)
Cornelia Muse (BA '78)	Director (South Jersey)
Gordon Beaver (BA '75)	Director (At-Large)
Mildred Koslow (BS '83)	Director (Non-Chapter)

Good luck to all.

I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as President these past three years.

Bruce Hubscher (BA '76)



Pictured above is the new look for alumni flyers. The masthead was designed by Edison alumnus Paul Laliberte (BA '83). Paul is a graphic arts designer at Bergen Community College.



Alumni attending the Leaders Conference.

Alumni Attend Leaders' Conference

In order to assist the Alumni Association with its goal of increasing alumni participation and to plan for future growth and development, the College sponsored an Alumni Leaders' Conference. The Officers and Members of the Board and more than 30 leaders from the three New Jersey Chapters were invited.

Dick Lloyd, Director of Alumni

Family Members Participate

Alumni volunteers from the three New Jersey Chapters served as hosts and staffed the College store for graduates, their families and friends attending Commencement.

Graduates were greeted by the alumni and introduced to fellow grads from the same state or chapter. Alumni were available to answer questions about and take orders for the College ring and show off the new College T-shirt. Even the spouses of the volunteers were caught up in the spirit of the day. Renalda Keller, wife of alumnus Walt Keller (BA '78), kept some youngsters occupied by demonstrating the art of calligraphy. Sol Koslow, husband of alumna Mildred Koslow (BS '83) and Bill Kevit, husband of alumna Millie Kevit (AA '82), took charge of College store sales while alumni attended the Annual Alumni Meeting.

All told, alumni participation in Commencement and Banquet activities more than doubled last year. The spirit was tenfold above all expectations.

Relations at Rutgers University, and Gerry Harvey, a graduate of Rutgers and President of the Rutgers Alumni Federation, discussed such topics as: long-range planning, fund-raising, programming, and ways in which the College and Alumni Association can work cooperatively.

In response to alumni request for a follow-up to the Leaders' Conference I, the College hosted a second meeting. This time, alumni met after work at the Hightstown, New Jersey library to learn how to begin the process of long-range planning. Tom Streckewald, Executive Director of Development and Alumni Affairs at Edison State College, conducted the workshop.

A long-range planning committee was formed. Using the skills learned at the workshop, the committee will develop a set of goals, objectives, and strategies to be approved and implemented by the Alumni Association.

Members of the committee are: Liz Rocchetti (BS/TS '84), Chairperson, Lee Becker (BA '82), Jaqui Berends (BA '79), Wayne Howard (AA '82), and Mike Dumpert (ASM '81).

"Looking at my Edison State College ring always reminds me of my accomplishments. I am proud to be an Edison Alumnus!" Rupnath Shivdhan (BSBA '84).



Frank Hawrylo (BS '79), left, 1984-85 President of the Alumni Association, is shown being congratulated by Dr. Pruitt.

The Veteran's Meeting Room of the War Memorial Building was filled to capacity for this year's Annual Meeting.

President Bruce Hubscher, in his concluding remarks to Officers, Directors, and Alumni present, traced his role with the Association and thanked all who worked with him. Bruce encouraged everyone to continue to work toward the development of the Alumni Association in order to provide more services to fellow alumni and support for their Alma Mater.

The slate of officers for 1984-85 was presented by Bill Geddes (AA '80, BA '82) Chair of the Nominating Committee. After the unanimous approval of the slate, the meeting was reconvened by the new officers. In the absence of President Frank Hawrylo (BS '79), First Vice President Tom Hicks (BSBA '79) presided.

Lee Becker (BA '82), Director and

Vice Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee, presented the plan generated by the committee. The plan includes four major objectives with goals, strategies, and action plans for implementation. The major objectives are: Achieve financial stability for the Alumni Association by 1987, increase alumni participation in Association activities 200% by 1987, increase public awareness of College, and improve communication within the Association and between the Association and the College.

After some discussion, alumni approved the plan with thanks to the committee for a job well done.

Len Engels (BSTS '80) presented a rendering of the official Alumni Association Seal, which can now be used for stationery and official documents.

The Reception for new graduates and alumni followed.

COLLEGE STORE\*

Gift ideas for Edison Graduates, Students and Friends of the College

T-SHIRT	white with dark blue trim on neck and sleeves, College logo in matching blue on left side, 50/50 cotton and polyester Sizes M, L, XL .....	\$7.00 (\$1.25**)
KEY RING	clear acrylic, College logo on both sides, blue on white .....	\$1.25 (\$ .50**)
PEN	black matte finish w/cap, orbitip rolling point, black ink, writes like ink-pen, College logo on barrel, refillable .....	\$1.00 (\$ .50**)
DECAL	for inside car window, College logo, blue on gold .....	\$1.00 (n/c)

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# Alumni Notes

**Barbara Mitchell** (BA '82)

Piscataway, NJ, has been accepted into New Jersey Institute of Technology's Master's program.

Barbara will pursue a specialization in Management of Human Resources

**Rhoda A. Cooper** (BA '81)

Elizabeth, NJ, was recently promoted to National Customer Services Administrator at Schering-Plough Corporation, Maplewood, NJ. Rhoda is an active member of the North Jersey Chapter of the Alumni Association and was elected Public Relations Chair for the Chapter.

**Jaqui Berends** (BA '79) East

Windsor, NJ, has been accepted into the Regulatory Affairs Professional Society. Ms. Berends is currently a Fellow in the British Institute of Regulatory Affairs. Jacqui is Second Vice President of the Edison State College Alumni Association and was Coordinator of Alumni Volunteers for the 1984 Reception for New Graduates and the Third Annual Alumni Banquet.

**Melanie R. Roy** (BSBA '83)

Savannah, GA, received a Master of Arts degree in Management and Supervision from Central Michigan University. Ms. Roy was also elected to Sigma Iota Epsilon, the National Honor Society for Business Administration and Management.

**LeRoy E. Becker** (BA '82) Hamilton Square, NJ, has been elected to Psi Beta, the National Psychology Honor Society for students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in psychology at two year colleges. Lee is an active member of the Central Jersey Alumni Chapter where he was elected Secretary. He is also a member of the Long Range Planning Committee for the Alumni Association.

**David M. Drukaroff** (BA '79)

Lakewood, NJ, passed the NJ qualifying exams and recently became a Certified Public Accountant. David currently works for the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles.

**Stanley R. Bates** (BA '82) Citrus Heights, CA, completed a Master of Science in Systems Management from the University of Southern California. Stan completed 36 semester hours of credit in 16 months and achieved a GPA of 3.7. Stan is now encouraging his brother, Marshall, from Chelsea, MI, to enroll in Edison State College.

**June V. Rizzi** (BA '83) Haddonfield, NJ, has completed a Master of Arts in Public Administration from Rutgers, The State University, in Camden. June is an active member of the South Jersey Alumni Chapter where she was elected Vice Chair of the Chapter's Governing Council.

**Barney J. Renton** "B.J.", (BA '83) is a financial computer systems consultant for Martin Marietta Data Systems. B.J. is in Saudi Arabia helping the Saudi Petrochemical Co. to develop and install the business operating software.

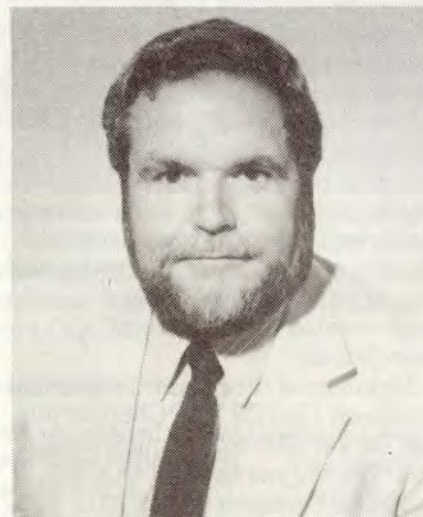
**Joan Bianchini** (AA '82) Madison, NJ, has received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kean College of New Jersey. Joan majored in Sociology.

**Ondina Jeffers** (BA '82) East Windsor, NJ, has completed a Master of Science degree in Learning Disabilities from Fordham University in New York. Ondina is an active member of the Central Jersey Chapter and was elected Membership Chairperson for the coming year.

**Elizabeth Knox** (BSBA '81)

Alexandria, VA, has completed a Master of Science degree in Public Financial Management from American University in Washington, D.C. Betty is a member of the Steering Committee organizing a D.C. area alumni chapter.

**Robert A. Miller** (BSBA '75) Walnut Creek, CA, has been appointed Executive Vice President of Alphagaz, the Specialty Gas Division of Liquid Air Corporation, San Francisco, CA. While living in New Jersey, Bob completed an M.B.A. in General Management from Fairleigh Dickinson University. (See attached photo)



Robert A. Miller

**Irma R. Friedmann** (BA '82) Old

Bridge, NJ, has joined the firm of Pearl Street Restaurant Corporation in New York as an Administrative Assistant. Irma is Chairperson of the Central Jersey Alumni Chapter.

**Ann Affriol** (BA '80) Aberdeen, NJ, received a Master of Science degree in Specialized Journalism from Polytechnic Institute of New York. Ann recently accepted a position with Merck & Company, Woodbridge, NJ, as a Technical Writer in the Animal Health Science Division.

Alumni who would like to include information about personal, professional and educational achievements in *Invention*, should send information to: Annette Singer, Alumni Office, Edison State College, 101 West State St., CN 545, Trenton, NJ 08625. You may include a black and white glossy photo.





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