

Gov. Whitman signs Executive Order

Thomas Edison State College and State Library join in historic partnership

BY LINDA HOLT

With the blessing of Gov. Christine Todd Whitman, two powerful forces in distance education—Thomas Edison State College and the New Jersey State Library system—became affiliated on July 1, 1996, a partnership which will transform the way information is accessed throughout the Garden State.

In a historic move without parallel in other state governments, Gov. Whitman signed an Executive Order that initiated the transfer of the State Library from the Department of Education. After an initial transfer for statutory purposes to the Secretary of State's office, the library was relocated under the direction of Thomas Edison State College, an internationally recognized distance learning college for adults. Under the terms of the transfer, State Library employees are employees of Thomas

Edison State College.

"Because of its leadership in the field of computer-delivered education, Thomas

to focus exclusively on New Jersey's public schools.

Benefits to the library include:

- organizational oversight by a college widely respected in state government for its fiscal soundness, strong managerial leadership and commitment to educational excellence.

"The College is pleased to have one of this nation's great library systems as its partner in educational outreach to all the people in New Jersey and across the United States," said Dr. George A. Pruitt, president of Thomas Edison State College.

"We are enthusiastic about this partnership and look forward to working with Thomas Edison State College," said John Livingstone, state librarian. "The

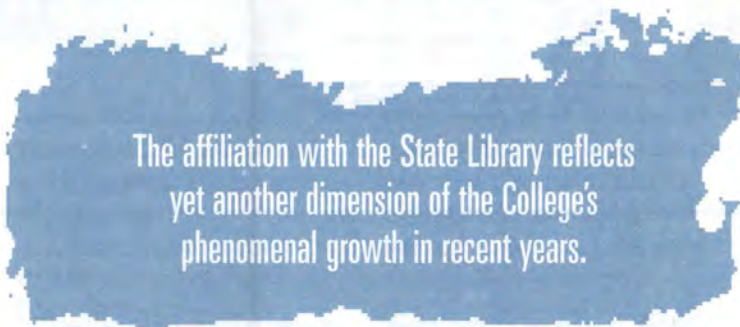
merger of our resources provides unparalleled informational opportunities to people no matter where they live."

In addition to the State Library in Trenton, the system includes the Library for the Blind and Handicapped and the Law Library. The State Library has nearly 2 million holdings and maintains the most extensive collection of "Jerseyanna" in the state.

Another Growth Milestone for the College

The affiliation with the State Library reflects yet another dimension of the College's phenomenal growth in recent years. With more than 8,500

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Edison is a natural to manage and partner with the State Library system, which uses a variety of technologies to bring information to citizens in every part of New Jersey," said Michael J. Scheiring, the College's vice president and treasurer.

According to the Executive Order, the transfer will increase the productivity of the State Library while permitting the Department of Education

- greater autonomy,
- alliance with a partner which specializes in the use of new technologies to facilitate learning,

A partnership between Thomas Edison State College and County/Community Colleges in New Jersey

The Degree Pathways Program maintains success

In 1993, Thomas Edison State College initiated a partnership (the New Jersey Baccalaureate Degree Completion Program) with the county/community colleges in New Jersey to offer baccalaureate degrees at a distance to adult students completing associate's degrees. The popular program has been a great success, and has enabled people throughout the state to earn baccalaureate degrees without having to leave their home counties.

Since its inception, this partnership between Thomas Edison State College and New Jersey's county/community colleges has grown steadily in size and scope. Now, to better reflect its mission to students, the name of the program has been changed to the simpler

and more direct Degree Pathways Program. The Degree Pathways Program offers students the information and support they need to make the step from one degree to the next—from the associate's degree to the bachelor's degree.

Students in the program earn associate's degrees on county/community college campuses and then go on to complete Thomas Edison State College baccalaureate degrees in a number of ways: they transfer credits from their county/community colleges; they develop portfolios to be assessed for credit; they earn credit by examination; and they take courses delivered through such "distance-educational

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Thomas Edison State College broke ground recently to turn five historic townhouses into a headquarters for the College's electronic classrooms, and training and conference centers. Participating in the ceremony are, from left, Assemblyman Reed Guscio, D-District 15; Sen. Peter A. Inverso, R-District 14; Assemblywoman Shirley Turner, D-District 15; Sen., Dick LaRossa, R-District 15; Dr. George A. Pruitt, College president; David Hespe, assistant counsel, Office of the Governor; Richard Arndt, vice chair of the College's Board of Trustees; and John Fallon, project manager, DFGibson Architects, P.C.

Thomas Edison State College breaks ground for \$12.7 million Townhouse Renovation Project

19th Century Charm Meets 21st Century Technology

A project which combines 21st century learning technologies with the reclamation and restoration of 19th century historic properties is helping to reinvent Thomas Edison State College...again.

The College that pioneered the delivery of education "at a distance" through the CALL (Computer Assisted Lifelong Learning) Network is reinventing distance education once again by creating electronic classrooms and conference space in the once-majestic townhouses adjacent to the College.

Armed with silver shovels, College, state and city officials led groundbreaking

ceremonies in the shadow of the state Capitol, where work now is underway to restore, reclaim and renovate the five historic townhouses. The properties contain what may be the finest example of Greek Revival interiors in the nation.

"From an educational, historic and cultural perspective, this is one of the most

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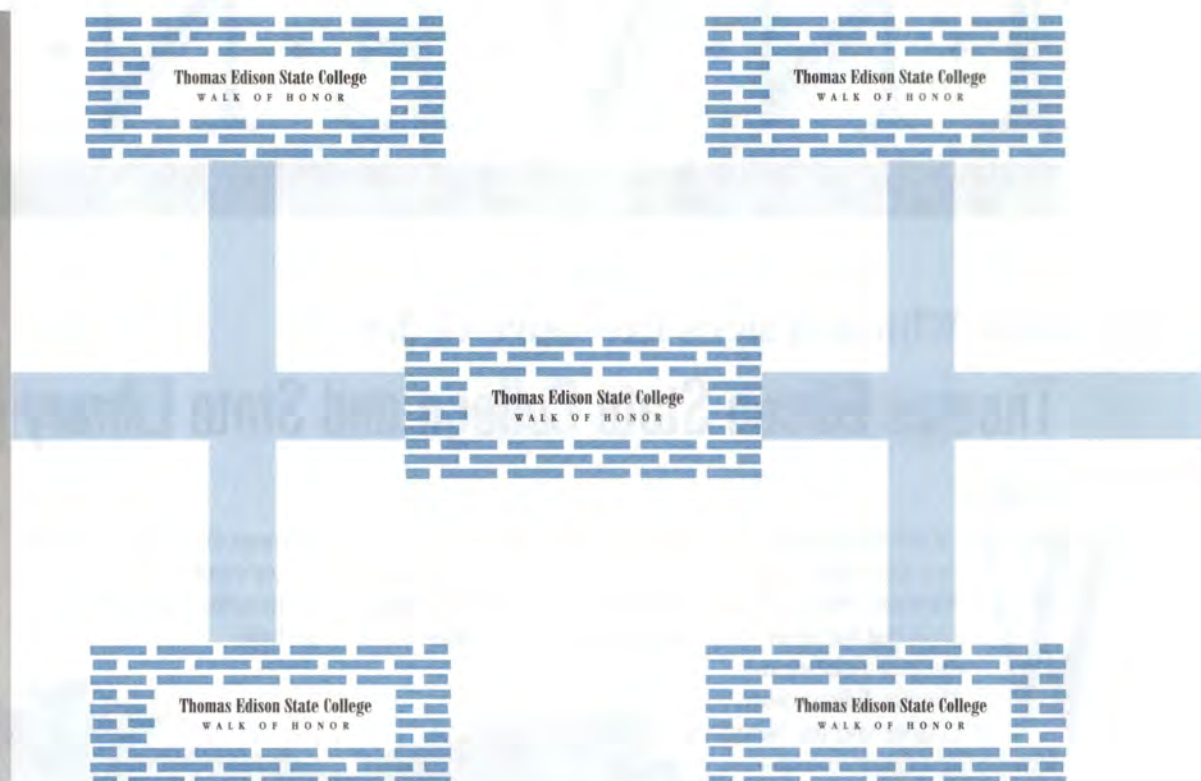
Secure your place in history on the Walk of Honor

A unique opportunity to become a permanent part of the College's history is available to all alumni, students and friends of the College. The Thomas Edison State College Walk of Honor will grace the soon-to-be renovated townhouses, located in the historic buildings next to Thomas Edison State College. Full information about this program will be mailed this fall.

Bricks will be sold to build the Walk of Honor from now through May 1, 1997.

Purchasing a brick is a fantastic way to show your pride in your degree, honor a special person, memorialize a loved one and make a lasting contribution to the growth of Thomas Edison. Each brick is \$125, and has room for two lines of copy.

Watch your mailbox for all the details, or call the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, (609) 984-1588. Take your place in history through the Thomas Edison Walk of Honor! ❖



Degree Pathways...from p.1

tion" methods as independent study courses, telecourses and courses delivered on-line. This variety allows students to achieve their academic goals, regardless of geographical location, work and family responsibilities, and personal learning style.

Thomas Edison State College and County/Community College Students

The Degree Pathways Program makes good sense for many county/community college students because Thomas Edison State College meets specific needs that many other four-year institutions do not. For example, Thomas Edison State College offers credit in convenient, often nontraditional formats that work especially well for community college graduates who have concentrated on career-oriented associate's degrees. And, the Degree Pathways Program partnership arrangement tailors degree programs to meet needs of students at specific county/community colleges. A recent initiative of the Degree Pathways Program has been to identify certain high-enrollment degree programs on the county/community college campuses with an eye to creating joint degree-completion programs for students earning these degrees.

Paths to Successful Degree Completion

To help the student move from the county/community college associate's degree to the Thomas Edison State College baccalaureate degree, advisors,

administrators and other staff work together in Degree Pathways Program teams. The teams gather information and share it with students to determine the best path to a baccalaureate degree. Thomas Edison State College offers the following bachelor's degrees (with more than 100 majors):

- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA)
- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
- Bachelor of Science in Applied Science and Technology (BSAST)
- Bachelor of Science in Human Services (BSHS), for students working in appropriate positions
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), available only

college credits from the county/community college to Thomas Edison State College, as long as those 80 credits fulfill baccalaureate degree requirements.

Transfer counselors on the county/community college campus are provided with information that enhances their ability to help students do careful planning to earn the "best" 80 credits even while they continue to work on the associate's degree at the community college. The transfer counselors communicate regularly with staff at Thomas Edison State College in order to be up to date on course offerings and specific degree requirements.

After Degree Pathways students complete their associate-degree work at the county/community college and enroll in Thomas Edison State College, they

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to registered nurses living or working in New Jersey.

To earn a baccalaureate degree, students must complete a minimum of 120 semester hours of college credit distributed among areas that satisfy liberal arts requirements in written expression, humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and mathematics, and liberal arts electives; requirements for a chosen major; and requirements for free electives. Most Degree Pathways students who have attended an accredited community college already have earned some of these 120 credits. Students may transfer as many as 80 junior

still need to earn credits to complete the required total of 120. The academic advisement process at Thomas Edison State College is designed to help county/community college graduates plan the most efficient program of studies possible. Much of the program planning process focuses on selecting the credit-earning methods that work best. Because of the communication among Degree Pathways Program team members, this planning can be focused to meet specific needs on each county/community college campus.

Thomas Edison State College advisors are aware of course offerings and requirements at the

county/community colleges, and so are in an excellent position to encourage students to earn credit toward baccalaureate degrees by taking appropriate classroom-based courses offered by the community college, as well as through Thomas Edison's distance-delivered, nontraditional options. Students may choose one or more of the following options, depending on learning-style preference and on availability of appropriate offerings:

Thomas Edison State College Distance & Independent Adult Learning (DIAL):

- Guided Study Courses
- On-Line Computer Classroom Courses
- Contract Learning Courses

Other Thomas Edison State College Programs:

- Portfolio Assessment
- Examinations

Programs offered by other institutions:

- Correspondence (Independent) Study Courses
- Classroom Instruction

An Invitation

To find out more about the Thomas Edison State College Degree Pathways Program partnership at a New Jersey county/community college, visit the transfer counselor's office there, fill out a Thomas Edison State College "Intent to Transfer" form and return it to Thomas Edison State College. Filling out the form does not constitute applying or enrolling in Thomas Edison State College, and there are no fees charged; but it does begin a process of communication that will result in an invitation to apply for admission. For many Degree Pathways students, this is start of the next series of steps to a baccalaureate degree.

Need to know more??

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John P. Thurber and William A. Watson appointed to executive positions

John P. Thurber of Lawrence, N.J., and William A. Watson of Trenton, N.J., have taken on new roles at Thomas Edison State College. Thurber has assumed the position of vice president for Public Affairs, while Watson has been

throughout his lifetime. The "Watson Institute" now falls under the umbrella of the Division of Public Affairs, which Thurber led in an acting capacity since January 1996.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the

Thurber oversaw a number of partnership initiatives, including those with the Urban Mayors Association and the Trenton Enterprise Initiative, as well as numerous projects with the city of Trenton.

Thurber is a board member of the Prospect Street Center (Trenton) and Rural Development, Inc. He is an elder at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Trenton. Thurber is a member of the Leadership New Jersey Class of 1992, and the recipient of the New Jersey Association of Family Food Centers' Man of the Year award in 1993.

Watson, previously an executive fellow of the Institute for Public Policy, will be the first executive director to lead the organization renamed for his late father. Prior to joining the College, Watson served as deputy mayor/chief of staff for the city of Trenton for five years. He will oversee the Watson Institute, a nonpartisan independently funded research office whose mission is to provide policy analysis and other technical assistance



William A. Watson



John P. Thurber

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named the executive director of the policy institute previously renamed in his father's honor.

Thurber, who has been with Thomas Edison for more than five years, was formerly the executive director of the Institute for Public Policy. The Institute recently was renamed the John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy to honor the memory of the late assemblyman who served Trenton and the state of New Jersey so well

College in this capacity," Thurber said. "I look forward to the challenge this position will afford me."

A former public interest attorney in the New Jersey Department of the Public Advocate, Thurber is a summa cum laude graduate of Rutgers Law School and a member of the New Jersey and New York Bars. As executive director of IPP and its forerunner, The Trenton Office of Policy Studies,

to decisionmakers in the public and private sector.

"It is a great privilege for me to lead this organization, which stands for so much of what my father believed in," Watson stated. "The opportunities are just beginning for this institute and its constituencies."

Watson studied urban issues at Rutgers University and intercultural studies at Ramapo State College. He is vice president of the Board of Trustees at St. Francis Medical

Center, and a member of the boards of Children's Home Society and Young Audiences.

"John Thurber and Bill Watson have demonstrated exemplary leadership in government, in the business world and in the community," said Dr. George A. Pruitt, president of Thomas Edison State College. "The College will benefit from the knowledge and expertise John and Bill will bring to the Division of Public Affairs and to the Watson Institute." ❖

MEET some of the MSM students...

John Alpert

John Alpert felt he needed to set a new goal and accomplish it. When he learned about the pilot MSM program at Thomas Edison, he knew he'd found his challenge. "I was very interested in the distance learning aspect of the curriculum and the self-paced and computer 'on-line' classes," John said. "And, I liked the idea of being part of the first class."

A district manager for AT&T Labor Relations in Morristown, N.J., John is responsible for managing the administrative staff responsible for bargaining strategy, occupational wage administration, legislative review, budget and benefit policy. He said the program is tailor-made for a busy person like himself. "Thomas Edison's distance learning program gives me the freedom to work at home and to keep job interruptions to a minimum," he explained.

John is pursuing a graduate degree because he feels "a need to increase my knowledge base with regard to new responsibilities at work. The MSM will help me in my job by increasing my skills and knowledge, and by giving me the confidence of setting a goal and accomplishing it."

Education is a family affair at the Alpert home in Dover, N.J. John's son John graduated from the University of North Carolina in May with a B.S. in communications. Sons Christopher and Jason are, respectively, a junior at the University of Maryland and a sophomore at Community College of Morris.



Phyllis Greenberg

Phyllis Greenberg, a secretary with AT&T in Piscataway, N.J., chose Thomas Edison State College for her MSM for the same reasons she chose the College for her undergraduate education. "I had a very rewarding experience attending Thomas Edison," said Phyllis, who received a BSBA in 1990. "I was contemplating going for a master's degree in management when I received the information about Thomas Edison's MSM Program—I was delighted and wanted to be in the pilot program."

The Marlboro, N.J., resident said that she is pursuing her graduate degree to better herself both intellectually and professionally. And, Thomas Edison made it possible by partnering with AT&T. "I have the full support of my management," Phyllis explained. "And, with my business schedule, I was delighted that I would be able to work on-line and not have to attend classes."

"Thomas Edison is a wonderful institution for adults," she added. "It has enabled me to achieve a fine education. Everyone in the administration always has been very helpful—the (consulting) professors and the entire staff of the College. And, we have a wonderful support group consisting of fellow classmates and College staff."

The mother of two grown children—and a grandmother, as well—Phyllis has been married for 33 years. When she's not working or studying, she loves to travel, entertain family and friends and care for her 18-month-old granddaughter. With all the things Phyllis has learned over the years, she is sure of one thing: "You are never too old to acquire an education."



SHINING STARS...

BY LINDA SOLTIS

Diana Nusbaum, B.A. '90, has traveled the world, but her greatest adventure is teaching. Nusbaum, who cruised the Nile, rode a camel through the Sinai Peninsula and watched a sunrise from Mount Horeb, is inspired by the sixth, seventh and eighth-graders to whom she teaches social studies and world geography.

"These are students at risk of dropping out of school," explained Nusbaum, a teacher at New River Middle School in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "Very often, they are the hardest students to reach."

Nusbaum is energized by the challenge of encouraging these hard-to-reach students to remain in school, and to learn and grow. She also challenges herself to continue the learning process.

During the summer of 1995, Nusbaum spent over six weeks in Zimbabwe and Egypt as a Fulbright-Hays Summer Seminar scholar. She was one of 16 teachers from throughout the United States who traveled to the two African countries to learn about the educational systems and cultures. The teachers were selected based on the lengthy curriculum ideas they submitted to the U.S. Department of Education, which sponsored the trip. The participants spent many days in lectures, and observing teachers and students in about 20 schools.

"It was just a tremendous growth opportunity, traveling with 15 incredibly talented people, and sharing and learning and tying everything into our own perspectives and experiences," she said. "I came back energized and ready to go into the classroom."

Nusbaum's road to teaching began in 1984. She had been pursuing her degree when her career took her overseas. It was the U.S. Department of State that pointed her in the direction of Thomas Edison State College.

"Thomas Edison State College was a life-saver," Nusbaum explained. "I needed a flexible program while I was overseas, and Thomas Edison's Portfolio Assessment was the answer. It was challenging—I really had to demonstrate what I knew and have it translate into credit. It wasn't a walk in the park."

"Daniel Negron, Jr., was one of the most important people in my life at Thomas Edison. He gave me guidance and direction, and was always available when I needed him. He helped make the degree a reality."

Nusbaum said her Thomas Edison degree has opened many doors—especially the one at New River Middle School. "I landed this excellent job," she said. "This is the fourth largest school district in the country with over 200 schools."

She also landed a full scholarship to Florida Atlantic University, and, in 1994, Nusbaum received a Master of Arts in Teaching degree in social science. Furthermore, she was one of 20 teachers invited to participate in the first class of English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) at FAU.

The six-year educator, who was New River's "Teacher of the Year" in 1994, has traveled to 40 countries with her husband, Hal, a former school administrator. Both have taught in Costa Rica, where Hal Nusbaum was head of the American School, and in

Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Nusbaum, who speaks Spanish and Creole, brings geography alive for her students through books, toys, native clothing, art, ceremonial masks, jewelry and other artifacts she has collected during her many trips abroad.

"When kids in my class learn about the Caribbean or Africa or one of the other countries I have visited, I can give them so much more," Nusbaum said. "To me, the cultural geography is more important than the physical geography."

Nusbaum explained that reaching her students is a combination of setting high standards and modeling the behavior she wants to achieve. Many of her charges are African-Americans or hail from Haiti and Central America. "I teach with a knowledge of where they come from and I speak their language," she noted. "That validates them. When you give these children love and care, they begin to believe in themselves."

With a teacher like Diana Nusbaum believing in them, these students are traveling a road to success. ❖



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The most up-to-date financial investment and planning information will be offered during the Thomas Edison State College Alumni Association Northern New Jersey Regional Chapter's Financial Planning Seminar, to be held on Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Caldwell College, Caldwell, N.J.

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Reservations are required for this seminar, which will include light refreshments. A nominal \$5 fee is being charged for this informative presentation. To reserve your space, please send a check for \$5 per person (made out to the Thomas Edison State College Alumni Association) to:

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COMMENCEMENT '96: a time to volunteer!

The mortar board, the diploma—the memories! The 24th annual Commencement of Thomas Edison State College, to be held Sunday, Oct. 20, will offer many opportunities for alumni to get involved. This year's event will be held at the Crescent Shiner's Temple on N. Clinton Avenue and Wall Street in Trenton.

Each year, hundreds of graduates and their families, including children and grandchildren rooting for mom, dad and grandparents, gather in Trenton to celebrate dreams fulfilled.

Alumni also are a traditional part of the College's annual Commencement. Alumni volunteers participate by greeting and assisting the graduates as they gown-up for the ceremony, selling College and alumni souvenirs and answering questions about the Alumni Association.

Interested alumni can contact the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs for more information: (609) 984-1588. ❖

Thomas Edison graduate will chair Regents

Elizabeth Lindsay, a 1980 graduate of Thomas Edison with a Bachelor of Science in Applied Science and Technology degree, will become chair of the Board of Regents in Tallahassee, Fla., in September. Elizabeth, a Sarasota interior designer, was elected to head the state university governing board in July.

Appointed to the board in 1992 by Gov. Lawton Chiles, Elizabeth has been vice chair for the past year. She also has been chair of the Regents' committee on access and equity, and has served on most committees of the board, including selection committees for the past three state university presidents the board has hired.

In addition to interior design, Elizabeth is a partner in a cattle, citrus and vegetable business, and a contractor. She is a longtime leader in Sarasota and statewide arts and education organizations. She received her master's in business from the University of South Florida. ❖

Looking ahead to look back

BY GERRI COLLINS

On July 1, 1997, Thomas Edison State College will be 25 years old. Although the State Board of Higher Education officially approved the creation of the College as of that July date, the doors were opened for business in September 1972, when about five people took occupancy of the "store front" offices at 1750 N. Olden Ave. in Trenton. Dr. James Douglas Brown was appointed director and later became the president, and our own Carol Kuykendall, who still works at the College, was Dr. Brown's secretary. In fact, Carol likes to remind us that she arrived at the Olden Avenue site at least 15 minutes before Dr. Brown, and, therefore, had seniority over him.

In an interview, Dr. Arnold Fletcher, vice president emeritus, reflects on those store front days, "...when 8 or 10 staff members huddled together; where we overheard every conversation, every counseling appointment, every planning session because of such close

quarters; where we plotted our course for expansion, financial stability and accreditation, and it gradually unfolded." Even the move to larger facilities on the Princeton University Forrestal Campus soon evidenced the need for a permanent location with adequate space for a rapidly expanding staff. Hence, the final move came to the historic Kelsey Building in Trenton on September 7, 1979.

In its early days, the Statewide Counseling Network provided both educational counseling to nonenrolled people and academic advisement to enrolled students. Prior to our first accreditation in 1977, we added staff to provide all academic advisement, thus laying the foundation for the current divisional organizational structure. By 1982, when the first 10-year re-accreditation was granted by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, we had added the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree to the then four other baccalaureate degrees and six

associate degrees; had developed articulation agreements with community colleges; had expanded our affiliation with business and industry via the PONSI program; and had begun a concerted effort to modernize, yet streamline, our day-to-day operation via computer technology.

The technology revolution was successfully launched several years later, however, when the College was the recipient of a \$1.8 million grant from the state to purchase the necessary equipment and programming to automate infrastructure and academic program operations. It has been a constant evolution ever since, as new technology emerges, and as new delivery methods become available. Thomas Edison has come a long way in those 25 years, and maintains a national leadership role in the delivery of distance learning educational programs.

As we look ahead to 1997 and the 25th anniversary, we look back to reflect and to remember the extraordinary

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All Thomas Edison State College Alumni

Have you ever thought of contacting a classmate or alum in your area or while traveling on a business trip, only to realize you have no way of looking up the address? Well, your troubles are over. Soon, an impressive directory of our alumni will be available to help you locate your fellow alums.

The Silver Anniversary issue of the Thomas Edison State College Alumni Directory, scheduled for release in the fall of 1997, will be the first complete reference on over 10,000 Thomas Edison State College alumni ever compiled! This comprehensive volume will include current name, address and phone number, academic data, plus business information (if applicable), bound into a classic, library-quality edition.

The Office of Development and Alumni Affairs has contracted the prestigious Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc., to produce our directory. Harris will soon begin researching and compiling the information to be printed in the directory by mailing a questionnaire to each alumnus/a. If you prefer not to be listed in the directory, please contact the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs in writing as soon as possible.

The new, Thomas Edison State College Silver Anniversary Alumni Directory soon will make finding an alum as easy as opening a book. Look for more details on the project in future issues of *Invention*.

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Marcyanna R. Millet (A.A.) of Berkeley Springs, W.V., has received her RBA (Regent's Bachelor of Arts), cum laude,

from Shepherd College on May 11, 1996. She is employed at Shepherd as an administrative secretary in the College Advancement/Alumni offices.

'87

Anthony Grillo (B.A.) of Gambrills, Md., has completed the requirements for a Master's of Science of Pastoral Counseling

from Loyola College in Maryland. He received his degree on May 21, 1996. He writes, "Once again, I wish to thank Thomas Edison State College for its degree program which offered me the opportunity to complete my B.A. and continue on to the master's level."

'90

Navy Chief Warrant Officer Wilson E. Jones (A.A.) recently retired from active duty after 26 years of service. Jones most

recently served at Service School Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Jones joined the Navy in 1964 after graduating from Brewer High School of Brewer, Maine, in 1963.

Charles S. Palmer (BSAST) of Germantown, Tenn., recently completed his Master of Liberal Studies at the University of Oklahoma, and will start work on his Ph.D. in history at the University of Mississippi this fall.

Josephine M. Schrieber (BSHS) of Freehold, N.J., recently graduated from Temple University in Philadelphia with a Master of Social Work degree. Schrieber writes, "I must express my gratitude for the Thomas Edison program and the opportunity it afforded me. Without it, I surely would never have been able to move ahead with and continue my education. I applaud others who have not taken the conventional route, struggling through their education, and encourage them to persevere in the hope that they will find, as I have, that to pursue your education yields an unparalleled sense of accomplishment and personal joy."

'91

Sid Johnson (BSBA) of McPherson, Kan., completed the MBA requirements from The College of

Insurance in New York City, and graduated in April 1995.

Richard J. Buzby, Jr., (ASPSS, BSBA) of Manahawkin, N.J., received a Juris Doctor from Temple University School of Law in Philadelphia in May 1996.

Henry J.R. Brooks (B.A.) of Yonkers, N.Y., is organist and choir director for the Eastchester Presbyterian Church and the Washington Heights Seventh Day Adventist Church. In addition to his musical talents at the piano and organ, Brooks sings and plays the violin. He is a licensed N.Y.S. Notary Public and certified lawyer's assistant. His interests include Karate and chess. Brooks, who currently is studying for his service-playing certificate from the American Guild of Organists, plans to pursue a master's degree in one of the social sciences.

'93

Drunell Levinson (A.A., B.A.) of Manhattan, N.Y., received her Master of Arts in Art and Decorative Arts

degree in folk art studies from New York University. She is now pursuing a Ph.D. in art education at the same institution. Levinson also has had several art quilt exhibitions. Her work was displayed at the Pacific International Quilt Festival in Santa Clara, Calif., in October 1995, and at the 1860 House Quilt and Craft Show in Belle Mead, N.J., December 1995 through January 1996. During February and March 1996, Levinson's work was displayed in the lobby of New Jersey Network's corporate headquarters in Trenton, N.J. She also has published an article titled "Mourning Art: Yesterday and Today" in *Fiberarts Magazine*.

'93

Erin Penney (A.A., B.A.) of Hamilton Square, N.J., completed her Master of Arts in Mass Communication

degree, majoring in television production, in residence at Drake University's School of Journalism and Mass Communication in Des Moines, Iowa. Recipient of the 1994 and 1995 Frank Miller Memorial Assistantships, provided by The Des Moines Register, Penney's degree was completed in December 1995 with a 4.0 GPA. She most recently worked for CBS News in support of their national coverage of the Iowa Presidential Caucuses of Campaign '96.

'94

David Windmueller (BSAST) of Newport News, Va., recently graduated with a master's degree from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va.

Norman Hart (B.A.) of Lexington, Ky., has recently received his Master of Arts degree in Theatre from the University of Kentucky. In addition to his teaching assistant duties there, he achieved local recognition with the premiere of an original play and by directing for two seasons with the Lexington Shakespeare Festival. Hart is now working on his Ph.D. in theatre at the University of Maryland, where he has received a four year University Fellowship and full Tuition Scholarship.

'95

Kathryn G. Trofimuk (B.A.) of Parsippany, N.J., has been accepted at The College of St. Elizabeth in Convent

Station, N.J., for post graduate work for teaching certification in elementary education.

Bobby Flack (BSBA) of Roanoke, Va., has been accepted to the MBA program at Radford University in Radford, Va. Flack, the manager for Information Systems at the Roanoke Times, writes, "R.U. was my first choice, and I was happy to see my Thomas Edison degree readily accepted. I had made a college degree my goal many years ago, but with a very demanding job and family responsibilities, it didn't look like one that I could attain. Thomas Edison was the only way I could have accomplished this. And, now I'm going to graduate school!"

'96

Sandra L. Geise (BSBA) of Merrillville, Ind., was recently promoted to

Compensations & Benefits manager at Showboat Marina Casino in East Chicago, Ind. Geise notes, "This promotion would not have been possible without receiving my degree in business administration from Thomas Edison State College. I will be forever thankful for Thomas Edison and the opportunity afforded me to finish my degree through the unique programs offered. The advisement staff and testing and assessment center personnel are top notch!"

If you would like news of your accomplishments included in the Applause, Applause section of *Invention*, please send information to:

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students from every state and 70 other nations, Thomas Edison State College now offers more ways for adults to complete degrees than any other college. Thanks to the distance learning format, students do not commute to classes in Trenton, but pursue quality learning wherever they live and work. In addition to 11 undergraduate degrees, the College this year began offering its first distance graduate program, the Master of Science in Management.

Thomas Edison was one of the first colleges in the nation in the late 1980s to offer on-line computer access to higher education for adults. It developed the Computer Assisted Lifelong Learning (CALL) Network, and was recently honored by the International Association of Business Communicators for its Web site at <http://www.tesc.edu>.

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Thomas Edison's growth in "cyberspace" has been mirrored in the expansion of its physical campus, which surrounds the State House and is part of the Capitol Complex in Trenton. A \$12 million project to restore and renovate historic townhouses, which extend along West State Street from the College's main offices to the Capitol building, is expected to be completed next year, and will include a complete suite of electronic classrooms.

"At a time when many educational institutions are experiencing downsizing and reductions, the affiliation of Thomas Edison State College and the State Library makes sense at every level," Scheiring said. "We owe the citizens of our state nothing less than the finest informational resources available at the lowest cost, which is exactly what this partnership will offer."

Adults interested in completing a degree with Thomas Edison State College may call (609) 984-1150 or write:

Office of Admissions
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Inquirers also may access the College's Web site and apply and enroll on-line. ❖



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Second Annual Golf Classic a success for Thomas Edison State College Foundation

BY LINDA SOLTIS

The Second Annual Thomas C. Streckewald Memorial Golf Classic was held at the Trenton County Club on June 10, 1996. The fun-filled day was enjoyed by close to 100 participants who helped the Thomas Edison State College Foundation raise nearly \$35,000.

The winning foursome, from David Sarnoff Research Center, were John Doskoczynski, Ansley Jessup,

David Ellison and Vincent Boccanfuso. In addition to being part of the first place team, Ellison won the men's long drive contest, while Stacy Mattia from CoreStates/New Jersey National Bank won the women's long drive contest. Ken Jeffries from Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton won the closest to the pin contest. The second place team was

from The Times of Trenton; third place was from Turner Construction; and fourth place was from Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton.

The event, co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of the Princeton Area (CCPA), honors the memory of Thomas C. Streckewald, a College administrator and Chamber president who was killed in an automobile collision on March 26, 1994. ❖

Penelope Stohn Brouwer appointed executive assistant to the president

Penelope Stohn Brouwer of Yardley, Pa., has been appointed executive assistant to the president at Thomas Edison State College, the nation's leader in higher education for adults wherever they live and work.

In her new role, Brouwer assists the president in the development and implementation of College policies, and in the development, management and control of College plans,

programs and operations. She advises and assists the president in a variety of areas including statewide and national technology issues and policies. In addition, she serves as the primary staff liaison to the Board of Trustees, is responsible for the development of the annual report and serves as the affirmative action officer for the College.

Brouwer, who has served as the director of Institutional

Planning, Research, and Outcomes Assessment for over two years, will continue to oversee that office and its functions. Prior to joining Thomas Edison, Brouwer served eight years with the New Jersey Department of Higher Education in a number of managerial posts, and held positions in both the corporate and nonprofit sectors. She received her Masters in Public Administration from Suffolk

University and her B.A. from the University of Virginia. Brouwer, who has been a member of the New Jersey Intercampus Network, Inc., since 1990, has served on its Board of Trustees since 1994. She also is a member of the New Jersey Research Advisory Committee.

"Penny Brouwer has demonstrated exemplary leadership in her role with the College," said Dr. George A. Pruitt, president



of Thomas Edison State College. "The College will benefit from the knowledge and expertise Penny brings to this new endeavor." ❖

Krom appointed associate dean for Human Services

Dr. Judith S. Krom of Syracuse, N.Y., has been appointed associate dean of the Human Services Degree Program at Thomas Edison State College, the nation's leader in higher education for adults wherever they live and work.

In making the announcement, Dr. Jerry Ice, vice president and provost at Thomas Edison, said Krom's appointment rep-



resents "an important step in the College's academic future. Judith Krom is a dedicated educator who has made significant contributions in the area of adult higher education. Thomas Edison State College students will benefit from the knowledge and expertise she will bring to the College community."

In her current role in the Division of Academic Affairs, Krom has the responsibility of

the total management of the Human Services Degree Program and its assigned staff. She also is responsible for the development, implementation and academic review of degree programs and certificates, and for selecting and training faculty consultants for the degrees and other College programs, including the degree faculty committees. Other responsibilities include working with the Degree Pathways Program, a program offered by two-year institutions in conjunction with Thomas Edison, and overseeing the academic advisement

of students.

Krom, who, for the past eight years was associate dean, director of the Adult Degree Completion Program and professor of social science at Nyack College in Nyack, N.Y., brings to this position a wealth of knowledge and experience. At Nyack, she designed, registered and implemented a new degree—the Bachelor of Science in Organization Management.

Krom was responsible for quality in all aspects of the program including personnel, a \$2 million budget, curricu-

lum, faculty and strategic planning. Krom received her Ph.D. in Higher Education from the State University of New York (SUNY) in Buffalo, N.Y., her M.A. from Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y., and her B.A. from Gordon College in Wenham, Mass. She is a member of the American Association for Higher Education (AAHE), the American Association of Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE) and the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL). ❖



FORE! College President Dr. George A. Pruitt (l) hits the course with Vice President for Public Affairs John Thurber during the Thomas C. Streckewald Memorial Golf Classic. The perfect weather and the first-rate service at the Trenton Country Club were upstaged only by the more than \$35,000 raised to support Thomas Edison State College.

Looking Ahead...from p.5

beginnings and subsequent accomplishments. Part of the looking back has been to interview almost 100 people who have had a close tie with the College. All three presidents, four governors, trustees, Foundation directors, faculty, staff and many others have taken time to share in this reflective period. By July 1, 1997, we will publish a

Thomas Edison allowed me to do was not only to be aware of the academic side of what the students were learning, but also the social development of the individuals. So many students have contacted me afterwards and told me what a wonderful experience it was to have been a student at Thomas Edison. It was the same thing for me; I grew as well as they

Hollander spoke about President George A. Pruitt: "I think he's probably one of the great college presidents in this country. He's certainly been a leader among the state college presidents, and probably is close to being the 'Dean of the State College Presidents.' His intellectual contribution to higher education is extraordinary. He's contributed to conventional and nonconventional areas of higher education, and New Jersey should be grateful to have him among their presidents."

"Growth and change are hallmarks of Thomas Edison—the essence of the institution," states Robert Taylor, former trustee. And Fred Abbate, current board member, reminds us that, "So many schools in the country still do not understand the needs of the adult learner. They persist in using models that are geared towards the traditional undergraduate day-school learning. Making distance learning and technology work educationally is going to be problematic, because there is still a system that doesn't value it. Thomas Edison has broken the mold, pushed the envelope in a whole different direction." He adds, "If there is one way I could describe Thomas Edison, it's that once you become vaccinated, it's with you forever...the bonding."

In a recent letter from former Gov. Jim Florio, he commends the College for its creativity and resourcefulness, and as we approach our 25th anniversary celebration, he says, "Congratulations on being part of one of life's most worthy endeavors. Please accept my best wishes for a successful celebration."

Look for more information on the 25th anniversary celebration in future issues of *Invention*. ❖

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25th anniversary history book, filled, we hope, with incredible anecdotes, memories, stories, analyses, data, ideas, concepts, future directions and great quotes.

During the course of this coming year, we will present more of the details for the coming celebration, and possibly more examples of some of those great quotes. Here are a few that particularly delighted us as we completed the interviews.

In reference to using the proper terminology—"college-level knowledge" or "college-level learning," faculty consultant Dr. Charles Nanry from Rutgers, the State University said: "I would recall we would get our mouths washed out with soap by President Matusak if we ever used the words 'life experience.' And, I remember a certain Ruth McKeefery coming to the College, and she would be the one carrying the bar of soap around."

From faculty consultant Dr. Mariagnes E. Lattimer, also from Rutgers University: "What

were growing."

From the Rev. Dr. Deborah Wolfe, founding member, State Board of Higher Education: "Education is from the womb to the tomb. When you stop learning, you're dead. Thomas Edison starts with the recognition that every individual has had some experiences that are noteworthy, that we must start with the learner where he is; then you must examine more closely than we have ever previously examined, what are those past experiences that would shorten the amount of time one needs to spend in a formal setting."

Albert Merck, former member of the state Board of Higher Education, spoke of Commencement: "I made a practice of going to graduations, and although I couldn't go to all nine state colleges and all 19 community college commencements, I did attend Thomas Edison graduations. The whole atmosphere of self-motivation, of people bringing themselves up by their bootstraps, was an inspiring thing."

Former Chancellor T. Edward

"What's in it for me?" Watch your mail and see

The most recent in a series of mailings about estate planning and philanthropic ideas for alumni and friends of Thomas Edison State College provided some answers to that very important question. The Advisor hit mailboxes in mid-September, and covered information about charitable gifts and estate planning. Key highlights:

- Everyone needs estate planning. Failing to plan for the future allows most states to control your estate, with little or no input from heirs.
- No estate is too small. The results of a life well spent are important to you, your family and loved ones.
- Existing wills need to be updated. An old will may not recognize changes in family circumstances, estate growth and new tax laws.
- Personal and tax benefits can be great. Giving to a special charity while providing for your loved ones provides a unique sense of well being and good will. Certain tax benefits also can be garnered by you and your heirs.

The Thomas Edison State College Foundation marshals resources to benefit today's adult learner. The Foundation supports programs, services and emerging technologies so important to those who learn at a distance. The Heritage Circle—a new group of supporters who have left a bequest to the Foundation—has grown to six members. This, along with other planned gifts, endowments and yearly Annual Fund gifts creates a lasting legacy for Thomas Edison State College.

For more information about The Advisor, giving opportunities or Thomas Edison State College, contact the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at (609) 984-1588.

Townhouse...from p.1

exciting expansion and renovation projects taking place in the United States today," said Dr. George A. Pruitt, College president.

When completed next year, the \$12.7 million project will provide for the future while preserving architectural and historic treasures from the past. The newly refurbished properties will meet the College's expansion needs with four electronic classrooms, a corporate-style educational conference facility, meeting rooms, textbook distribution area, shipping and receiving, and other services.

At the same time, the restoration will reclaim 19th and early 20th century

properties which have been vacant for several years. The completed facade of the townhouses will reflect a style popular in 1913, while the exquisite Greek Revival interiors of the two properties will be restored to their original elegance.

Funded by the state Building Authority, the townhouse restoration is part of the city's "Capital Campus." The architect for the townhouse project is DFGibson Architects, P.C. The construction management firm is Turner Construction of Somerset, N.J.

Watch future issues of *Invention* for progress reports on this exciting effort. ❖

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for coverage of this swingin' event!



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