

THOMAS A. EDISON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

SEVENTH COMMENCEMENT

October 28, 1979 War Memorial Building Trenton, New Jersey

An official State of New Jersey
Edison Centennial Commemoration event

The

Seventh Commencement

of

Thomas A. Edison College

the

New Jersey State College for External Degrees

Larraine R. Matusak

Presiding

2:30 pm

October 28, 1979

War Memorial Building

Trenton, New Jersey

Everyone is cordially invited to attend a reception in honor of the Graduates immediately after the Ceremony in the Ballroom of the War Memorial Building.

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"AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL"

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United States Senator Bill Bradley was born in Crystal City, Missouri, on July 28, 1943. He attended Crystal City Elementary School, Palm Beach Private School in Florida, and Crystal City High School. He attended Princeton University from 1961 to 1965, and earned his degree in American History.

At Princeton, Senator Bradley's uncommon skill as a basketball player brought him national attention. He twice was named All-American, and he won a gold medal in the 1964 Olympics.

After Princeton he went to Oxford University as a Rhodes scholar, and studied politics, philosophy, and economics. After finishing his studies at Oxford in 1967, he returned to America and began playing basketball professionally with the New York Knicks. He played for 10 years.

During his professional athletic career, Mr. Bradley took a limited role in public affairs through such off-season activities as teaching basic education skills at an Urban League street academy in 1968. He served for a time as an assistant to the director of the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C. He also supported the work of a number of charitable or civic groups, such as the March of Dimes, the National Burn Victim Foundation, and The National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Mr. Bradley's successful Senate candidacy of 1978 was his first attempt to win public office.

In 1974 Senator Bradley married the former Ernestine Schlant, a teacher of comparative literature at Montclair State College. Their daughter, Theresa Anne, was born in 1976.

THE KELSEY BUILDING

Henry Cooper Kelsey, who was New Jersey Secretary of State from 1870 to 1897, provided the funds for the construction of the building, which was a gift to the City of Trenton in memory of Kelsey's wife, Prudence. It was designed by Cass Gilbert and modeled after the Strozzi Palace in Florence, Italy.

The Kelsey Building was dedicated in 1911 as the School of Industrial Arts. In 1947 the school changed its name to Trenton Junior College and School of Industrial Arts. In 1967 the institution merged with and took the name of Mercer County Community College. The

Kelsey building was sold to the State of New Jersey in 1972 when Mercer County Community College moved to its new campus in Hamilton and West Windsor townships. Mercer County Community College leased the Kelsey building from the State until 1975 for use as its Trenton center until the new Kearney Center was completed. From 1975 to 1978 the building was used on a limited basis by the State Department of Taxation. Renovations were begun in 1978, under the direction of architect Matthew L. Rue. Thomas A. Edison College moved into the renovated structure on September 10, 1979.

"THE EDISON CENTENNIAL AWARD" 1879-1979

The Edison Centennial Award was established by Heritage Associates on behalf of the New Jersey Edison Centennial Committee of the New Jersey Historical Commission for presentation during the 100th Anniversary of the invention of the first successful incandescent light by Thomas Alva Edison. The Edison Centennial Award is given to individuals and organizations who excel in the field of electricity through scientific or Edison historic research endeavors.

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Receiving the Award at this ceremony is Frank Z. Hawrylo. Mr. Hawrylo, who resides in Hamilton Township, New Jersey, is an associate member of the technical staff at RCA Laboratories in Princeton. Mr. Hawrylo enrolled in Trenton Junior College in 1955 and earned his Associate in Science degree in 1961. In October of 1976 he enrolled in Thomas A. Edison College and completed requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree in Technical Services in August of 1979.

Frank Hawrylo holds 15 U.S. patents and is the author of 55 technical papers. His principal expertise involves the liquid phase epitaxial growth process for the fabrication of semi-conductor materials and related devices. He is listed in the Metallurgical volume of Who's Who in Technology Today.

Mr. Hawrylo is married with six children and is the son of Mrs. Frank Hawrylo of Centre Street, Trenton.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The staff of Thomas A. Edison College wishes to express its appreciation to the Charles Edison Fund for its continued support to the College. In addition to the Fund's monetary support, the Fund has also donated the bronze bust of Thomas Alva Edison which is located in the lobby of the Kelsey Building. The Fund has also provided a contribution for an attractive display for the bust.

The Charles Edison Fund bears the name of its founder. Charles Edison (1890-1969), son of Thomas A. Edison, served as Governor of the State of New Jersey from 1941 to 1944.

The staff of the College also wishes to thank William C. Smith, the organist for the ceremony, and the Garden State Theatre Organ Society. Mr. Smith studied music at Bucknell University and has served as a church organist in the Trenton area for over ten years. Mr. Smith is a member of the Garden State Theatre Organ Society, which maintains the 16 rank, 3 manual, Moller organ in the War Memorial Building.

The Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving theatre organs throughout the state. The Society will be holding four concerts at the War Memorial Building throughout the next seven months. Information concerning the concerts is available in the lobby.

The able assistance of Frank Bodgan, Secretary of the War Memorial Commission, and his staff, is also appreciated.

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O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain.
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears.
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

Music by Samuel A. Ward Words by Katharine Lee Bates