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Edison receives grant to coordinate N.J. Network of adult education services

Edison State College is one of 15 post-secondary institutions and educational agencies taking part in a major project to establish the first nationally coordinated network of adult continuing education services.

Over the next three years the 15 grantees will lead the formation of regional "clusters" made up of colleges, universities, businesses, government, the private sector, and numerous other organizations. The clusters will work to increase awareness among themselves and others of the kinds of educational options available to adults. They will also create new programs and services.

Edison State College has received a grant of \$176,675 to participate in the effort. Support for the project comes from awards made by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan, to the 15 individual participants that will represent the clusters. The combined awards total \$4,070,670, with additional funds contributed by the grantees to approach \$3 million.

"Adult continuing education is becoming a major educational enterprise, especially valuable now, as many within the nation's workforce must change occupations if they are to adjust to a shifting employment environment," said Arlon E. Elser, a program director for the Kellogg Foundation. "In addition, the formal education of American adults is lower than commonly thought. A nationally coordinated network to provide guidance and service in meeting

adults' educational needs will be of tremendous worth to them and to all adults wishing to upgrade their education."

The network focuses on the use of computers in career planning, the recognition of earned academic credit in awarding degrees, learning gained through practical experiences, and referral of the adult to a variety of external degree programs or other learner services.

Figuring keenly into the proposed national network are two interactive computer systems: SIGI, the "System of Interactive Guidance and Information" which helps undergraduates examine personal interests in light of potential careers and develop a plan for pursuing a chosen career; and ENCORE, a complementary system to SIGI used by the adult learner. Software conversions enable the physically handicapped to use these systems, now operating in more than 225 institutions.

Edison State College's contribution to the project will be to develop a comprehensive higher education and career information data base for adult learners. The computer delivery of this information will be available at approximately 15 New Jersey sites. In addition, the project will help the College expand the nontraditional options available to adults for earning college credit and will offer extensive counseling services through several interactive computer-assisted learning packages.

As Dr. Pruitt, President of Edison
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Eleanor Spiegel, Chairperson of the Edison State College Board of Trustees, bestowed the Presidential Medallion upon Dr. George A. Pruitt, the College's third President, during the Inauguration ceremony.

"Couldn't have done it without Edison"

Alumni praise the College

The first Edison State College Alumni Survey was mailed to all graduates in early summer. The Office of Development has been working with the Office of Institutional Research in analyzing the data provided by alumni, and the preliminary results are proving interesting.

Returned surveys have been received from 35 of the 50 states as well as Canada, Israel, Greece, and several military bases in foreign countries. As expected, the majority of alumni reside in New Jersey (67%), while Pennsylvania (5%), California (3.5%), Texas (2%), Ohio (2%), Florida (2%), and New York (2%) are also well represented.

The list of corporate employers reads like a listing of the Fortune 500—American Airlines, AT&T, Avon, Bendix, Carter-Wallace, Ciba-Geigy, Citibank, Cyanamid, Digital Equipment, Exxon, General Electric, Hoffman-LaRoche, Johnson & Johnson, Merck, Mobil, Nabisco, Prudential, RCA, Schering-Plough, Squibb, and Warner-Lambert. Many graduates who hold management positions in these corporations credit their promotion to the college degree they earned through Edison.

Approximately 15% of Edison graduates work for the State of New Jersey, while another 4% work for

municipal government in New Jersey or for government agencies in other states. The Federal Government employs between 8%-9% of Edison grads, primarily in the military or postal service.

Nearly 10% of Edison graduates are self-employed in a variety of occupations including architect, artist, doctor, computer programmer, banker, lawyer, and insurance agent.

To the Edison staff, the most rewarding aspect of the Alumni Survey has been the extremely strong endorsement of the College and its purpose. Phrases like "saved my career," "couldn't have done it without Edison," "greatest thing that ever happened to me," and "I'm proud to be a graduate of Edison State College" were repeated again and again. These comments, offered freely by graduates who recognize just how unique the Edison opportunity is, serve to confirm that Edison has indeed achieved its mission—"to expand the educational opportunities available to adult students."

Additional mailings of the survey are planned for the fall. If you have not submitted yours, please do so soon. The information collected is extremely valuable to the College in measuring its success, planning its future, and in conveying its mission to those outside the College.

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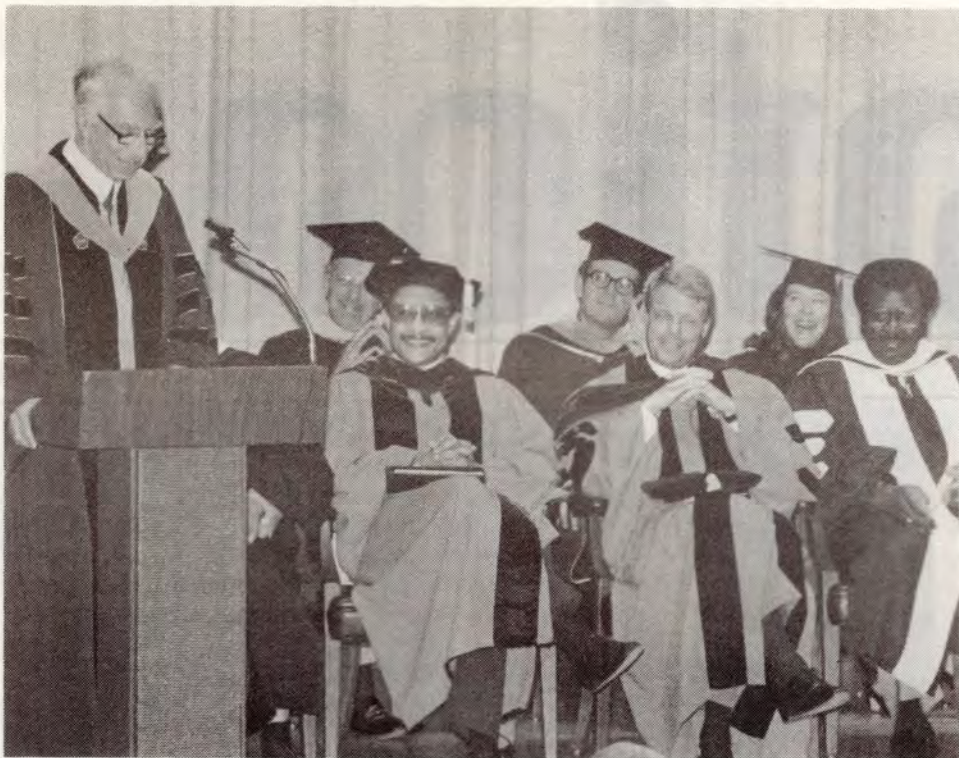
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T. Edward Hollander, Chancellor of Higher Education, participated in the Inauguration program. Pictured on the platform are: (front row, left to right), Dr. Pruitt, Dr. James L. Fisher, President of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), and Dr. George Ayers, President of Chicago State University; back row, Robert H. Taylor, Thomas Seessel, and Patricia Danielson, all members of the College Board of Trustees.

Inauguration Day

In July, Dr. George A. Pruitt was inaugurated as the third President of Edison State College. Several hundred people, representing over 40 institutions of higher learning and the learned and professional societies, family of Dr. Pruitt, and friends of the College, attended the ceremony held at the State Museum in Trenton. T. Edward Hollander, Chancellor of Higher Education, spoke at the ceremony, recalling the history of the College and confirming its mission. Dr. Morris T. Keeton, President of the Council for the Advancement of Experiential Learning, delivered the address preceding Dr. Pruitt's Inaugural Address.



Dr. Morris T. Keeton, President of the Council for the Advancement of Experiential Learning (CAEL), with Dr. Pruitt.

Dr. Pruitt elected to CAEL Board

Dr. George A. Pruitt, President of Edison State College, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of CAEL, the Council for the Advancement of Experiential Learning. CAEL is a national organization of over 300 colleges and universities nationwide that support the concept that students should receive college credit for academically relevant noncollege learning. The CAEL Board provides leadership at the national, regional, and local levels and determines the policies and priorities of the organization.

Since its inception in 1977, CAEL has played a leadership role in advocating experiential learning by demonstrating that educational programs of high quality use experiential learning and proving that valid and reliable assessment of college-level knowledge is feasible. Due to CAEL's efforts in convincing accrediting and regulatory bodies of these points, an historical change is taking place with respect to how experiential learning is accepted within American education today.



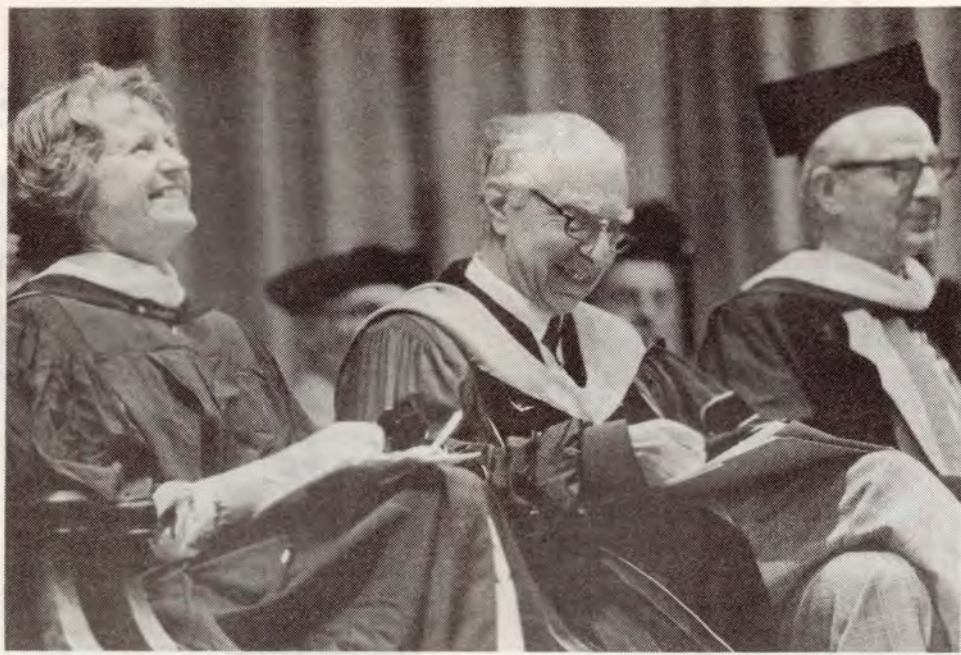
Dr. Pruitt with his wife, Delores.



Dr. Fisher with Dr. Richard S. Hansen, Edison's Vice President of Community Affairs.



Alan Ferguson, left, Vice Chairperson of the College Board of Trustees, presided over the ceremonies. He is seen entering the auditorium with Dr. Harold W. Eickhoff, President of Trenton State College.



Board Chairperson Eleanor Spiegel, Chancellor Hollander, and Dr. Keeton pictured during the ceremony.

Three new members join Testing/Assessment Center

Brookdale Community College, Burlington County College, and Essex County College have recently joined the Statewide Testing and Assessment Center in an effort to provide their adult students with greater flexibility in earning college credits and meeting degree requirements. They join the fifteen other institutions throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania who have joined this three-year old cooperative project led by Edison State College.

Students enrolled at Center institutions are able to make use of the testing and portfolio assessment options of Edison State College and have the credits earned through these means applied towards their degree

programs at their home institutions. Each member institution has an Institutional Liaison available to provide information about the Center's services and institutional policies. Dr. Arnold Gelfman is the Liaison at Brookdale Community College, Mr. Dan Baker at Burlington, and Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler at Essex.

If students decide to earn credits through the portfolio assessment option, they are assigned to work with an Edison State College portfolio advisor who helps them consider their backgrounds and construct the portfolio. Student workshops are also available throughout the year.

Further information about the institutions participating in the Center or the testing and assessment services of the Center may be obtained by writing to Susan Simosko, Director of the Statewide Testing and Assessment Center at Edison State College.

Edison receives Grant (continued from page 1)

State College, explained "We hope to be able to reach an increasingly diverse group of adult students eager to pursue their higher education goals. The funds provided by the Kellogg Foundation will bring to the forefront the importance of adults and the new technology in higher education today. Edison State College is proud to be a part of this national effort."

The overall effort will be coordinated by the Council for the Advancement of Experiential Learning (CAEL), Columbia, Maryland. Since the late 1970s, CAEL has spearheaded the development of methods to evaluate and award academic credit for experiential learning.

Other participants in the national effort are: *Educational Testing*

Service, Princeton, NJ; Michigan State University, East Lansing; Brevard Community College, Cocoa, FL; Widener University, Chester, PA; Ohio University, Athens; University of Connecticut, Storrs; San Francisco State University, CA; Kansas City Regional Council for Higher Education (KCRHE), MO; Memphis State University, TN; Loretto Heights College, Denver, CO; University of Maryland, College Park; Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory, Portland, OR; and Virginia State University, Petersburg.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation, established in 1930 to "help people help themselves," has distributed more than \$643 million in support of programs in agriculture, education, and health. Areas of emphasis within those broad fields include adult continuing education, health promotion and disease prevention, cost-effective health services, a wholesome food supply, and leadership development. The Foundation is among the largest private philanthropic organizations in the nation. It supports programs in the United States, Latin America, and the Caribbean, as well as international fellowship programs in other countries.

College enters agreement with Indiana University

Students working toward a degree from Edison State College may now take Indiana University Independent Study by Correspondence courses to meet degree requirements. Under this cooperative arrangement students can take university courses at home and work at their own pace. Students can enroll at any time and have a year to complete a course. A toll-free telephone line (1-800-457-4434), is available to students who need information.

Tuition for university courses is \$39.75 per credit hour. Exams must be taken at an Edison State College Testing Center for a fee of \$8.00 per examination, payable to Edison State College. There are over two hundred university courses available. The program is designed to help students who want to take university courses but cannot take them on a campus. Enrollment applications and course bulletins are available through Edison State College, or through the Indiana University Independent Study Program, Owen Hall, Bloomington, Indiana, 47405.

First Step:

A Conference to begin planning

Over 70 educators from New Jersey colleges and universities, the military, business and industry, and departments of the State, met recently at Edison State College to begin planning the work of the New Jersey cluster.

To serve adults in need of further education, the participants will focus on the use of computers in career planning, the recognition of college level learning gained outside the college classroom (through training programs in business and industry, for example), and the referral of adults to external degree programs or other services. In addition, an extensive data base is being developed which will provide extensive educational and career planning information to adults.

At the conference, participants were able to see demonstrations of two interactive computer systems that will figure keenly into the national network. Lila Norris, Director of the Guidance Research Group at the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, demonstrated SIGI, the "System of Interactive Guidance and Information," a program that helps undergraduates examine personal interests in light of potential careers and develop a plan for pursuing a chosen career. Part of the Project LEARN effort will be to build a model of this system specifically for adults.

Carol Rabush, Assistant Director of the DISCOVER division of the American College Testing Program, demonstrated ENCORE, a complementary system to SIGI used by the adult learner. The ENCORE system has a component which assists adults in identifying what aspects of their experiences are college level and might enable them to earn college credit.

During his keynote address, Dr. John Strange, a Professor at the University of Massachusetts, spoke about "Technology's Role in Creating New Paths to Higher Education." He expressed optimism that the use of computers in higher education will serve the adult learner more efficiently because the learner will be able to control when and where the learning occurs. Currently, many adults trying to pursue a college degree are hampered by work and family responsibilities that do not allow them time to attend traditional college classes. "In the future, education will be delivered directly to the learners, in their home, at the worksite, or at a learning center," Dr. Strange predicted. "Libraries will change," he continued, "and by the year 1990 libraries will contain as many laser discs as books. The number of home libraries will increase also."

Dr. Strange pointed out that the computer will increase access to education for the handicapped. "Already there are listening computers, talking computers, and the Braille-English converters, to name a few," he said.

Dr. Strange encouraged educators at the Conference to try and persuade their institutions to use the new technology. He acknowledges that this is a difficult task in hard economic times, but warned that resisters to the computer will lose. "The delivery of education will be altered by the computer," Dr. Strange stated, "and you should be prepared to change directions and take risks."

Following Dr. Strange's presentation, conference participants began planning for the network that will be designed to serve the adult learner. Institutions or individuals interested in learning more about what services will be available and how they can participate in the planning should write to Susan Simosko, Edison State College, 101 West State Street, CN 545, Trenton, New Jersey 08625 or call 609/984-1141.

Tele-TECEP continues

Tele-TECEP began its Fall programs the week of September 5 with the first broadcasts of "Business of Management" and "Focus on Society." Several Edison students are enrolled in the Fall programs.

This coming Spring, Edison will offer two more Tele-TECEP programs. Due to the strong demand and popularity of the "Business of Management" program, it will be repeated this Spring.

In addition, a brand new series, "Faces of Culture" will be presented. This beautifully produced course explores the vast variety of human cultures.

Information on both programs may be obtained by filling out the request form below and mailing it to:

Tele-TECEP PROGRAM
Edison State College
101 West State Street, CN 545
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

I am interested in receiving information on the following Spring Tele-TECEP programs:

☐ Business of Management
☐ Faces of Culture

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

The Advisement Center—A new service for students

In July, Edison State College began a new system for advising students. All active students were notified by mail that a special telephone line was set up that would give them direct access to a Program Advisor who could answer their questions.

The Advisement Center telephone number is 609/984-1179. It is open Monday through Friday, 12 noon through 4 p.m.

Early indications are that the Telephone Center is very successful. During July, 719 students were served through the Telephone Center. Of the students who called, 191 were given approval to take specific courses, 223 discussed general degree requirements, 106 spoke to advisors about Portfolio Development and Assessment, and 73 asked about the College's testing opportunities.

Printed materials are mailed to students following the telephone conversation if they have inquired about degree guidelines, specialization guidelines, portfolio assessment, testing, pre-graduation conference, advanced level practicum, demonstration of currency, and correspondence courses.

Students receive a copy of the Telephone Response Form if they

have requested approval of courses. This provides them with written confirmation of course approval.

All students are encouraged to call the Advisement Center telephone lines for direct access to a Program Advisor in order to get immediate



Assisting the program advisors with finding students' records as they call is Secretary Mary Burns.

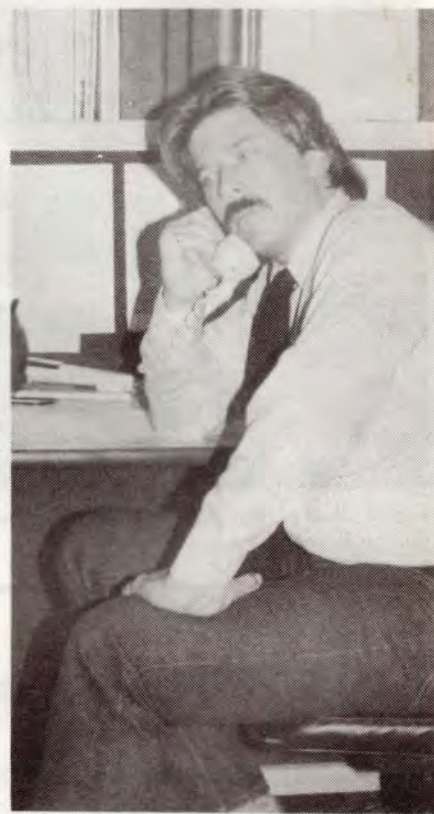
response to questions, course approvals, etc. There are several lines in the Phone Center. When students call, the person answering the phone will be a Program Advisor. A busy signal means that all lines are being used and the student should call again. Students who want to make an individual appointment with an Advisor should call the Advisement Center.

"Students appear to be very pleased with the center," according to Dr. Ruth McKeefery, Dean of Academic Programs. Among the comments she has heard most often are:

"This is a good idea, I can speak directly to an advisor."

"I like the fact that I can get an immediate approval for classroom or correspondence courses, or tests I want to take."

"I like receiving a prompt response to my problem."



Program Advisor Tom Eklund answers a student's call. During July alone, 719 students were assisted by advisors working at the Center.

Program plans required

All students are required to submit to the Advisement Center an outline of the subject areas they plan to use to complete their degree program. Between July 1 and August 19, the Center received 464 Program Plans from students. The Coordinators of each degree program reviewed all Program Plans received by August 19. If Program Plans could not be approved, students received a request to provide additional information.

If students are unable to project all work for degree completion, they may submit a partial Program Plan indicating the work they plan to complete within the coming

academic year. Approved Program Plans will allow students to proceed with degree completion with the confirmation that course work approved will be applied toward their degree program.

At any time students wish to deviate from their approved Program Plan, they should call the Advisement Center (609-984-1179) for approval.



Ron Sukovich, Coordinator of Business Programs, receives information on a student from Mary Burns. Students who call the Advisement Center have access to a program advisor who can assist them immediately with most questions concerning their degree program.

Additional examinations for credit now available

Eight additional examinations are now available at all TECEP test administrations from the DANTES program. They are:

- Beginning Italian I
- Beginning Italian II
- Basic Statistics
- Business Law
- Criminology
- Introduction to Law Enforcement
- Money and Banking
- Principles of Guidance

Each is a three semester hour examination. Further information about these examinations are contained in TECEP Test Description Booklets, as follows:

- Basic Statistics: Natural Sciences/Mathematics, revised 1983
- Beginning Italian: Humanities, 1982 Supplement
- The other five: DANTES (DSST) Examination in Business and Professional Areas, new in 1983

Each booklet is available from the Office of the Registrar for \$5.00.

The DANTES examination in Differential Equations has been withdrawn, as have the TECEP Foreign Language 18 credit examinations.

TECEP written expression exam expanded

The content of the TECEP Written Expression examination has been expanded to include an assessment of skill in research and the use of evidence. The expanded examination will be available as of October 1, 1983. Students passing the examination will receive six semester hours of credit.

As of July 1, 1983 students who wish to receive credits on the CLEP General English Examination, the CLEP College Composition Examination, or the CLEP Freshman English Examination must take the essay section of the examination.

Re-examination policy established

As of July 1, 1983, all students taking TECEP examinations (regardless of administrative mode) will be limited to a maximum of two administrations of any specific examination. Failure to pass an exam on the second examination will result in no additional TECEP opportunities for that particular exam.

Students who fail to pass a TECEP on the second administration will have the following options available: portfolio assessment; classroom or correspondence course work; special oral examinations.

Changes in fee schedule announced

The Board of Higher Education approved the following fee schedule at its May 20, 1983 meeting. The new schedule is effective from July 1, 1983 through June 30, 1984.

For enrolled students who wish to remain active, the annual tuition equivalency fee is due on the student's anniversary date. For example, if a student has paid the tuition equivalency fee in February, 1983, the tuition equivalency fee of \$70 (\$105 for out-of-state) will be due in February, 1984. It is necessary to remain an active student each year in order to receive the full services of the College.

A new policy allows students to pay any fees over \$35 with VISA or MasterCard. To receive a brochure describing the fees in detail, call or write the Office of the Bursar.

Type of Fee	1983-84 FEES	
	Resident	Non-Resident†
Application fee	\$ 50	\$ 50
Enrolled students:		
First year's tuition equivalency fee	100	150
Subsequent year's tuition equivalency fee	70	105
Limited service fee	25	25
Graduation fee	50	50
Change of program fee	50	50
Transcription/evaluation fee (enrolled and limited service students):		
Per credit accepted	3.00/cr	4.50/cr
Per foreign credit accepted	4.50/cr	4.50/cr
Special assessment fees:		
Pre-graduation conference for B.A. degree	50	75
Practicum application B.S. in Human Services	50	75
Per credit attempted	14.00/cr	21.00/cr
Demonstration of currency application	50	75
Portfolio development and assessment application fee		
Up to 12 credits	50	65
Over 12 credits	75	95
Per credit attempted	14.00/cr	17.00/cr
Workshops		
Portfolio Orientation Workshop	15	15
Portfolio Development Workshop	75	75
TECEP		
Per credit attempted	14.00/cr	17.00/cr

†A non-resident student is one who maintains residence outside of the State of New Jersey or is not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the United States.

College names two new Vice Presidents

Dr. Jerry Ice

Dr. George A. Pruitt, President of Edison State College, has announced the appointment of Dr. Jerry Ice as Vice President for Academic Affairs effective July 1, 1983.

As chief academic officer of the College, Dr. Ice will be responsible for the development and review of the College's seven degree programs and the program advising services provided to degree candidates. The testing and assessment programs of the College are also part of Dr. Ice's responsibility.

Also under the direction of the new Vice President is the Office of the Registrar, which evaluates students' previous educational credentials and certifies them for graduation when degree requirements have been met.

Dr. Ice will develop and maintain a statewide network of faculty consultants to carry out the College's academic and assessment programs and operate its system of academic governance. He will serve as chief advisor to the President on matters of academic policy and serve on the President's Council.

The new Vice President comes to Edison State College from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he served as Dean of the School of Continuing and Non-Resident Education. The School is the largest unit of the university and serves more than 13,000 students through its credit and noncredit adult education programs and extension centers.

Prior to his appointments at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Ice held several administrative positions at Montclair State College from 1969 to 1977. At Montclair State College he was instrumental in designing programs for adults including evening degree programs and weekend college. He managed a nontraditional special program which allowed adults without



Dr. Jerry Ice

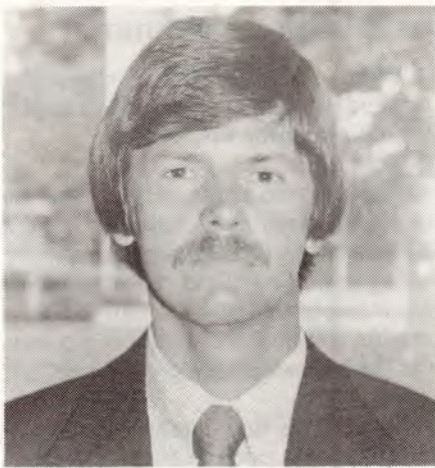
undergraduate degrees to enroll in graduate programs. During the program, the adults were able to use examinations, independent study, and life experience that was college-level to earn credits toward their undergraduate degree. Dr. Ice also coordinated the advisement program in the Urban Institute Program, which provided advisement and tutoring to adults who did not meet traditional college admission requirements but were admitted as part-time evening students.

Dr. Ice received his Ed.D. degree in Administration and Supervision from Fordham University in New York and his M.A. in the same field from Montclair State College. Many of his publications have focused upon the educational needs and goals of adults returning to college.

Dr. Ice is assuming the position held by Dr. Arnold Fletcher, who retired this summer. Dr. Fletcher has been the Vice President for Academic Affairs since the position was created shortly after the College was established in 1972.

Michael Scheiring

Michael J. Scheiring of Lawrenceville has been appointed



Michael Scheiring

Vice President for Administration and Finance at Edison State College effective July 1, 1983. The appointment was announced recently by Dr. George A. Pruitt, President.

Scheiring will be the principal fiscal liaison to the Board of Trustees, Department of Higher Education, Bureau of the Budget, and Department of Treasury and will serve as a member of the President's Council.

Internally he will be responsible for the College's budget coordination and development, fiscal management, management information systems, administrative services, personnel administration, and plant management and security.

As financial advisor to the President, Scheiring will determine and carry out College financial policy, including other non-State activities or funds such as student financial aid programs, the funding of special cooperative programs with outside organizations and industries, development and special fund activities, and preparation for the annual State audit.

Scheiring was the Director of the Division of Corporate Budget and Economic Analysis for the New Jersey Transit Corporation, with responsibility for developing budget policy and strategy for the New Jersey Transit Corporation and its two subsidiary corporations. Together the corporations provide statewide rail and bus passenger service to 302,000 daily riders. He has also served as Director of the Division of Management and Planning for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and as a Policy Assistant in the Office of the Governor.

Scheiring received his Masters degree in Public Administration from Kent State University in Ohio. He has authored several publications on New Jersey's Zero-Based Budgeting System.

Office of Testing seeks student input

The Office of Testing is gathering information to better serve the students by expanding opportunities to earn credit through the TECEP examination program. Please respond to the following questions, and return this form to the Director of Testing, Edison State College, 101 West State St., CN545, Trenton, NJ 08625.

1. I would like to see additional TECEP examinations offered in the following course areas: _____

2. I would like the examinations offered at the following location: _____

3. It would be most convenient for me if the examinations were offered:

- _____ Monday through Friday, during the day
_____ Monday through Friday, during the evening
_____ Saturday

4. It would be most convenient for me if I could register for an examination on _____ days notice. (How much time in advance?)

5. For me, the most important change that could be made in TECEP procedures would be: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Students encouraged to attend workshops

Workshops have been scheduled to assist students with planning their degree program. Program Planning/Orientation Workshops are scheduled at various locations in New Jersey. The workshop allows students to receive detailed information regarding degree programs and to plan ways to complete the credit requirements. The workshop also includes information on the educational philosophy, programs,

and policies of the College. The Program Planning/Orientation brochure and registration forms are mailed to students at the time of their first credit evaluation.

Students who received their first credit evaluation prior to June 1 did not receive the brochure and registration form. To register for a workshop fill out the following form and return it to the Office of Academic Programs.

There is no fee for the workshop. Workshops in Trenton will be held from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Workshops in East Orange will be held from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Workshop Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
November 19, 1983	East Orange Library-East Orange	10/28/83
January 14, 1984	Edison State College-Trenton	1/2/84

To reserve a space in a Program Planning/Orientation Workshop, please complete the Registration Form and mail it to the Office of Academic Programs, Program Planning/Orientation Workshops, Edison State College, 101 West State Street, CN545, Trenton, N.J. 08625, by the registration deadline for the workshop you wish to attend. Registrations postmarked after the deadline will not be accepted.

Program Planning/Orientation Workshop Registration Form (Please Print or Type)

Workshop you will be attending _____			
Date _____		Location _____	
(If enrolled before July 1983)			
Social Security No. _____		Edison I.D. No. _____	
Name _____			
Last _____		First _____	M.I. _____
Address _____			
Street No. _____		City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Degree Program _____		Specialization/ Concentration _____	
Approximate Credits Earned to Date _____			
Day Phone _____			
Evening Phone _____			
Have you submitted a Program Plan? ____ Yes ____ No			

Military News

Edison State College joins the Navy Campus

Edison State College has been granted membership in the Navy Campus Consortium. The consortium is comprised of fifteen colleges who agree to accept: course work satisfactorily completed at other regionally accredited institutions of higher education; the recommendations of the American Council on Education for courses completed at military service schools; the recommendations of the American Council on Education for experiential learning identified in Navy rates and ratings; experiential learning identified through individualized assessment procedures; correspondence and extension courses offered by regionally accredited institutions; challenge examinations; college level achievement tests.

In addition to the above, the colleges in the consortium agree to forward a copy of the student's official evaluation and Program Plan to the Education Specialist who initiated the referral.

Information concerning the consortium is made available to Navy personnel through a world-wide network of Navy Campus education specialists. This unique educational system enables Navy personnel to pursue an education while on land, on the sea, or even *under* the sea. The Edison State College model is certainly ideal for meeting the educational needs of the men and women of the Navy.

Newcombe scholarship available to women

Women of the Armed Forces and dependents are encouraged to apply for a Newcombe Foundation Scholarship.

Women who are twenty-five years or older, pursuing a degree at Thomas Edison State College for the purpose of beginning a second career, and who have completed at least half of the credits (60 semester hours or above) for the baccalaureate degree can apply.

Newcombe Scholarships can be used to pay a portion of the Edison State College fees. Applications can be obtained from the Financial Aid Office at the College.

Financial aid services for military personnel and dependents

The Office of Military Affairs at Edison State College continues to receive inquiries concerning financial aid for military personnel and their dependents. While this population is certainly eligible to apply for aid, they have difficulty with the application process.

Since military personnel and their families often move around the country, financial aid can be difficult to obtain because colleges require that they be matriculated students in order to receive aid. Edison State College can solve this problem by coordinating the entire financial aid process. Military personnel and their dependents who are enrolled at Edison State College and are taking

courses at local institutions, can receive their Pell Grants and Guaranteed Student Loans through Edison State College. The awards are made on the basis of the educational costs at the college that the student is attending.

The Office of Financial Aid will gladly supply the correct forms and answer any question. "Financial Aid Opportunities for Adults at Edison State College" is available to all who request the brochure.

National Conference on External Degree Programs

Jules Kahn, Director of Military Affairs at Edison State College, has been invited to serve on a panel at the Fourth National Conference on External Degree Programs to be held November 8 and 9 in Columbus, Ohio.

The panel will be chaired by Thomas A. Little, CAEL Regional Manager, and will discuss the use of external degree programs in serving Armed Forces personnel and their family members.

Edison to participate in pilot project

The Department of Defense and the Council for the Advancement of Experiential Learning has chosen Edison State College to participate in a pilot project that is designed to serve the educational needs of Army spouses.

The project is targeted to begin in November at Ft. Monmouth. Edison

State College will provide academic counseling, workshops for women returning to college, portfolio assessment workshops, and general information sessions concerning alternative educational programs, financial aid, proficiency exams, career path choices, and the credentialing and awarding of college credits for volunteer experience.

While Edison State College has always provided services to dependents, few colleges have provided a comprehensive program designed specifically for spouses of military personnel. It is hoped that this will be the first of many programs geared to military dependents.

Check sheet expedites military evaluation

The Office of Military Affairs continues to serve men and women of the Armed Forces and their dependents. The College accepts official documents from Education Specialists if the documents (score reports, transcripts, etc.) are accompanied by the Edison State College "Military Check Sheet." The use of the check sheet will expedite the official evaluation.

The average time for the official evaluation of a student's previous educational experience is 30 days, assuming that all necessary documents have been forwarded to the College. In certain cases, especially when additional information is required, (missing transcripts, clarification of a military experience) the official evaluation may take longer than 30 days.

Financial Aid News

Financial assistance for the nontraditional student is difficult to find. Assistance for educational costs might be available through your employer, union, church, synagogue, fraternal organization, or lodge. Sometimes it is necessary to research sources of aid. The financial aid officer at the College can recommend publications that can be found in your local library.

Financial aid counseling on an individual and group basis is available during the day or in the evening. For an appointment call the Financial Aid Office at (609) 354-0090.

Federal grants and loans

Edison State College students who are taking at least 6 or more credits per semester at a traditional college might be eligible for a Pell Grant or a Guaranteed Student Loan or a PLUS Loan.

The actual amount of the Pell Grant depends on income, cost of education at the institution where courses are being taken, and the number of credits taken per semester. The Pell Grant will not cover Edison State College fees.

The Guaranteed Student Loan applies to enrolled students at Edison State College who are taking 6 or more credits per semester at a traditional college.

The interest charge for the loan is 9 percent. The loan is made by a bank, credit union, or savings and loan association. The amount of the loan cannot be more than the cost of attendance at the institution where courses are being taken, less any other financial aid received.

Financial need must be demonstrated by those with a net income that is over \$30,000 per year. Loan repayment begins 6 months

after leaving school or graduating. Undergraduate students can borrow up to \$2,500 a year as a full-time student (12 credits or more per semester). Part-time students (6 credits per semester) can usually borrow \$1,250 per year. The total Guaranteed Student Loan debt for an undergraduate is \$12,500. The total for graduate or professional study is \$25,000, including any loans made at the undergraduate level.

PLUS Loans are similar to the Guaranteed Student Loan Program except financial need does not have to be demonstrated. The PLUS Loan is usually for students whose incomes are over \$30,000 per year. Borrowers must begin repaying a PLUS Loan within 60 days at 12 percent interest. In order to be eligible for the loan, students must take at least 6

semester hours of course work at a traditional college.

Further information and applications can be obtained from the Financial Aid Office at the College or by calling (609) 354-0090.

Scholarships

Last year the College awarded \$6,500 in Charlotte Newcombe Foundation Scholarships to women 25 years or older who were preparing for second careers and had completed at least half the credits necessary for a baccalaureate degree.

This year there is \$7,000 available in Newcombe funds. Newcombe Scholarships can be used to pay a portion of the Edison State College fees. These include fees for

enrollment, study guides and TECEP administrations, TELE-TECEP courses, annual service fees, portfolio development and assessment guidelines, workshop application fees, pre-credit assessment fees, practicum fees, demonstration of currency fees, pre-graduation conference fees, graduation fees, and career workshops.

New Jersey Bell Scholarships are available to New Jersey residents and can also be used to pay a portion of the Edison State College fees.

Awards for all scholarships are made by the Committee on Financial Aid based on academic promise and financial need. Life circumstances and family responsibility are considered. Applications can be obtained from the Director of Financial Aid.



Pictured above are alumni who attended Dr. Pruitt's Presidential Inauguration. On the right is Annette Singer, newly appointed Director of Alumni Programs. (See page 8 for story.)

The Latin Corner

This column is going bilingual!

I am grateful for the many calls and support expressions. I am so delighted that I decided to go bilingual. I have today a story on how some students spent their vacations.

Peter Maldon, who is enrolled in the BSTS degree, invited us to a gala dinner at the Bethwood Restaurant in Totowa. The purpose of this event was to share a wonderful experience he had during his vacation in Peru. The highlight of his trip was a visit to the ancient city of Machu-Pichu.

Machu-Pichu is located in the Andes, at 8,000 feet above water level, 50 miles away from the city of Cusco, Peru. The ruins of this old civilization were discovered by Hiram Bingham in 1911. As a point of observation, Peru's official language is Spanish. Only three-fourths of the population use it with the remaining one-fourth speaking any of their three original Indian tongues: Symaran, Chilichan, and Quechuan. The words *llama* and *quinine* come from the Quechuan language.

Peter, who is a fine photographer, delighted us with slides taken of the city and a magnificent dinner.

Among those guests invited to the dinner were Dr. Lopez-Isa, president of Bergen Community College accompanied by his beautiful wife, Dr. Elsa Alderete, manager of Roche Bio-Medical Lab Pat-Tek, New York; Dr. John Rutherford and wife, from Singer-Kearfott; and Reverend Louis Sank and wife.

Talking about summer activities, I joined Kean College's "Trip to Spain" this summer. The trip consisted of a 3 cr. course in Culture and Civilization of Spain and it was conducted by the Department of Modern Languages. Dr. Orlando Edreira hosted the trip. I will have more to say about the trip in our next issue of *Invention*.

Dr. Edreira is now planning the next trip which will take place in the summer of 1984. The trip will also include a 3 cr. course of Mexican Culture and Civilization and promises to be interesting. Our students are encouraged to participate by calling or writing to the editor of this column.

CHISMES

*Community Action Program (CAP)—Union City—Florina Cordero, counselor, was visited by the stork. She was delivered a baby boy ("the most beautiful baby on earth"), according to his grandmother, Sylvia. He was baptized with the name, Richard William.

*Around Seton Hall, Professor Frank Morales is recovering well from his illness. Take it easy Frank, we need you!

*At Jersey City State College, our dear friend Louise Diaz, is now Assistant Registrar. Congratulations!

*At the home of Margarita Garcia Estevez and Guillermo Estevez (from International Rescue Committee) the stork made a stop.

*Speaking about victory, Professor John Miller of Jersey City State College can now be found as Director of Adult Education at New York University. Congratulations, John!

Readers who have any articles that they would like to see printed in this column, write or call:

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Muy agradecida por las llamadas que he recibido dandome aliento para seguir adelante con la columna Rincon Lation.

Para ustedes en esta ocasion dos relatos interesantes, el primero gracias a nuestro amigo y estudiante Peter Maldon, el segundo basada en experiencia propia.

Hablando de Peter Maldon, que por cierto esta matriculado en el Bachillerato en Ciencias y casi al final de su meta, nos invito a una cena-presentación que tuvo lugar en uno de los bellos salones del Bethwood Restaurant en Totowa.

El proposito de Peter fue compartir con nosotros el fruto de sus vacaciones. Peter visitó Perú, utilizando sus vacaciones en una maravillosa excursión; no solo fué para él una experiencia educational, sino que le toco un gran pedazo de su alma sensitiva.

Tan deslumbrado estaba que cuando regreso tuvo la gran idea de compartir con nosotros sus experiencias. La principal fue una vista a las ruinas de las imponente ciudad de Machu-Pichu.

Machu-Pichu se encuentra enclavada a una altura de 8,000 pies en el mismo corazón de los Andes a unos 50 millas noroeste de la ciudad de Cusco Perú.

Las ruinas de esta antigua civilización no fueron descubiertas hasta el año 1911 por Hiram Bingham.

Es interesante como punto de observacion que el idioma oficial de Perú es el Español, y que tres cuartos de la población lo utiliza; el otro cuarto de la población habla algunas de las lenguas indias como el Symaran, Chilichan y Quechuan. Por ejemplo las palabras *llama* y *quinina* provienen del Quechuan.

Segun Peter, tomo un tren desde Cusco hasta la parada mas cercana a Machu-Pichu, y de ahí un autobús hasta la misma entrada de la ciudad. El resto a pie.

Esta ciudad encierra maravillosas leyendas asi como un sistema de agua perfecto para su epoca. Esta construida de rocas enormes, lo que nos hace pensar en la fortaleza del hombre cuando tiene que llevar a cabo un empeño, especialmente si llegamos a la conclusión de que fue una obra de ingenieria tal, que no envidia en nada a otras ciudades construidas con sistemas mas modernos. En fin, Peter, que es un fotografo de primera, nos pudo deleitar con una historia de su viaje atraves de fotos impresionantes.

Entre las personas que asistieron al banquete-presentacion se encontraban: el distinguido Dr. Jose Lopez-Isa Presidente del Bergen Community College con su elegante esposa, la Dra Elsa Alderete Manager de Roche Bio Medical Lab-Pat Tek-New York, el Dr. John Rutherford de Singer-Kearfott y senora, el Rev. Louis Sank y su esposa tambien de Singer-Kearfott.

Hablando de las excursiones de verano, este año me uni con la excursion que saco el Dr. Orlando Edreira de Kean College. El viaje incluyo 3 creditos en Civilización y Cultura des Espana. El aprendizaje se hizo poniendo las manos sobre esa bella materia atravez de visitas a famosos lugares de esa gran civilización.

Fueron dos semanas esplendidas, llenas de cultura, placer y sobre todo interacción de los bellos seres humanos que formaron l grupo.

En la proxima edición de *Invention* sacaremos un relato específico del viaje y miraremos a la cultura de Espana atraves de los pasos dados en la excursion.

El profesor Edreira ya esta formado el grupo para el verano proximo donde el tema sera Civilización y Cultura de Mejico, el pais por supuesto sera el incomparable mejico.

CHISMES

Durante mis visitas a diferentes agencias me he enterado de varios acontecimientos, entre los cuales tenemos:

*CAP—Union City—Florina Cordero, consejera, fue visitada por la famosa cigüeña el dia 20 de Abril, le trajo nada menos que el mas bello baron sobre la tierra (Palabras de su abuela materna Sylvia, a las que segun tengo entendido la lleva de baba caida). Le bautizaron con el nombre de Richard Williams y su papa Pedro Richardo Cordero esta que no cabe en su traje. Felicidades!

*Tambien tenemos noticias del matrimonio de Luis Garcia, con su luna de miel en Florida. Felicidades!

*En Seton-Hall el profesor Frank Morales tan querido por nosotros, se recupera de una afeccion cardiaca. Debe tomarlo con calma para que se reponga bien pronto. Te necesitamos Frank!

*En el IRC—North Bergen—La cigüeña este ano tan activa visito la residencia de Margarita Garcia Estevez muestra querida colega de Montclair State College dejandole en su puerta una bella nina a la que su papa, gentil amigo y director del IRC, nombre Victoria. Eso nos nace sospechar de que la visita de la cigüeña esta vez fue un triunfo. Felicidades queridos amigos!

*Hablando de Victorias, el profesor John Miller de Jersey City State College ha pasado a trabajar con la New York University como Director de Educacion para Adultos. Felicidades John!

Les rogamos se tienen algo interesante para esta columna nos notifiquen por correos a:

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Alumni Notes

Elizabeth Rocchetti, '82, of Chatham has joined Knoll Pharmaceutical Corp., Whippany, as Professional Services Manager. Liz is also a member of the Board of Directors of the American Lung Association of New Jersey. She serves on the Budget and Planning Committees of the Lung Association and the American Thoracic Association of New Jersey.

Carl T. Buscher, '76, '80, of Norwood has been promoted to Vice President for Governmental and Public Affairs for the New Jersey Builders Association. Carl is a Past President of the Alumni Association.

Joyce Stecher, '82, of Parsippany has been promoted to Regulatory Affairs Associate with the Parke Davis Division of Warner Lambert in Morris Plains. Joyce has also been elected 2nd Vice Chairperson and Region 3 Councilor of the American Society for Quality Control.

Armand Palazzi, '82, of South Hackensack passed the New Jersey

Tax Assessor's exam and is Deputy Tax Assessor for South Hackensack. Armand is also Coordinator of School Transportation Services for the County of Bergen.

George Gottheimer, '78, was elected to the Board of Directors Northeast Region of the Society of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters. George is Vice President of Northstar Syndicate in New York.

Elizabeth Lindsay, '80, of Sarasota, Florida was in the first class of graduates to earn an Executive MBA at the University of South Florida in Tampa, FL.

Dodie Murphy Wagner, '81, County Bureau Chief for the Vineland Times Journal and Millville Daily newspapers, has won several Journalism awards this year. The New Jersey Press Women voted her first place awards in three categories: news reporting, special services, and special article. She also won a NJPW

second place award in the interview category. Another second place prize was awarded by the Philadelphia Press Association in the Public Service category.

Dodie also won the Wilbur Award, which is given by the Religion Public Relations Council of America, for excellence in religious news reporting. The Evening News Association of Detroit voted Dodie three additional awards and the New Jersey Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi voted Dodie a third place prize for "Reporting Under an Extended Deadline." Not a bad year Dodie; keep up the good work!

William K. Diehl, '76, editorial page columnist for The News and The Daily Advance in Lynchburg, Virginia, has been named Gannett Distinguished Professor of Journalism at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. He will teach graduate and undergraduate courses in the University's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and will also serve as the school's liaison with state and regional news media. Diehl has also been a Journalism instructor at Lynchburg College, from which he

received a master's degree in education.

After receiving his AA degree from Edison in 1977, Everett A. Brown of Rome, Georgia, went on to complete his masters and Ph.D. He is currently a Psychologist with the Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital.

Lawrence R. Carroll, '79, of Dover, Delaware, is a teacher with the Capital School District in Dover. He recently received his Master of Counseling degree from the University of Delaware.

Harry R. Carter, '75, of Adelphia, is a Fire Captain with the City of Newark Fire Department. He recently formed a fire safety consulting firm, Carter Fire Protection, Inc., and is offering training to industrial and municipal clients as well as serving as an expert witness in fire-related areas.

If you have any news about yourself that you would like to share with Edison staff, students, or alumni, please send the information to: Barbara Waters, Editor, *Invention*, at the College's Trenton address.



Alumna Renee Borstad, Director of Consumer Affairs for Burlington County, greets Dr. Pruitt during the reception celebrating his Inauguration.

1983 Phonathon sets record!

Fifty Edison alumni and forty staff members joined together in May to produce the 1983 Alumni Phonathon. And produce they did! These volunteers completed more calls, received more pledges, and raised more alumni contributions than ever before.

In all, 1,512 alumni were contacted during the five-night affair and 1,035 pledged a gift to Edison—a remarkable 68.5% pledge rate! The volunteer callers averaged \$300 per person, per night; an increase of nearly 20% over 1982. The total specified pledges and actual gifts received reached \$18,762 at the close of the Phonathon, surpassing last year's total by more than \$3,500.

Tom Streckewald, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, noted that the College is well on its way to its first \$20,000 Annual Alumni Fund. "There are a lot of colleges, both public and private, that would love to have Edison's participation percentage in their alumni fund-raising activities," he said. "The growth of alumni support

over the past three years shows no sign of stopping. I look forward to another record-setting year in 1984," he continued.

Alumni who have not yet contributed to this year's fund still have time to do so. Gifts may be mailed to the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at the College's Trenton Office. If you would like more information, please call 609/984-1588 or write Tom Streckewald.



Tom Streckewald

New position created for alumni affairs

In a move described by President George A. Pruitt as a "formal recognition of the value the College places on alumni, our most promising resource," Annette Singer has been named Assistant Director of Development/Director of Alumni Programs. Ms. Singer has worked as an Academic Counselor, Assistant Director of Counseling Services, and Assistant to the Vice President of Community Affairs during her nearly ten year career with Edison State College. Her new appointment completes the creation of the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, which will be headed by Tom Streckewald, Executive Director of Development and Alumni Affairs.

Dr. Richard Hansen, Vice President for Community Affairs, in discussing the new emphasis on alumni programming noted, "In the past two years, the graduates of Edison State College have become increasingly important to the programs of the College. With the very successful development of alumni chapters in New Jersey, we have learned that alumni are not only interested in meeting each other and sharing experiences, but also that they are anxious to assist us in recruitment, peer counseling, government relations, career planning and placement, and fund raising. We have formally created an Alumni Affairs Office to work with

alumni chapters and individuals to achieve these mutual goals."

Tom Streckewald further noted, "As Dr. Hansen's assistant, Annette has been working very successfully with the North Jersey Chapter of the Alumni Association. I look forward to great advances in all phases of alumni activity in the coming year."

"I have found working with alumni extremely rewarding and am very excited about the opportunity to devote more time to alumni programs," stated Ms. Singer. She continued, "the alumni I have met in the last year are bright, enthusiastic people with a real desire to be involved with the future growth of their alma mater. My task will be to create opportunities for involvement and to maintain effective communications channels."



Annette Singer

Edison alumna conducts leadership training seminar

Helen Nelligan (B.A. '76) recently conducted a Leadership Training Seminar for twenty-one members of the newly formed North Jersey Chapter of the Edison State College Alumni Association. Helen, who also is a Registered Nurse and has a Masters degree in Counseling, conducts leadership workshops for volunteer organizations and industry.

In sharing her considerable expertise with Chapter members, Ms. Nelligan provided the participants with the opportunity to identify and increase their awareness of leadership roles and skills. Alumni also learned techniques for applying these skills to successful alumni functions and for incorporating them into everyday professional and family life. All the participants applauded Helen for her outstanding skills as a teacher and facilitator, while Ms. Nelligan in turn applauded the alumni for their industrious participation in the various leadership exercises she presented.

Alumni were joined at lunch by Dr. George A. Pruitt, President of Edison State College, his wife Delores, their

daughter Shayla, and Robert Lynch (B.A. '81), Vice President of the Alumni Association. Both Dr. Pruitt and Mr. Lynch noted the significance of the occasion; not only was this one of the largest gatherings of North Jersey alumni to date, but the workshop also represented the first alumni-to-alumni learning opportunity. The day's youngest participant was Donatus Nwosu, Jr., three year old son of Donatus Nwosu, Sr. (B.S. '82), who had babysitting duties for the day. Annette Singer, the College's liaison to the North Jersey Chapter, noted that Mr. Nwosu's commitment to the development of the Chapter, while at the same time balancing family responsibilities, is indicative of all of the alumni involved in the activities of the North Jersey Chapter.

Both the Alumni Association and the College look forward to the possibility of more alumni or student presented workshops. If you have a special skill or interest that you would like to share with your Edison colleagues, please contact the Alumni Office at the College, 609/984-1588.

News from Alumni Chapters

Central Jersey and South Jersey Chapters Name Organizational Committees

During initial meetings held in Trenton and Cherry Hill, the newly formed Central Jersey Chapter and South Jersey-Philadelphia Chapter of the Edison State College Alumni Association selected organizational committees. Each committee will assume leadership for the early development of the Chapter until a Governing Council can be named.

The Central Jersey Chapter Organizational Committee members include: Bruce Hubscher '76 (President of the Alumni Association), Jackie Berends '79 (Director of the Alumni Association), Lee Becker '82, David Drukaroff '79, Irma Friedman '82, Al Quinton '82, Tanya Reed '77, and Bill Spollen '79.

In South Jersey, the Organizational Committee members are Tom Hicks '76 (Treasurer of the Alumni Association), Bill Bennett '82, Bob Faure '82, Bill Hall '78, and Tony Twardziak '82.

Each committee will welcome alumni who would like to assist with chapter formation. If you are interested, please call Tom Streckewald or Annette Singer in the Alumni Affairs Office at 609-984-1588.

North Jersey Chapter names Governing Council

The North Jersey Chapter of the Edison State College Alumni Association recently elected its first Governing Council. The Council, consisting of chapter officers and committee chairpersons, will have responsibility for guiding the growth, activities, and communications of the North Jersey Chapter.

Council officers include—Michael Dumpert '81—Council Chairperson; George Gottheimer '78—Vice-Chairperson; and JoAnne Dixon '78—Secretary/Treasurer. Lois Fowler '82 and Armand Palazzi '82 will serve as Membership Co-Chairpersons, while Elissa Boleen '82 and Dorothy Saffren '78 will co-chair the Program Committee. Elizabeth Rocchetti '82 was named Chairperson of the Publications-Public Relations Committee and William Geddes '82 was nominated to the Board of the Alumni Association. Fred Davis '82 agreed to represent the chapter at any Board meetings William Geddes cannot attend.

Alumni interested in working with the Membership Program, or Public Relations Committees, please call George Gottheimer, 201-665-0757 (home, evenings), Council Vice-Chairperson. Your ideas and help are important to the growth and development of the Chapter.

Alumni invited to Commencement, Banquet

The Eleventh Annual Commencement of Edison State College will be held on Sunday, October 30, 1983. Once again this year, the College is planning a festive graduation celebration for all new graduates and returning alumni.

The Commencement ceremonies will be held in Trenton's War Memorial Building at 2:30 p.m., and will be preceded by a staff and alumni reception for new graduates and families in the Kelsey Building,

the home of Edison State College. After Commencement, a gala dinner is planned at the Capitol Plaza Hotel for all graduates and their families.

Last year's activities were attended by more than 500 people, and graduates had an opportunity to meet each other, the Alumni Association, and the Edison staff.

Details will be mailed to all graduates in early October. We look forward to seeing you there!