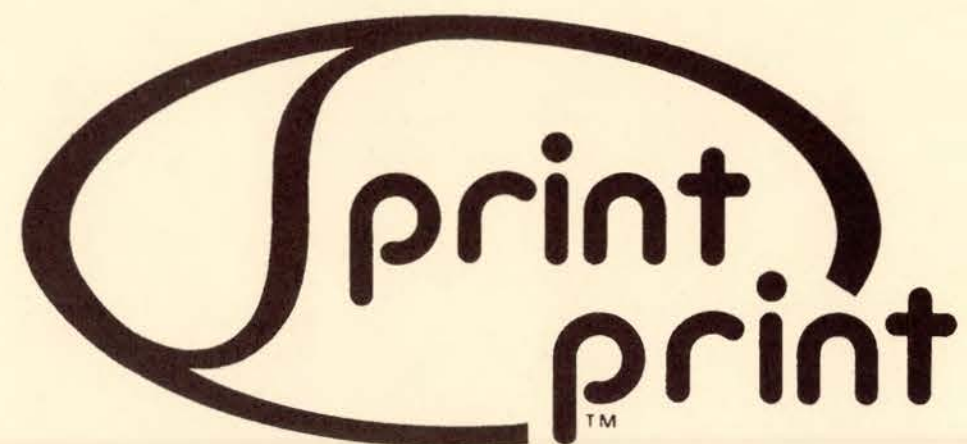


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OCTOBER 24, 1992
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AT

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OCTOBER 24, 1992

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COCKTAILS

DINNER

7:00 P.M.

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WINE SERVICE WITH DINNER
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ST. MICHELLE CHARDONNAY

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PROGRAM

RECEPTION

PIANIST:
JOSEPH GARZILLO

BALLROOM:
TOAST: RITA NOVITT
THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION BOARD
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REFLECTIONS ON THE PAST
A LOOK TO THE FUTURE:
DR. GEORGE A. PRUITT, PRESIDENT

DINNER

DANCING TO THE MUSIC OF TRILOGY

SPECIAL THANKS TO JOSEPH GARZILLO, WHO DONATED HIS MUSICAL SERVICES THIS EVENING.

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Dear Friends:

It has been a privilege to be an integral part of the *20th Anniversary Celebration* of Thomas Edison State College. The 20th Anniversary Committee extends a warm welcome. We thank you for joining us in this, our first great event which now celebrates *Two Decades of Dreams Fulfilled*.

It has been a privilege also, as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1980 to 1990, to witness the steady, extraordinary growth of this College. Now, as a member of the Foundation, the sponsor of this gala, I hope to witness even greater growth in the future.

I have a deep respect and admiration for those who belong to Thomas Edison now and those who belonged in the past: the visionaries, the administration, the trustees, the staff, the students and the graduates. Their efforts brought this institution to its current stature.

When one joins Thomas Edison State College in whatever capacity, a bonding takes place — an ownership. This is reflected by the number of those who have returned to celebrate what they created, what they achieved and what now results in *Two Decades of Dreams Fulfilled*.

To all of you who have joined us in this celebration, many, many thanks.



Rita A. Novitt
Thomas Edison State College
Foundation Board
Chair, Ball Committee

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Alumni Association, I would like to extend greetings and a warm welcome to my colleagues and fellow alumni whom I am proud to serve as President of the Thomas Edison State College Alumni Association. In this capacity I have seen the fine work the College performs for academia, the students, the alumni and the community.

The opportunities offered by Thomas Edison State College touched the lives of so many of us over the last two decades because the College was there to support our needs. Receiving a college degree for some began as *wishful thinking*; for others it seemed an *impossible dream*. For all who dared to accept the challenges, there is the acknowledgment of the amazing results of accomplishment, happiness and the feelings of joy we have in realizing *dreams fulfilled*.

What is a dream fulfilled? It is an idea that springs from our hearts and our minds to help us accomplish life's goals. Though our paths have led us different places, we are united by our education at Thomas Edison, a place where a creative mind can flourish or a career can be put on track.

This Ball is a time to enjoy the present and to reflect on a past that has been the stepping stone to a limitless future.

To the Foundation Board of the College goes my deepest appreciation for presenting this premier event; and to the honorees, I extend my heartfelt congratulations.



Ida B. Hammond
President
Alumni Association
Thomas Edison State College

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FULFILLING DREAMS FOR OVER 20 YEARS... THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE'S PRESIDENTS

The visions of three brilliant educators and administrators have led Thomas Edison State College down the path to excellence. Three leaders put the College on the map, enabling thousands of adults to fulfill the dream of a college education. Tonight, the College thanks and honors them for making a college for adult learners not only a reality, but a success.



GEORGE A. PRUITT
1982 - PRESENT

During his 10-year presidency, Dr. George A. Pruitt has amassed an impressive record of professional achievement and community service. He has been a strong and respected leader at Thomas Edison State College while unselfishly giving his time to assist people and organizations in achieving their goals.

Many programs have come to life at Thomas Edison State College since 1982, including the Center for Corporate and Public Partnerships, the Trenton Office of Policy Studies, the National Institute for the Assessment of Experiential Learning, the Thomas Edison State College Foundation, the Computer Assisted Lifelong Learning (CALL) Network and the CALL-PC program for disadvantaged students.

His many professional and civic activities include: the Governor's Economic Conference Work Force Quality Task Force; the Commission on Educational Credit and Credentials of the American Council on Education (ACE); the Labor/Higher Education Council of ACE; the boards of trustees of The Woods Schools in Langhorne, Pa., and The Union Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio; and the boards of directors of The National Prepaid Tuition Plan, Mercer County Chamber of Commerce, Mercer Medical Center and the New Jersey Association of College's and Universities.

Dr. Pruitt's many awards and honors include the Humanitarian Award from the Greater Princeton Area National Conference of Christians and Jews and recognition as One of the Most Effective College Presidents in the United States by the Exxon Education Foundation in 1986. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from Illinois State University and a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the Graduate School of The Union Institute.

LARRAINE R. MATUSAK
1978 - 1982



Dr. Matusak is currently coordinator/program director for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Mich., a post she has held since leaving the presidency of Thomas Edison State College in 1982. For more than 30 years, she was a professor and administrator in secondary and postsecondary education. During that time, she served as dean of the College of Alternative Programs at the University of Evansville in Indiana and professor of natural sciences at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

She holds many professional appointments with regional and national education organizations. She also serves as president of the board of S.A.F.E. Place in Battle Creek; is vice chair of the board of trustees of the College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, Minn.; and board member of the Battle Creek Symphony. She was the recipient of the Outstanding American Educator award from the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta in 1974.

Dr. Matusak has authored numerous publications in the field of nontraditional adult education and leadership. She received her bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry from the College of St. Benedict and a master's degree in entomology from the University of Minnesota. Her doctorate in higher education administration was earned at the Fielding Institute of Graduate Studies.

JAMES D. BROWN, JR.
1972 - 1978



Dr. Brown served at Thomas Edison State College's first president, a position he held for six years. After leaving the presidency of Thomas Edison, he returned to a full-time professoriate in Connecticut.

Prior to his tenure at Thomas Edison State College, Dr. Brown was director, Executive Programs, Graduate School of Business at Columbia University, New York, N.Y. He also served in leadership positions at Adelphi University, Garden City, N.Y. and New York University, New York, N.Y. He spent nearly 20 years prior to teaching economics at Amherst College, Amherst, Ma., Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y. and Centre College of Kentucky, Danville, KY. He also served as a consultant in economics and higher education to Bechtel Corporation, Borg-Warner and the Academy for Education Development, Inc.

Dr. Brown has authored many publications. He received his A.B. in economics from Union College, and his M.S. and Ph.D. in labor economics and economic theory from the University of Wisconsin.

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September 30, 1992

Dr. George A. Pruitt, President
Thomas Edison State College
101 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608-1176

Dear Dr. Pruitt:

Thank you for your kind invitation to attend the celebration of "Two Decades of Dreams Fulfilled" on October 24. I regret that I am unable to join you.

I would, however, like to extend my warmest wishes to everyone at Thomas Edison State College on this anniversary. For twenty years, Thomas Edison State College has provided quality higher education to the citizens of New Jersey, enriching our community.

Best wishes for a successful evening and please share my regards with all in attendance. I hope the celebration is a tremendous success!

Sincerely,

Frank R. Lautenberg

FRL:law

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GLASSBORO STATE COLLEGE

Office of the President

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August 13, 1992

Dr. George A. Pruitt
President
Thomas Edison State College
101 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608-1176

Dear George,

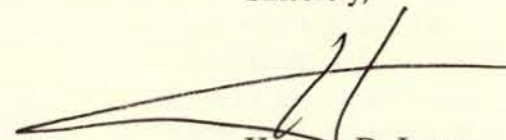
I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and Thomas Edison State College on the 20th anniversary of the institution.

Thomas Edison fills a critical role in this country as one of a handful of accredited colleges whose sole mission is to help adult students earn a college degree. As an institution "without walls," Thomas Edison provides a unique means of access to higher education.

It is ironic that Thomas Alva Edison, one of the true American geniuses, was limited to three months of schooling in his lifetime. If he was alive today, I'm sure he would be completing his degree at Edison.

Congratulations again on all that you have accomplished since the college's founding 1972. As the "baby" in the New Jersey State College System you have matured into one of the finest institutions of its kind in the country.

Sincerely,



Herman D. James

MONTCLAIR STATE

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(201) 893-4211

September 2, 1992

Dr. George Pruitt
President
Thomas Edison State College
101 West State Street
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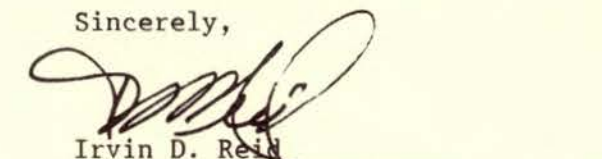
Dear President Pruitt:

On behalf of the faculty and students of Montclair State, I am pleased to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you and all members of the Thomas Edison State College community as you celebrate the 20th anniversary of your founding.

Since 1972, Thomas Edison State College has fulfilled its mission of providing diverse and alternative methods of achieving a collegiate education of the highest quality for mature adults. Through the development of programs, policies, and support services that recognize the unique character of the adult learning process and pioneering efforts in the development of innovative learning techniques and technologies, Thomas Edison State College has earned a place among the national leaders in the field of adult higher education.

As you celebrate this important milestone, please be assured that Thomas Edison State College's record of service to adult learners from every state in the union and from many nations across the globe is a source of pride for the entire New Jersey higher education community. We wish you continued success in the decades which lie ahead.

Sincerely,



Irvin D. Reid
President

IDR:ad

Office of the President

505 Ramapo Valley Road, Mahwah, New Jersey 07430-1680 • (201) 529-7607 • FAX (201) 529-7685



August 28, 1992

Dr. George A. Pruitt, President
Thomas A. Edison State College
101 W. State Street, CN 545
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Dear George:

Congratulations on Thomas A. Edison State College's 20th anniversary. Thomas Edison's national leadership in the field of higher education for adults, as well as in pioneering efforts in the development of innovative learning techniques and technologies, are well known and due in large part to your exemplary leadership. In addition, the college community can be proud of the many ways in which you serve the interests of higher education in the state and the nation because of your leadership at Thomas Edison and your activities on state and national boards.

We at Ramapo College congratulate you and wish you and Thomas A. Edison State College continued success.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Scott
President

mc



President

New Brunswick • New Jersey 08903

908/932-7454

August 31, 1992

Dear Thomas Edison State College Students, Faculty, Staff, Alumni and Friends:

On behalf of all of us at Rutgers, I'd like to extend the heartiest of congratulations to Thomas Edison State College on its 20th anniversary! Such a milestone is worthy of celebration by all New Jerseyans.

With its unique programs for adult students, such as Portfolio Assessment and Guided Study, Thomas Edison State College embodies the pioneering spirit and innovation exhibited by its namesake, our nation's greatest inventor. And the college's students exhibit Thomas Edison's greatest qualities: resourcefulness, creativity, commitment and a passion for lifelong learning.

Best wishes to all who have been a part of Thomas Edison State College during its first two very successful decades and to all who will guide it into the next century and beyond.

Sincerely,

Francis L. Lawrence



POMONA, NEW JERSEY 08240-9988

VERA KING FARRIS
President

September 4, 1992

Dr. George A. Pruitt
President
Thomas Edison State College
101 West State Street
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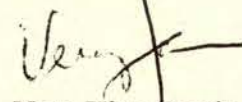
Dear Dr. Pruitt:

On behalf of the trustees, faculty, staff and students of Stockton State College, I wish to congratulate Thomas Edison State College on the occasion of the College's 20th anniversary celebration. I also commend you for your dedicated and inspired leadership of a magnificent institution.

During the two decades of its existence, the College has made unprecedented contributions as a national leader in the field of higher education for mature adults. True to the exemplary legacy of the inventor for whom the College is named, Thomas Edison State College has pioneered efforts in the development of innovative learning techniques and technologies including portfolio assessment, Guided Study, and the Computer Assisted Lifelong Learning (CALL) Network. Edison State College has been at the forefront and remains on the cutting edge of providing opportunities for its constituents to avail themselves of an excellent external degree program. Your graduates have distinguished themselves in a variety of careers and have made many outstanding contributions to our great state.

Best wishes for continued success as Thomas Edison State College remains committed to providing a quality higher education for its students during this decade and the 21st Century.

Sincerely,



Vera King Farris
President

VKF/mmr

TRENTON STATE COLLEGE

September 1, 1992

Dr. George Pruitt
President
Thomas Edison State College
101 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608-1176

Dear George:

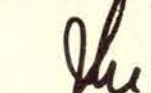
As Thomas Edison State College approaches the celebration of its twentieth anniversary this fall, I am pleased to extend congratulations and best wishes on behalf of the students, faculty, and staff of Trenton State College.

In the relatively short period of time since Thomas Edison State College's founding, the college has done an outstanding job of providing a unique service--giving adults with a wide range of life experiences the opportunity to build on that experience and earn a baccalaureate degree. Under your leadership, the college has become a nationally recognized pioneer in the development of innovative learning techniques and use of technologies, including portfolio assessment, Guided Study, and the Computer Assisted Lifelong Learning (CALL) Network. Thomas Edison State College provides working adults with access to higher education in New Jersey. The success stories of your graduates are greatly varied and are an affirmation of this nation's commitment to provide educational opportunities for all.

We at Trenton State College are pleased to work with Thomas Edison in helping your students to complete needed coursework toward their degree programs. We look forward to continuing that cooperative relationship as TESC enters its third, and we expect, most exciting decade.

With every good wish for the continuing success and development of Thomas Edison State College,

Sincerely,



Harold W. Eickhoff
President

Office of the President
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Hillwood Lakes, CN 4700
Trenton, New Jersey
08650-4700





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111 Administration Complex
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University Heights
Newark, New Jersey 07107-3000

August 20, 1992

George A. Pruitt, Ph.D.
President
Thomas Edison State College
101 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08608-1176

Dear Dr. Pruitt:

On behalf of the entire community at UMDNJ, New Jersey's university of the health sciences, I send congratulations on the twentieth anniversary of Thomas Edison State College.

We salute the spirit of innovation with which you have addressed the needs of non-traditional students and provided a flexible framework for the achievement of their goals.

You have tapped the unlimited potential of the motivated adult learner and reached those who might never have had the opportunity to earn a degree. You have encouraged their aspirations by recognizing and measuring the value of life experience. Your commitment to this educational mission has enriched countless lives; they in turn have enriched our common experience.

For twenty years, Thomas Edison State College has contributed to the intellectual tradition of excellence shared by New Jersey's colleges and universities. As you mark this important institutional milestone, UMDNJ wishes you, your faculty, staff and students continued success.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Stanley S. Bergen, Jr., M.D.
President

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MANY THANKS
TO THOSE WHO SUPPORTED
THIS COMMEMORATIVE BALL
BY PLACING AN AD.
THANK YOU
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FOR 20 YEARS OF COMMITMENT AND SERVICE
TO ADULT LEARNERS

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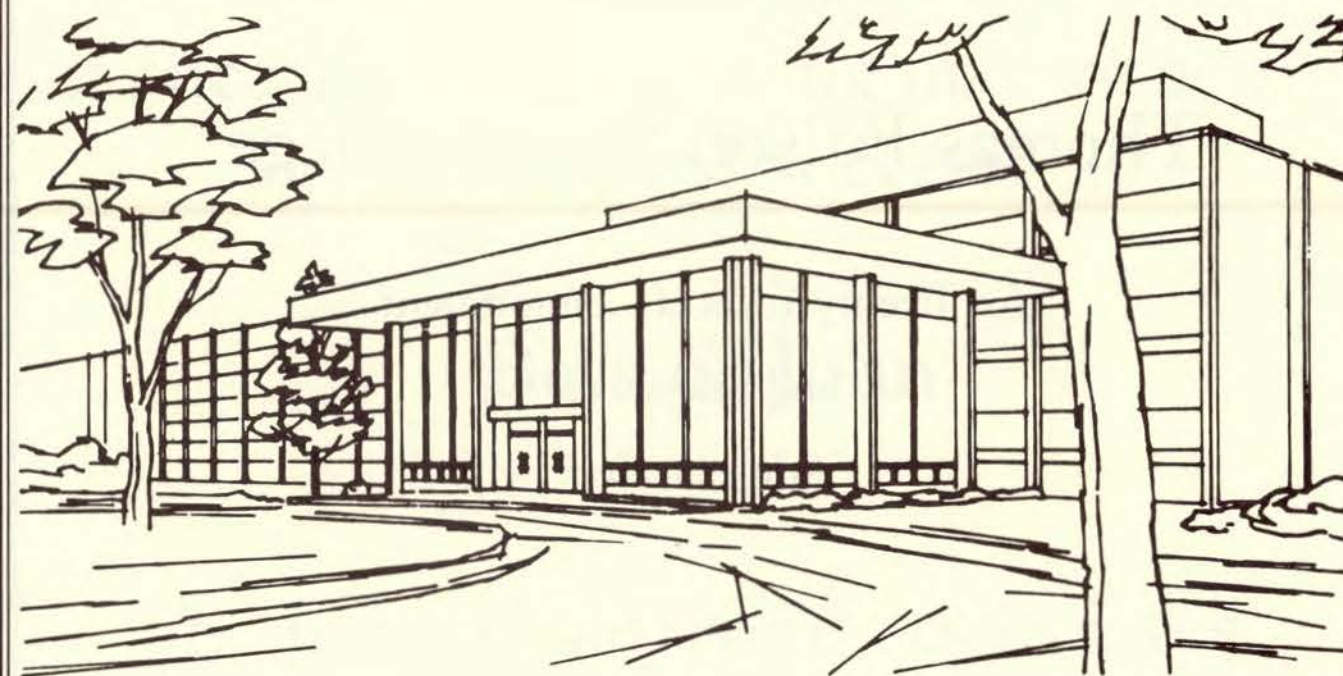
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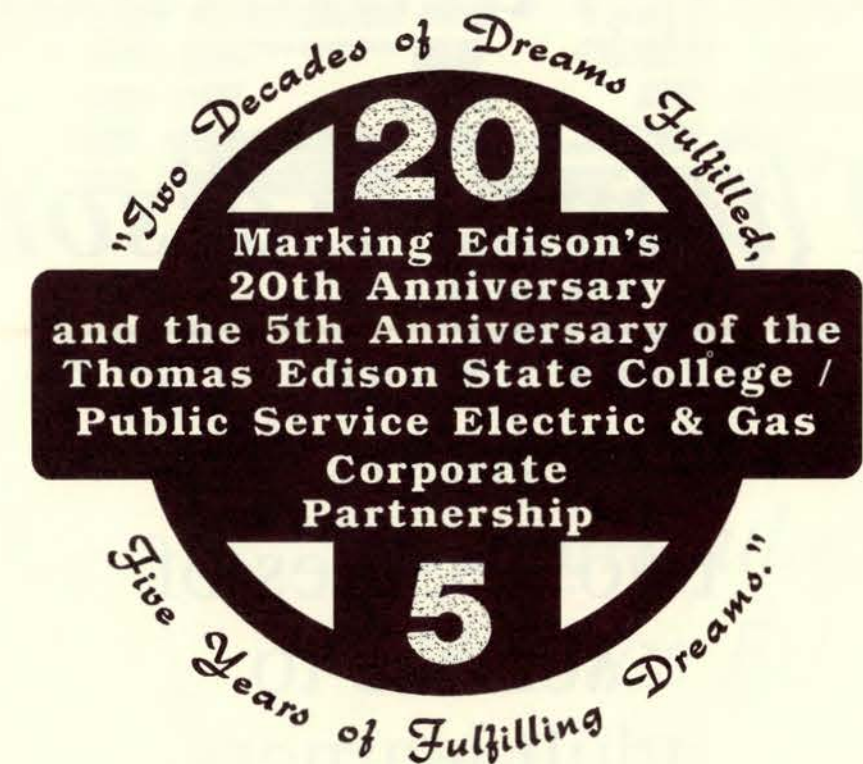
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The New York State Board of Regents had just started an external degree program, and Chancellor of Higher Education Ralph Dungan wanted to be sure New Jersey did more than watch from the sidelines. On December 17, 1971, he won approval from the State Board of Higher Education for the establishment of Thomas Edison College, effective July 1, 1972.

To implement the new idea, the chancellor appointed a 24-member advisory council in March 1972, enlisting representatives of public and private colleges, labor, business, governmental agencies and the New York Regents program.

At the first meeting, the council agreed that New Jersey's program would differ from New York's in one important respect: while New York limited student contact to the registrar's office, counseling of students was seen as an essential ingredient of the Thomas Edison program. An interstate agreement was drawn up, establishing the New York-New Jersey College Proficiency Examination Program and making Thomas Edison a degree-granting institution in cooperation with the New York State Regents External Degree Program.

The College was granted the right to award the Associate in Arts degree in July 1972. At the same time, the institution took over its first home — rented office space at 1750 North Olden Ave. in Ewing Township. Dr. James Douglas Brown, Jr., was named College president that summer and Thomas Edison enrolled its first students in November.

By the spring of 1973, the College was in full swing. During the month of June, the State Board of Education approved Thomas Edison State College as the ninth state college, with an independent board of trustees; 70 students were awarded the College's first A.A. degrees; and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, accepted Thomas Edison as a candidate for accreditation.

In September, the new board of trustees voted to end the joint agreement with the New York Regents. Just 14 months after being chartered as a New Jersey state college, Thomas Edison was striking out on its own.

That rapid progression from idea to institution illustrates two traits that have characterized Thomas Edison from the beginning — pioneering spirit matched by a determination to get things done. Less than five years after its establishment, the College received full accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools in April 1976.

What may be the best example of the College's innovative approach is Thomas Edison's move into downtown Trenton in September 1979, at a time when other institutions were leaving cities.

The seven-year-old college, which had spent three years at the Forrestal Center outside of Princeton, needed room for growth. At the same time, the state was looking for an appropriate tenant for the landmark Kelsey Building at the edge of the Capital Complex, while the city sought to preserve the building's historic use as a school.

Concern that the College would outgrow the Kelsey Building at first deterred President Brown from agreeing to the plan. But State Senate President Joseph P. Merlino found the solution when he persuaded Gov. Brendan T. Byrne that the brick townhouses between the Kelsey Building and the State House were ideal for College expansion. At a time when developers were threatening the residential character of the State House Historic District, that planned marriage of the block's architectural gem and its less showy neighbors satisfied College, state and city concerns.

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Thomas Edison has awarded over 9,000 degrees. The College has 8,600 currently enrolled students who reside in 49 states and 65 other nations. Six out of 10 students are men; two-thirds live in New Jersey.

Twenty years after it was founded, Thomas Edison State College is one of New Jersey's 12 senior public colleges and universities, offering 119 areas of study leading to 11 baccalaureate and associate degrees.

The depth of the College's accomplishment in a short period is a tribute to its staff and the leadership of three presidents. Dr. Lorraine R. Matusak succeeded President Brown in July of 1978. Four years later, Dr. George A. Pruitt was appointed president.

While strengthening its programs, the College also has strengthened its commitment to leadership in both public service and higher education. An undertaking of Thomas Edison and the city of Trenton, the Trenton Office of Policy Studies (TOPS) works to analyze emerging public policy issues which affect the city; educate decision-makers about the issues; and participate in the formulation of recommendations and plans for addressing these issues.

Through programs like the Statewide Counseling Network, the Thomas Edison College Examination Program and the Individual Assessment Program (all established in 1974), the Statewide Testing and Assessment Center (1981), the Computer Assisted Lifelong Learning (CALL) Network (1991), the Center for Corporate and Public Partnerships (1983), and the Institute on the Assessment of Experiential Learning (1989), Thomas Edison has made and kept its reputation as a pioneer in adult education.

The College's mission statement mandates innovation and exploration of innovative educational methods, within a framework of adherence to high academic standards.

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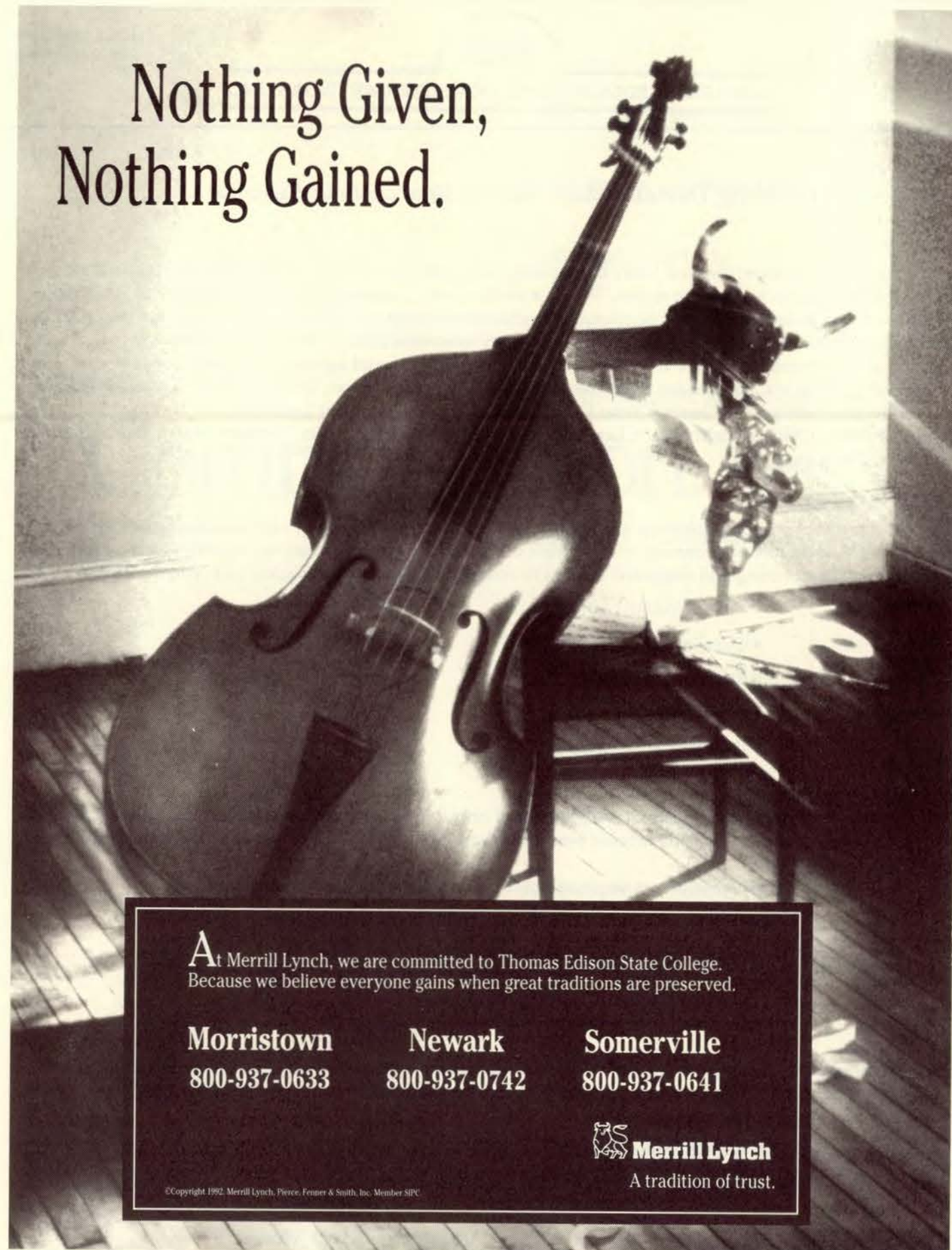
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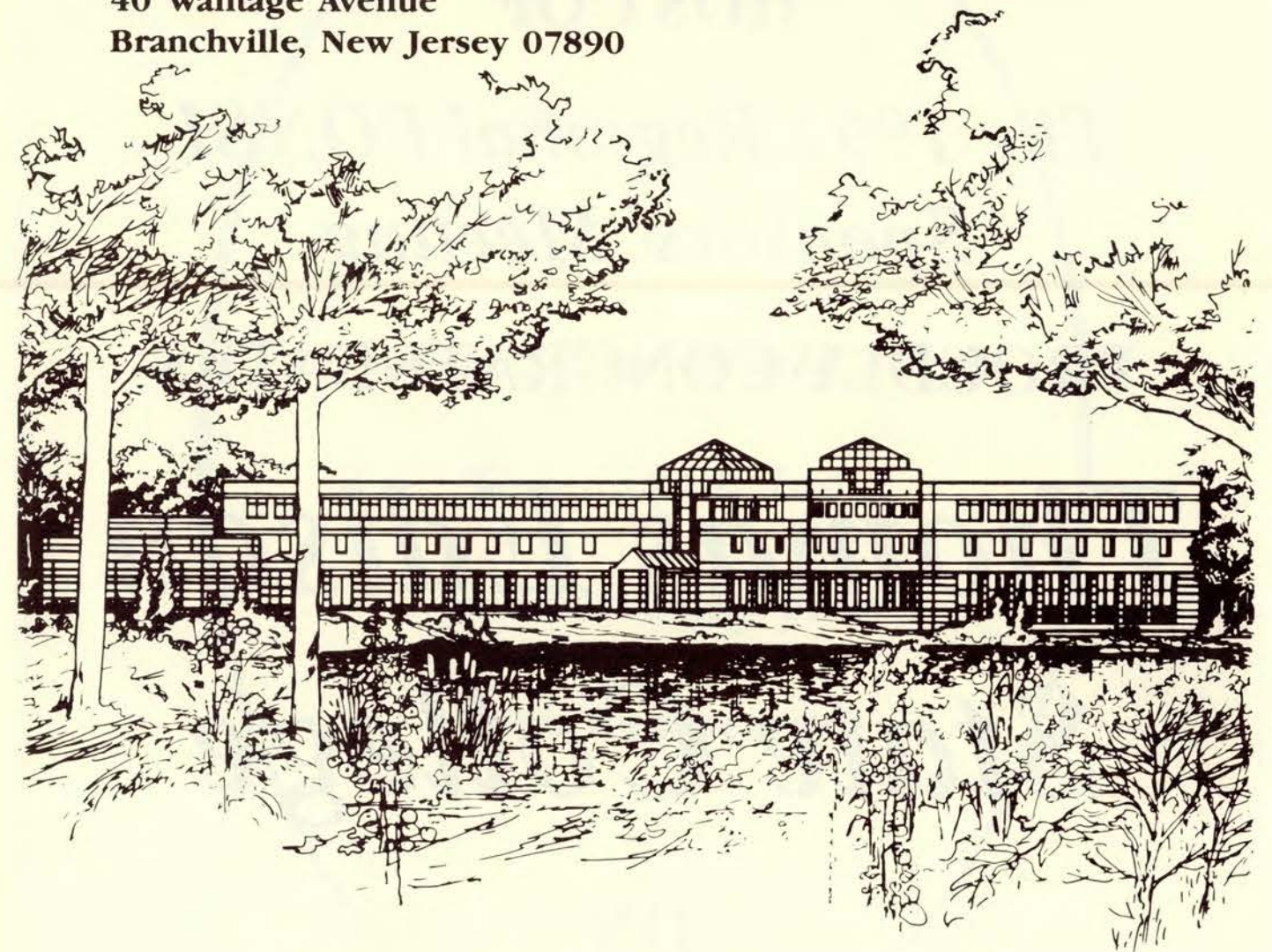
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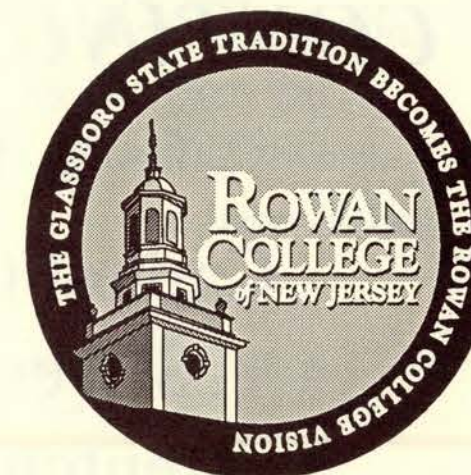


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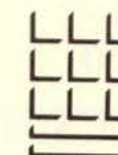


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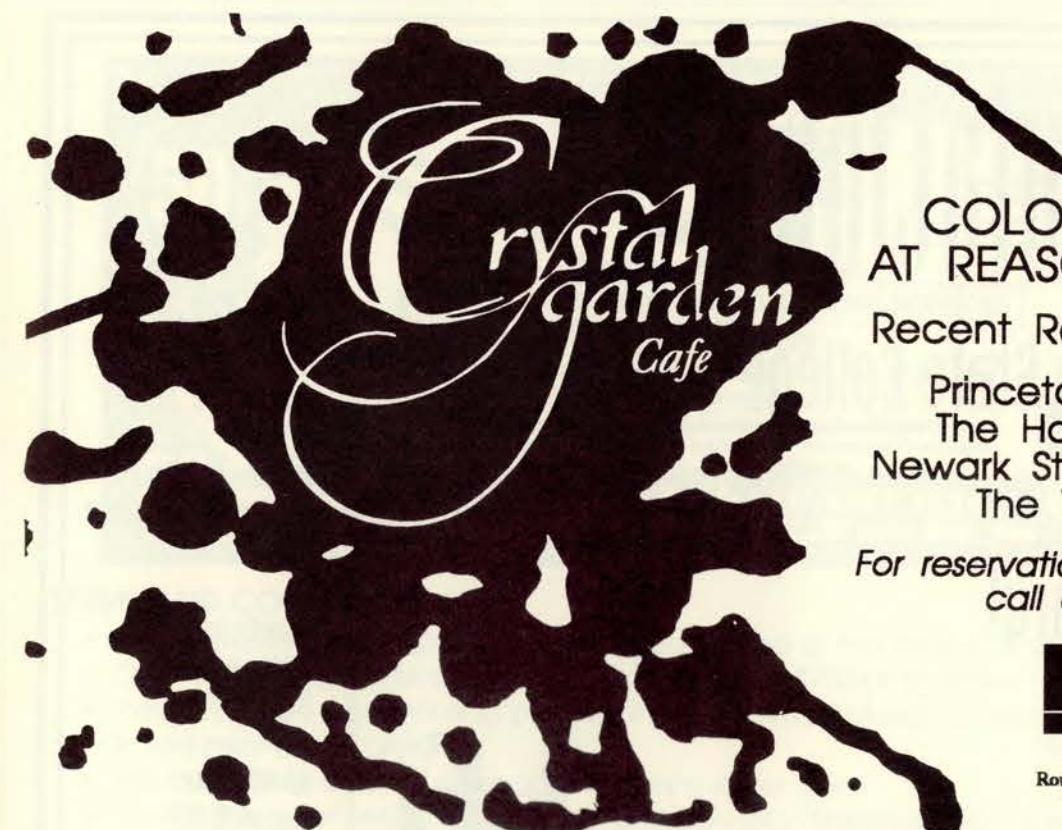


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