

# Invention

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## Edison Graduates 525

### Credit for life experiences supported by Dr. Keeton

Approximately 525 adults were honored at the Ninth Commencement of Thomas A. Edison State College held on November 1 in the Trenton War Memorial Building.

This year graduates traveled from as far as New Orleans, Kentucky, and Virginia to attend the ceremony and personally receive the associate or baccalaureate degrees they earned through a flexible program designed especially for them. Edison State College has awarded more than 3,000 degrees in the nine years since its inception.



*Norma D. Lewis travelled from Kentucky to receive her degree in person at Commencement. "I cannot believe that I have finally made it! After not completing college with my class of 1950, I never dreamed that I would go back to pick up that elusive, last year of credits," she said. Ms. Lewis is an interpreter for the Deaf at the Jefferson State Vocational-Technical School in Louisville.*

It was particularly appropriate that the Commencement speaker this year was Dr. Morris T. Keeton, President of the Council for the Advancement of Experiential Learning (CAEL). Dr. Keeton is a national leader in the areas of non-traditional and alternative education.

Under his leadership, the theory of earning college credit for life experience has become a reality. Across the country today, more than 1,000 colleges and universities allow students the opportunity to receive credit for academically relevant learning.

"We need to change the way we think about adult learners," Dr. Keeton told the graduates. "It is becoming less and less important how you get knowledge and more important that it be current and demonstrable," he continued.

Dr. Keeton used the example of a pharmacist to illustrate the importance of learning as a lifelong process—not something that we do for a few years early in our lives:

"What a pharmacist knew ten years ago is worse than inadequate, it is dangerously out-of-date."

"Today," Dr. Keeton pointed out, "80 percent of adult learning is informal. Of the 20 percent that is formal, a large part—70 percent—is acquired outside the control of colleges and universities."

He outlined areas of thinking that need to change in order for the concepts of lifelong learning and experience based college credit be accepted.

"We persist in feeling that it is a mistake if children who are able to, don't go directly to college after high school. This pressure discourages and defeats young people that are not



*Dr. Morris T. Keeton, President of the Council for the Advancement of Experiential Learning (CAEL), was the Commencement speaker at the Ninth Commencement in November. Dr. Keeton challenged graduates to help change the image of adult education by supporting lifelong learning and college credit based on experience. Dr. Keeton also received an honorary degree. He is shown with Registrar, Thomas P. McCarthy and Mrs. Eleanor Spiegel, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.*

ready." He continued, "We still plan our lives as if school is what you 'get passed,' on the contrary, preparation for a career does not end." Dr. Keeton also criticized the standardized tests many colleges use to determine "college potential."

"Adults' attitudes about their potential is another area of thinking that must be changed," according to Dr. Keeton. He added that a recent survey by people who conduct assessments of learning found that individuals who participate in individual learning assessments go

through a change in their self image and begin to have higher aspirations.

In conclusion, Dr. Keeton criticized the general attitude in this country that adults pursuing further education are doing so for their own private benefit. On the contrary, he believes that the productivity of the entire workforce is at stake. Dr. Keeton challenged the Edison State College graduates to help change the image of adult education by telling their story to friends and people who are in a position to change public policy.

### College Alumni gearing up for second annual phonathon

The Alumni Association and the staff of Edison State College have joined forces again this year to produce Edison's second alumni phonathon. This year's phonathon will originate from the newly renovated "jewel of Trenton" the Capital Plaza Hotel, compliments of its new management.

Alumni will be calling alumni for pledges in this kick-off event for the annual fund drive. This year's goal is an ambitious \$12,000 in pledges. The Phonathon Committee hopes to accumulate challenge pledges of at least 20% of this goal (or \$3,000) which will be added to the amount the alumni pledges if we reach our goal. (At press time, nearly \$2,000 in challenge pledges had been raised.)

It is important that all alumni participate in the pledging to

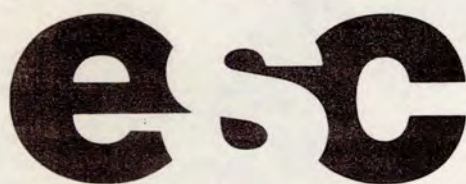
establish a leadership role for the annual fund drive and to assure that the College will receive the challenge pledges. When current students and friends of Edison hear how strongly our alumni support their alma mater, they will be moved to contribute to the College themselves. Alumni support indicates a strong, viable program; an important fact when the college approaches foundations for funds.

An alumni pledge, therefore, is an investment which provides immediate and long-term benefit to the programs and philosophies which constitute Thomas A. Edison State College. The College is uniquely important to adult higher education and needs the generous support of all alumni when the Alumni Association calls.

### Enrollments up 24 percent

The Office of Admissions has reported a steady increase in College admissions. From July through September, enrollment increased 20% over last year. By the end of December 1981, this increase reached 24%—900 new Edison students. Included in these enrollment figures are 45 students from our recent affiliation with the Centre for Business Studies in London. Through this affiliation Edison has expanded its international services.

Although 72% of our students are New Jersey residents, Edison now has representation in 49 states. In addition, the College continues to serve many Americans living abroad.



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# Registrar's Reports

## Edison's Adherence to Privacy Act

All students of Edison State College should be aware of a significant piece of federal legislation which affects both the College and all of its students: The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, known as the Buckley Amendment. This act, with which Edison State College intends to comply fully, was designated to protect the privacy of educational records, to establish the right of students to inspect and review their educational records, and to provide guidelines for the correction of inaccurate or misleading data through informal and formal hearings. Students also have the right to file complaints with The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Office (FERPA) concerning alleged failures by the institution to comply with the Act.

Certain information about the students at Edison State College has been classified as *Directory Information*. This information may be released for any purpose at the discretion of the College. Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, all students have the right to withhold the disclosure of any or all of the categories of *Directory Information* listed below.

Please consider very carefully the consequences of any decisions by you to withhold any category of *Directory Information*. Should you decide to inform Edison State College not to release any or all of this *Directory Information*, any future requests for such information from non-institutional persons or organizations will be refused. Edison State College will honor your request to withhold any of the categories listed below but cannot assume responsibility to contact you for subsequent permission to release them. Regardless of the effect upon you, Edison State College assumes no liability for honoring your instructions that such information be withheld.

A box has been provided for you to indicate, if you wish, which category or categories you wish not to be disclosed. If the Registrar's Office does not receive a copy of this

disapproval, it will be assumed that this *Directory Information* may be disclosed. A new form for non-disclosure must be completed each academic year. Annual notification will be made in the Summer or Fall edition of *Invention*.

Edison State College has designated the following categories of student information as public or *Directory Information*. Such information may be disclosed by the College for any purpose, at its discretion.

To withhold disclosure, *written* notification must be received by the Office of the Registrar. All notifications must bear the student's signature.

## Requests for Transcripts

In the spirit of The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, all students should be aware of the following. Requests for transcripts will not be accepted over the telephone. All requests must be made in writing, with an original signature. Verification of the receipt of a transcript request and notification that the transcript was sent will be mailed to each student requesting a transcript.

Results of evaluations or TECEP examinations *will not* be given out over the telephone. Copies of the evaluation and TECEP grade reports will be mailed directly to the student. If an evaluation or grade report has been lost in the mail, a new copy will be sent. Please do not ask for this information on the telephone. The staff of the Registrar's Office has been instructed not to release this information by telephone.

These regulations have been enacted to protect the privacy of all students. Copies of the College's policy concerning release of student Education Record Information can be obtained by writing to the Office of the Registrar.

## Edison State College Now A CLEP Test Center

Edison State College has been authorized as a test center for CLEP examinations. They are offered on the

third Saturday of the month. Dates for the next administrations of CLEP are:

### Examinations Administered

March 20, 1982  
April 17, 1982  
May 15, 1982  
June 19, 1982

### Registration Deadline

March 5, 1982  
April 2, 1982  
April 30, 1982  
June 4, 1982

Educational Testing Service has announced a change in the cost of the CLEP examinations. The first examination taken at any administration will be \$25.00 and \$22.00 for each additional test taken at the same administration.

## ACT/PEP Nursing Examinations Available at Edison State College

The proficiency examinations in Nursing which are offered through ACT/PEP are now administered at Edison State College. There will be two administrations of these examinations in the first half of 1982:

March 18-19  
June 24-25

Registration materials for the ACT/PEP examinations can be obtained from the Registrar's Office.

## Student Advisors

Edison State College is completing the assignment of all active students to an advisor. The advisors will be each student's principal contact with the College. Newly enrolled students will be assigned to an advisor after the annual academic services fee has been paid.

As part of the new advisement system, the advisors are provided with copies of any transcripts submitted to the College. The advisors will then indicate to their advisees how the newly earned credits will apply to their degree programs. These credits will then be added to the Edison State College transcript. More details on the new system of advising will be in the next issue.

## Edison Begins Blood Drive

Edison State College will be holding its first annual blood drive at the College on February 16, 1982. Students and alumni of the College who are members of a blood donation

plan or who would like to join one are invited to join us in this important "gift from the heart." Even if you cannot attend the day of the drive, you can still participate. For complete information on blood plans in New Jersey and elsewhere, please contact Beverly Friedman-Rednor, Regional Director of the Mercer County Regional Blood Center. Ms. Friedman-Rednor, an Edison student, can be contacted at 609/883-9750.

## Changes in CLEP Examinations

Over the past few months, there have been several changes in the CLEP Subject examination offerings. These changes involve the deletion of examinations, new examinations, and the change in credit value for the subject examination in Sociology.

### Examinations Deleted

American History  
Western Civilization  
History of American Education  
Tests and Measurements

### Examinations Added

	S.H.	Min. Score
American History I: Early Colonization to 1877	3	45
American History II: 1865 to Present	3	45
Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648	3	46
Western Civilization II: 1648 to the Present	3	47

The recommended credit value for the subject examination in Introductory Sociology has been changed from 6 to 3 semester hours. The new credit allocation will be applied to all examinations taken after September 1, 1981.

## Attention Aviation People

Edison State College has recently extended the range of FAA ratings and certificates for which it grants credit to include Air Traffic Control Specialists, Flight Engineers, Flight Navigators, and Flight Dispatchers. In addition, we grant credit for training programs offered by U.S. Domestic and International Air Carriers leading to the positions of Flight Engineer, Aircraft Captain, and First and Second Officer. If any of these apply to you, contact your Advisor for information.



Gerri Collins, Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Thomas C. Streckewald, Acting Director of Development, are pictured admiring the Edison State College Commemorative Mirror, which was donated to the College by a student. The mirrors are available to students, alumni, and friends of the College for \$49.00. If you have not received a flyer with details, call Gerri or Tom at the Trenton Office at 609/984-1100.

### Request to Prevent Disclosure of Directory Information

To: The Registrar, Edison State College

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print or type)

I have carefully reviewed my current situation and have decided to withhold the category (categories) of *Directory Information* listed below. I realize that Edison State College has no responsibility to contact me for subsequent permission to release them and acknowledge that the College has no liability for honoring my instructions to withhold information.

Disclose No  
Information

**CATEGORY I** Name, address, telephone number, date of original enrollment in the College. ☐

**CATEGORY II** Previous institution(s) attended, degree program and major field of study at Thomas A. Edison State College, degree(s) conferred, including dates. ☐

**CATEGORY III** Date and place of birth ☐

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This form must be returned to the Office of the Registrar.



Future TECEP Administrations

New registration guides and applications for TECEP examinations have been mailed to all active students. If you have not yet received a copy, please notify the Registrar's Office and one will be sent. The TECEP examinations will be offered on the following dates:

Administration Date	Locations	Registration Deadline
February 6, 1982	Statewide Centers	January 8, 1982
March 6, 1982	Trenton only	February 5, 1982
April 3, 1982	Trenton only	March 5, 1982
June 5, 1982	Statewide Centers	May 2, 1982

Formal Appeal Process

The College has recently revised its formal appeal policy. Under this policy, all appeals should be made in writing to the Registrar. The Registrar will then forward the appeal with all supporting documentation to the appropriate office for review. Once the appeal has been reviewed, the Registrar will notify the student of the outcome. In the case of a denial, the notification will inform the student that the next level for appeal would be the Vice President for Academic Affairs. This appeal must be in writing and should contain all appropriate information and/or documentation.



If you attended Commencement in November and would like to purchase a photograph of the group in front of the War Memorial, as seen above, you may write to the Director of Public Relations at the College.

Approval for Degrees

Each student is urged to notify the Registrar's Office when the last credits needed for a degree have been completed. The following form can be used to notify the Registrar's Office. Please indicate the subject areas that should appear on the transcript.

Thomas A. Edison State College		Office of the Registrar
Request to be Considered for Candidacy for a Degree		
Name: _____	ID No. _____	
Current Address: _____	SS No. _____	
Advisor: _____		
Degree Program: _____ Concentration: _____		
Semester Hours at Last Evaluation: _____		
If BA, date PGC completed: _____		
If BS, Has Program Plan been approved? Yes _____ No _____		
Has Specialization been approved? Yes _____ No _____		
Is Demonstration of Currency Needed? Yes _____ No _____		
If ASM/BSBA, Is Specialization Approval Needed? Yes _____ No _____		
Is Demonstration of Currency Needed? Yes _____ No _____		
Credits to be submitted: _____		
Institution/Agency	Subject(s)	Date Completed
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Has the Academic Services Fee been paid? Yes _____ No _____		
Student Signature _____		Date _____

A new and positive development at Edison State College is the recently created Division of Community Affairs. The emphasis of the new division will be to focus attention on individuals and groups outside of the College that lend support to the College. Included within the Division will be Admissions, Information Services, Corporate Relations, Counseling Services, and State/Federal Governmental Relations. As the new New Jersey legislature takes over in January 1982, Edison State College will be watching and participating in the legislative process. As advocates of adult learning within the State, our expertise will be invaluable as measures dealing with learning of adults come before both the Assembly and the Senate. We will also be making available information about learning opportunities in the State that is currently accessible through our Education Hotline. Edison State College, through the Division of Community Affairs, has positioned itself to take advantage of external forces and influences that impact the College.



Pictured above is Dr. Richard S. Hansen, the new Vice President for Community Affairs, with Janice White, Coordinator of Counseling for the Northern region office headquartered in East Orange.

Edison's outreach efforts under new vice-president

Dr. Richard S. Hansen has been appointed to the newly created position of Vice-President for Community Affairs at Thomas A. Edison State College. The Division of Community Affairs was created to coordinate the College's outreach efforts under one office. "Dr. Hansen brings to Edison State College a rich background and knowledge of the concepts of adult and higher education," stated President Lorraine R. Matusak, in announcing the appointment. "We are very fortunate to be able to hire an individual with such a successful and outstanding national record in dealing with higher education for the adult learner. We look forward to an exciting and dynamic year with his leadership in community affairs," she continued. Areas under Dr. Hansen's direction include: the Statewide Counseling and Information Network, offering free educational counseling in over 30 locations around New Jersey; Admissions and Recruitment, providing information to adults wanting to pursue their education; and Special Programs, such as the Program on Non-Collegiate Sponsored Instruction, which evaluates training that is offered at corporations and agencies for the purpose of equating the training to college-level credits. Also included under Dr. Hansen's supervision is the Statewide Information Network for Education, also referred to as the Education "Hotline." Through its toll-free number, 800/792-8355, the Hotline assists students in defining their educational needs and identifying which institutions can most efficiently meet those needs. The Hotline library has the only centralized comprehensive source of post-secondary information in New Jersey. "I'm very glad to be working at an institution with such a fine national reputation" stated Dr. Hansen. "We are one of the few educational institutions in the United States that provides adults with flexible methods of pursuing their higher education goals. We are truly the model of the future," he continued. Dr. Hansen is especially excited about the Statewide Counseling and Information Network which offers educational counseling throughout the state at no charge. "It impresses me very much that Edison makes such an effort to serve people throughout the state. It is another indication that the College and New Jersey are interested in providing adults with the information necessary for them to make an informed decision on their educational opportunities. We provide that information in non-threatening atmospheres such as libraries, community schools, and other convenient locations. It is my goal to diminish the traditional barriers that hinder adults from pursuing further education." Dr. Hansen received his doctoral degree in higher education administration from the University of Denver in Colorado; his Master of Science degree in Education at Indiana University in Bloomington. Prior to his appointment at Edison State College, he was the Dean of the Erie Metropolitan College, Gannon University. At Erie, he was responsible for the administration of evening sessions, counseling and student services, the New Careers Center, Open University, and continuing education programs.





Susan Simosko, left, Director of the New Jersey Statewide Testing and Assessment Center at the College, is pictured working with Edith Severo. Mrs. Severo was appointed recently as a Portfolio Advisor for the Center. She will be working directly with students and faculty from Center member institutions who are involved in earning credits through non-traditional methods of testing and assessment. The number of colleges included in the Center has increased to eleven this year. With a renewal grant of \$81,000 from the Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education (FIPSE), the Center is continuing to expand its services to adults. The Center's activities will be highlighted in the Spring issue of *Invention*.

# Alumni News

## Alumni Association Elects New Officers

The Alumni Association met November 1 at the college to elect new officers for the coming year.

Bruce Hubscher	President	Warren Huff	Director
Jacqui Berends	1st V.P.	Hugh Crosson	Director
Robert Lynch	2nd V.P.	Gordon Beaver	Director
Tom Hicks	Treasurer	Rita Cronin	Director
Carl Blue	Secretary		

Bruce Hubscher, the newly elected President, spoke at Commencement later that day to invite the new graduates to become members of the Association.

Return form to:  
Edison Alumni Association/Secretary  
c/o Edison State College  
101 West State Street  
CN 545  
Trenton, N.J. 08625

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership-New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Business Information

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer my mail to be sent to home \_\_\_\_\_ or business \_\_\_\_\_

I desire to work on the following committee(s):

Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Programming & Activities \_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising \_\_\_\_\_

Social \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ Nominations \_\_\_\_\_

Communications \_\_\_\_\_ Dean's Alumni Advisory \_\_\_\_\_

Women's Network \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ (specify)

Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (at least \$10.00)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## ESC expands with opening of new regional center

To accommodate the growing number of adult students in the Southern New Jersey/Philadelphia area who wish to begin or complete their college education, Thomas A. Edison State College recently opened a new regional center. The new office, located at 100 Kings Highway South in Cherry Hill, is easily accessible by bus from the High Speed Line and by car from Route 70.

Adults wishing to attend a group information session or make an individual appointment in the Cherry Hill area may call the Counseling Office at 609/984-1150.

Academic counselors are currently providing services throughout New

Jersey at over 30 sites in the College's Statewide Counseling Network. "Our counselors are sensitive to the needs of adults wanting to continue their education. They understand that many times work and family responsibilities prohibit them from attending traditional classrooms," according to James Ratigan, Coordinator of Counseling Services. "We can offer them alternative methods of completing their degrees, keeping in mind their other responsibilities."

Updates on the activities of the new Cherry Hill regional center will be included in future editions of *Invention*.

## College seeks financial aid for part-time adult students

Although financial aid for part-time students is difficult to find, the staff at Edison State College is working on new funding sources for its adult students.

This year the College was fortunate to receive scholarship money from the Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation. The money was designated for second-career women over twenty-five years of age who are pursuing degrees.

Limited financial assistance is also available to men and women through the Edison Fund and the Basic

Educational Opportunity Grant (Pell Grants).

"One of the most overlooked sources of financial assistance is the education benefits that are offered through employers," according to Jules Kahn, Edison's Financial Aid Officer, "adults should check with their personnel offices to see if educational reimbursement is a part of their benefits package."

Adults in need of financial aid should contact Mr. Kahn through the College at 609/984-1150.

## In the next issue...



Dr. Lorraine R. Matusak

For Dr. Lorraine R. Matusak, the job of President of Edison State College is a constant balancing act. The growth of Edison and its programs demands that she be at the college, and yet the same growth, and the fine role that Edison plays in non-traditional education, means that she is traveling nationally to offer her expertise in the adult education field. Recently she was elected to the Board of Trustees of the University of Mid-America, a consortium of universities that works to support non-traditional education programs for adults. In the next issue, we will feature Dr. Matusak in her role as ESC's President.

The college is currently undergoing a change in its advising system. In the near future, all active students will be

assigned advisors. In the next issue of *Invention* you will meet the advisors and read about the new system.

Marco Meirovitz recently became the first student at Edison State College to earn a degree completely through assessment. Meirovitz is the inventor of the world famous game "Mastermind." Over 35 million

copies of the game have been sold and it has been printed in 32 languages. A feature on Meirovitz and his many achievements worldwide will be included in the next issue.

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