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Forbes Magazine rates Thomas Edison one of nation's "Top 20 Cyber-Universities"

Thomas Edison State College was ranked as one of the Top 20 Cyber-Universities in the nation by *Forbes Magazine* (June 16 issue), a testament to the student-centered and innovative programs offered by the College.

According to writers Ashlea Ebeling and Scott Bistayi, the Top 20 "represents a sampling of the biggest and best known of the degree-granting schools." The article is available on *Forbes* Web site,

<http://www.forbes.com/>

Thomas Edison State College Irene Portice of Basking Ridge, N.J., is the first student profiled in the sidebar, "The People of Cyber-U." Portice, a corporate asset manager, is enrolled in the College's Master of Science in Management degree on-line.

"The College is pleased to be recognized by *Forbes Magazine* for its leadership in using technology to bring the highest quality education to adults wherever they live and work," said Dr. George A. Pruitt, president of Thomas

Edison State College.

Other institutions included in the Top 20 listing include: Carnegie Mellon, Duke University's Fuqua School of Business, Michigan State University, Old Dominion

University, the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and the University of Maryland University College.

More information about Thomas Edison State College can be found on the College's

Web site, <http://www.tesc.edu>; admissions information can be obtained by e-mailing to admissions@call.tesc.edu, or by calling (609) 984-1150. ♦

"Senior College" opens doors of learning to older adults

Senior College, a new concept in affordable lifelong learning for older adults, was announced this summer by Thomas Edison State College, part of its 25th anniversary commitment of continuing leadership in higher education.

"For many of us, retirement is the beginning of a positive new lifestyle, a chance to do things we've put off," said Dr. Jerry T. Ice, vice president and provost at Thomas Edison.

"One of the things many adults postpone is a college education. 'Senior College' has been created to meet the demand of older adults for a program that lets them expand their intellectual horizons at their own pace, wherever they live."

Senior College enables adults 55 and older to complete associate, bachelor's and master's degrees with more flexibility and options than any other collegiate program. There are no undergraduate residency or time requirements, which means that seniors can take as long as they like to complete a degree at home or can quickly earn credit for their college-level knowledge.

Unlike other college programs for seniors, Thomas Edison does not require learners to commute to its campus. The high-quality education which prompted *The New York Times* to call Thomas Edison "one of the brighter stars of higher learning" is delivered directly to seniors, whether they are surfing in Florida with their grandchildren or residing in an adult community. While

Thomas Edison is nationally recognized for its On-Line Computer Classroom™, a computer is not necessary to complete most of the degrees offered by Senior College.

Senior College offers 12 degree programs with more than 100 areas of study. The College recently announced the B.A. in Liberal Studies which can be taken entirely through distance learning courses and tests.

"It's My Turn!"

Senior citizens have praised the flexible Thomas Edison State College program.

"If you go sit in a traditional learning environment, you spend unproductive time waiting in lines, dealing with the bureaucracy," noted Floyd Merchant who enrolled at Thomas Edison when he was 61. "I am now working on my master's degree and eventually want to earn a doctorate degree in clinical psychology."

Frances Hardy earned a B.S. degree in Human Services from Thomas Edison when she was 63. When she retires from her career with the N.J. Department of Labor, she will pursue a master's degree full-time so she can go on to teach at a two-year college. "My daughter went to college...she graduated and was able to support herself. It was my turn to go to school," she said.

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Can be completed entirely through DIAL

New Liberal Arts B.A. ideal for adults with many interests

Students with a broad range of interests and experiences will be intrigued by one of the College's newest programs: the Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies. This program can be completed *entirely* through distance learning courses and tests through the College's Center for Distance & Independent Adult Learning (DIAL), or other combinations of course methods.

"We're pleased to be able to meet the demand by our students for this exciting new program," said Dr. Jerry T. Ice, vice president and provost. "Especially attractive is its availability entirely through DIAL. This means the entire bachelor's degree can be completed through a combination of home

study and testing at a site convenient to the learner.

May be available entirely on-line in the future

"In addition, we are exploring the possibility of making this degree available on-line in the future, for adults who are interested in using their personal computers to complete a degree with Thomas Edison," Dr. Ice said. "As such, it would represent the College's first undergraduate degree offered entirely on-line. However, students *without* computer access will still be able to complete the entire program through home study and testing."

Like other Thomas Edison undergraduate programs, the B.A. in Liberal Studies also may

be completed through the transfer of credits earned at other universities, as well as portfolios, telecourses and/or approved correspondence courses.

"At Thomas Edison, the accent is on 'choice,'" said Dr. Ice. "The College offers more ways to complete a degree than any other college or university."

Approved by the College's Academic Council, the B.A. in Liberal Studies is designed specifically for students interested in combining coursework in two or more liberal arts subjects. For example, the Liberal Studies area may include courses in humanities, natural sciences and social sciences. The program is ideal for adults interested in a multidisciplinary approach to completing a degree, providing breadth and depth of learning beyond the focus of a single discipline.

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College mourns Dr. Thomas Donlon

Dr. Thomas F. Donlon, 67, of Pennington, N.J., passed away on June 19, 1997, at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. Dr. Donlon had served as director of Test Development and Research at Thomas Edison State College since 1989.

"Tom provided outstanding leadership in Test Development and Research and shared his expertise and guidance in a number of other areas," said Dr. Jerry T. Ice, vice president and provost. "Tom was renowned for his quick wit, friendship and caring personality, and we will miss him."

Born in Amsterdam, N.Y., he lived in New York before moving to Pennington 33 years ago. Donlon received a bachelor's degree from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., a master's degree from Fordham University; a doctorate from Columbia University; and a law degree from Rutgers University. He worked for Educational Testing Service for 25 years prior to his appointment at Thomas Edison. In addition to his work at Thomas Edison State College, he had a private law practice in Pennington.

Donlon was a member of the Pennington Business and Professional Association; American Educational Research Association; National Council

on Measurement in Education; and the American Association for Higher Education. He was a trustee of North Eastern Educational Research Association.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanne M. Donlon; a stepmother, Ethel Donlon of Amsterdam, N.Y.; a son, Mark F. Donlon of Lambertville, N.J.; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Victor Letonoff of Rehoboth Beach, Del.; three brothers, Charles Donlon of Seneca Falls, N.Y.,

Capt. John Donlon of Ledyard, Conn., and Edward Donlon of Wellesley, Mass.; and a granddaughter, Gillian R. Letonoff.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Pennington Library, 30 N. Main Street, Pennington, N.J., 08534, or to Hospital Hospitality House, PO Box 10090, Richmond, Va. 23240. ♦



Dr. Thomas F. Donlon (right) with Vice President and Provost Dr. Jerry T. Ice and Dean Emeritus Dr. Ruth McKeefery during a College celebration in 1991.

New "Learner Services Center" dedicated to helping adults

Several staff additions and an improved way of handling questions and concerns has made Thomas Edison State College even more student centered than before. Always the leader in providing access to adult students from around the globe, Thomas Edison State College now is proud to introduce the Learner Services Center.

The Learner Services Center combines the advisement resources of Thomas Edison State College to provide a one-stop hub for students. Enrolled students may opt to schedule an appointment with an advisor in their degree program during regular working hours, or during a monthly Saturday appointment day. Students may also call a special toll-free number for assistance from noon to 4 p.m. (EST) weekdays. An e-mail address also is available to enrolled students.

In addition, applicants are benefiting from the coordinated efforts of the offices of Admissions, Registrar and Financial Aid/Veterans Services. Applicants to the College can gather additional information by calling 1-800-981-2092. As always, prospective students should call (609) 984-1150, or e-mail admissions@call.tesc.edu.

Expanding student services: new advisor appointed

Susan Davenport of Avenel, N.J., has been appointed senior program advisor, business degrees, at Thomas Edison State College. She is responsible for providing information and advisement to students enrolled in the College's degree programs.

Davenport brings over nine years of academic advising and counseling experience to this position. Before joining Thomas Edison, Davenport was program manager for the Lubin Undergraduate Academic Advisement Office at Pace University in New York City. Prior to that, she was academic counselor for Pace's Lubin School of Business. Davenport earned her M.S. in Psychological Services from the University of Pennsylvania, Graduate School of Education, in Philadelphia, and her B.A. from Drew University in Madison, N.J.❖



Susan Davenport

Sconyers elected to national advising board

Dorothy Sconyers of Newtown, Pa., senior program advisor at Thomas Edison State College, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) as chair-elect of the Commission on Advising as a Profession.

Sconyers, who has been advising students at the College for nine years, earned her M.A. from Temple University in Philadelphia and her B.A. from the University of Mississippi in Oxford. Sconyers is the Thomas Edison institutional representative for the New Jersey American Council on Education National Network for Women Leaders in Higher Education (ACE/N.I.P.). In addition to her work with students at Thomas Edison, she is an adjunct instructor at Bucks County Community College in Newtown.

NACADA was chartered as a nonprofit organization in 1977 to promote the quality of academic advising and professional development of its membership, and to enhance the educational development of students. Since its inception, NACADA membership has grown to 5,000. The members, consisting of faculty, professional advisors, administrators, counselors and others in academic and student affairs, are concerned with the intellectual, personal and vocational needs of students.❖



Dorothy Sconyers

Dr. Namm appointed to head Learner Services

Dr. Devorah Namm of Yardley, Pa., has been appointed assistant vice president for Learner Services at Thomas Edison State College. Dr. Namm is responsible for the overall operation and management of the Learner Services Center, the Office of Admissions, the Office of Financial Aid and Veterans' Services and the Office of the Registrar.

In making the announcement, Dr. Jerry T. Ice, vice president and provost, said Dr. Namm's appointment represents "an important step in the College's academic future. Devorah Namm is a dedicated educator who has made significant contributions in the area of adult higher education. Thomas Edison State College students will benefit from the knowledge and expertise she brings to the College community."

The former vice president for Academic Affairs for the Graduate School of America, Dr. Namm holds a Ph.D. in organizational communications from the University of Pittsburgh and a Master of Arts in dramatic literature from Antioch University,

where she was founding chair for the Department of Organizational Management. She is a Fulbright Scholar with an extensive and varied background in business and academic administration, and is active in the arts with experience as a playwright and film director.❖



Dr. Devorah Namm

New registrar, familiar face

Long time employee Gregory H. Dye of Lawrenceville, N.J., has been appointed registrar at Thomas Edison State College. He manages the processing of all records and data entry for entering students.

In addition, Dye is responsible for student registration for the Distance & Independent Adult Learning (DIAL) program, reviewing and certifying students for graduation, monitoring academic policy and standards, overseeing test administration and coordinating the College's annual Commencement ceremony.

Dye, who has been serving as acting registrar since last fall, brings over 16 years of experience in the Office of the Registrar to this position. Prior to his tenure at Thomas Edison, Dye taught history at the secondary level and basic skills at the adult vocational level. Dye earned both his graduate and undergraduate degrees from Trenton State College, now The College of New Jersey.❖



Gregory H. Dye

New graduate director to lead MSM program

The first competency-based, on-line Master of Science in Management (MSM) program is under new leadership. Dr. Esther Taitsman of Lawrenceville, N.J., has been appointed associate dean/director of Graduate Studies.

In her new role with Thomas Edison State College, Taitsman provides leadership and direction to the MSM degree program. Her responsibilities include the development, implementation and academic review of the program as well as selecting and training of faculty. Taitsman oversees the selection of students to be admitted to the program, academic advising, developing academic policies and curriculum planning.

The MSM program offers the best in executive and on-

line education. Developed with the guidance of corporate leaders, the MSM program focuses on management, leadership and building the competencies needed in today's fast-paced, technologically changing work environment. The program integrates management theory and practice as they are applied in the workplace. Courses are completed using the College's On-Line Computer Classroom™. The program is designed for busy, employed adults with professional responsibilities in management, technical and administrative positions.

Taitsman, who brings over 25 years of experience in higher education to the position, has been with Thomas Edison for the past eight years. Prior to that she was with Princeton

Watson Institute receives Fund for N.J., Dodge, Kerney grants

Thomas Edison State College has received a grant of \$100,000 from The Fund for New Jersey, a grant of \$30,000 from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and a grant of \$5,000 from the James Kerney Foundation in support for the John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy. The Watson Institute is a nonpartisan, independently funded research office whose mission is to provide policy analysis and other technical assistance to decisionmakers in the public and private sector.

"These grants acknowledge the truly outstanding accomplishments that have been made possible by the support of The Fund for New Jersey, the Dodge Foundation, the James Kerney Foundation and others on behalf of the citizens of New Jersey through the Watson Institute for Public Policy," said John P. Thurber, vice president for Public Affairs at Thomas Edison.

William A. Watson, executive director of the Watson Institute, noted, "The Fund for New Jersey grant will help the Institute to work together with leaders in government and business to develop applied, hands-on strategies for managing change." In particular, the grant will support the Institute's partnership with the Urban Mayors Association, Trenton Office of Policy Studies and the work of the Center for the Urban Environment.

"The Dodge Foundation grant will help the Institute to work together with leaders in New Jersey's urban centers to integrate issues such as open space planning, urban forestry and general environmental concerns into broader initiatives that will lead to the protection and restoration of the urban environment," Watson added. In particular, the grant will support the Institute's Center for the Urban Environment.



Dr. Esther Taitsman

University for 10 years. She also has taught at colleges and universities in New Jersey, New York and Connecticut, and has been active in the business community. Taitsman earned her doctorate from Columbia University and has extensive experience with adult learners.❖

New DIAL staff member brings international flair to course design

By Barbara Eklund

The tremendous growth of the DIAL courses has led to the creation of a new position that will take DIAL into the area of Course Development. Until now, courses offered through DIAL have been leased by Thomas Edison State College, many developed by a consortia of colleges and universities and offered through PBS (Public Broadcasting System) or other national programs. With the addition of an instructional designer, Thomas Edison has begun to create its own courses. "This adds a new dimension for our students," stated Associate Vice President William J. Seaton. "It moves us beyond acquisition and leasing and enables us to develop courses that have been difficult for our students to find. It will further assist students with completing degree requirements at a distance." One of the first courses targeted to be developed will be Pre-Calculus, which is needed by business and applied science and technology students.

It seems especially appropriate that Ken Lightfoot, recently appointed by Thomas Edison State College as an instructional designer in the College's Center for Distance & Independent Adult Learning (DIAL) program, found out about the position early one morning while surfing the 'net from his office in Germany. Because of the time difference, he was often on the Internet early.

The work at Thomas Edison seemed the next logical step for Lightfoot. Although he was born and educated in America, he had spent most of the last 20 years working in Germany and the United Kingdom, where he gained increasing knowledge about adult learners, course development and distance education.

He trained as a teacher at the University of Wales in the prestigious Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) program and went on to design and teach courses for the Institution's Department of Adult and Continuing Education in a part-time capacity while serving as the curator of Neath Museum in South Wales on a full-time basis. As part of Lightfoot's work at the Neath Museum, he developed educational programs in conjunction with local schools, colleges and community groups, and appeared on BBC Radio

and TV.

After several years of developing educational programs in a museum environment, Lightfoot entered education full-time as a member of the faculty at the University of Luneburg in Germany, where, in addition to teaching, he was responsible for curriculum development for the faculty of Cultural Sciences and the Teacher Training Program.

Lightfoot's knowledge of distance learning includes personal experience as well. He is currently working on his Ph.D. in the Department of History, University of Wales, as a distance learner. "As a student myself, I understand what it is like to work at a distance and often in isolation," he pointed out. His dissertation topic, 13th century research on the Knights of Henry III, has included much correspondence, travel to London and research. "This topic may seem alien at first, but in fact much of the knights' involvement in government in the 13th century was the precursor to how the U.S. government operates today. Examples include our jury system, taxation and the diplomatic corps."

Lightfoot's interest in history and archeology has taken him beyond the campus setting to work on many interesting projects. He served as an advisor to the Swansea City Council in Wales for Oystermouth Castle and compiled detailed architectural and archeological surveys while digging. "Even when I was involved in digging, I always went beyond that to look at the learning and research aspects, to coordinate learning projects," he added.



Ken Lightfoot

Other projects include an on-going 14-year study of the Archives of Bermuda, which he hopes to publish, and work on the translation of German Air Force Records in connection with a book that was singled out for merit in Britain. He has published many articles and delivered papers about his archeological projects.

Lightfoot enjoys rediscovering living in the U.S., where, after being gone for so long, he feels almost like a foreigner. Like many of his Thomas Edison colleagues, Lightfoot now finds himself "acting as an agent" for the College. "People abroad have heard of Thomas Edison and are keen about finding out more. I have been sending friends and colleagues out information regularly since I started here."

With such a broad and rich background, Lightfoot's impact on the distance learning programs of the College is already being felt and is expected to continue being significant. ❖

Serving active duty military personnel: The Military Degree Completion Program

Thomas Edison State College has a new program to help military personnel complete their degrees: the Military Degree Completion Program. Because the College has no residency requirements, it is ideal for servicemembers who want a high-quality baccalaureate-level education entirely at a distance.

The Military Degree Completion Program allows active duty military to engage in an undergraduate degree program at their own pace and wherever they may be stationed. The program is ideal for the individual who needs 12 semester hours or more of credit to earn a degree and desires to use innovative instructional approaches rather than classroom-based courses.

Each program of studies is defined by a personal Academic Program Plan in which military training, previous college credits, licensure, certifications and ACE-evaluated training may be used to satisfy Thomas Edison State College requirements. An academic plan maps out the degree with a profile of credit-earning options that can best meet individual needs.

Benefits to military personnel

- Focus on degree, not just course completion
- No residency requirement
- No annual fees
- No registration fees
- Personalized degree plan
- Credit for military experience and training
- Courses in a 16-week sequence
- Up to one year to complete 12 credit hours (or up to 12 credit hours each registration period)
- Unlimited access to the College's TECEP examinations
- Six registration periods per year
- Re-enrollment as often as necessary until the degree is completed
- Study at an individualized pace
- Access to the full range of College services

It is easy to enroll and register for courses

Students complete degrees at Thomas Edison State College through a variety of methods, including: transfer of credits from other regionally accredited academic institutions; development of portfolios to be assessed for course credit; credit by examination; and courses delivered through such distance-education methods as guided independent study, contract learning and on-line courses. The variety of methods allows students to achieve their academic goals, regardless of geographical location, work and family responsibilities, and personal learning style. The College's nationally recognized advising staff assists students throughout their education via telephone or in-person appointments and by correspondence, including e-mail and fax.

Degrees available

Associate Degrees

- Associate in Arts
- Associate in Science in Management
- Associate in Science in Applied Science and Technology
- Associate in Science in Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Associate in Science in Public and Social Services
- Associate in Applied Science in Radiologic Technology

Baccalaureate Degrees

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Applied Science and Technology
- Bachelor of Science in Human Services

Thomas Edison State College has Special Ties to the Military

The College has been a long-standing member of the Servicemembers Opportunity College (SOC) and is one of the member SOC Network institutions. The College holds a Memorandum of Understanding with Defense Activity for Nontraditional Education (DANTES) as an external degree provider. Throughout its history, the College has served active duty military personnel worldwide.

For more information, contact the College at (609) 984-1150, admissions@call.tesc.edu, or visit the College's Web site at <http://www.tesc.edu>. ❖

Attention, leaders and entrepreneurs!

New degree programs designed with you in mind

Skilled managers and leaders, small business owners and creative entrepreneurs will profit from two new majors offered by Thomas Edison State College. Approved by the College's Academic Council, the new programs are:

- **Organizational Management.** Skilled managers, leaders and motivators now may earn the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) in "Organizational Management." This degree is perfect for leaders who can build high performance teams, develop world-class organizations and understand the dynamics of organizational behavior.
- **Small Business Management/Entrepreneurship.** The College now offers both the Associate in Science in Management (ASM) and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) in "Small Business Management/Entrepreneurship." This program is designed to help small business managers and entrepreneurs succeed by developing their management, financial and marketing skills.

An outline of the credit requirements for the ASM and BSBA degrees can be found in Thomas Edison's Prospectus and Catalog. Adults interested in degrees in these two new areas may call (609) 984-1150 to request a Prospectus, fax a request to (609) 984-8447, e-mail admissions@call.tesc.edu or apply on-line at the College's Web site, <http://www.tesc.edu>. ❖

Attention corporate partners: Corporate services representatives new at Thomas Edison State College



Donna M. Wilson

earned her MBA from Clark-Atlanta University Graduate School in Atlanta and her B.A. in sociology from The College of New Jersey in Trenton.

Siddell joins the College with more than 10 years of teaching and administrative experience in higher education. Before coming to Thomas Edison, Siddell was the tech prep project coordinator at the Community College of Philadelphia. He also has taught at colleges and universities in Indiana and Wisconsin, and has been active in the community. Siddell earned his Master of Science in Business degree from The University of Wisconsin in Madison and his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from The University of Mississippi in Oxford. ♦

Donna M. Wilson of Hamilton Township, N.J., and Doyal H. Siddell of Yardley, Pa., have been appointed corporate services representatives at Thomas Edison State College.

In their roles with the College, Wilson and Siddell are responsible for helping the College increase enrollments. They will work primarily with corporations, providing information and programs needed to help employees better manage their lifelong learning.

Wilson brings more than 13 years of project management and administrative experience in corporate and community relations to this position. Prior to joining Thomas Edison, Wilson held a number of positions at Mercer County Community College, including career counselor specialist and program coordinator. She also has worked with United Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey, United Negro College Fund, the Urban League and the March of Dimes. Wilson



Doyal H. Siddell

Teach for America board taps Thurber



John P. Thurber

Already known and honored for his commitment to community service, John P. Thurber of Lawrenceville, N.J., vice president for Public Affairs at Thomas Edison State College, was appointed to the Community Advisory Board of Teach For America.

Teach For America, which is part of Americorps, is the national public service teacher corps. The program recruits outstanding recent college graduates of all academic majors and cultural backgrounds who commit to teach for two years in under-resources urban and rural public schools. Each year about 1,000 corps members reach more than 100,000 students. The Community Advisory Board's function is to guide the organizations work in New Jersey. "Teach For America is an outstanding program that brings talented college graduates into our classrooms," Thurber stated. "It's a great way to provide public service where it's needed most, as well as to expose these highly talented young people to a possible career in teaching."

Thurber is a summa cum laude graduate of Rutgers Law School and a member of the New Jersey and New York Bars. Thurber, who has been with the College for more than six years, was appointed vice president in 1996. Prior to that, he served as executive director of the Institute for Public Policy (IPP) and its forerunner, The Trenton Office of Policy Studies. During his tenure with the IPP, Thurber oversaw a number of partnership initiatives, including those with the Urban Mayors Association and the Trenton Enterprise Coalition, as well as numerous projects with the city of Trenton.

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

Neighborly Trenton Savings Bank donates \$1,000 to College

The Thomas Edison State College Foundation has received a generous gift of \$1,000 from the Trenton Savings Bank.

"On behalf of the board of directors, officers and employees of the Trenton Savings Bank, we are pleased to present this check in the amount of \$1,000 in recognition of the outstanding service your fine organization provides to our community," said Willard Magee, Jr., branch manager of Trenton Savings Bank in Trenton. "We want our neighbors to share in the growth of Trenton Savings Bank."

"This gift acknowledges our efforts to open the doors of opportunity for adult learners through the support of Trenton Savings Bank and others," said John P. Thurber, vice president for Public Affairs at Thomas Edison State College. ♦



John P. Thurber (left), vice president for Public Affairs, receives a donation from Willard Magee, Jr., branch manager of Trenton Savings Bank.

Five Assembly speakers gather to honor Watson namesake

To honor the memory of late New Jersey State Assemblyman John S. Watson, the former Institute for Public Policy at Thomas Edison State College was dedicated as the John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy, an event that attracted five state Assembly speakers.

"I can think of no one better in this House or the one down the hall (the Senate) for whom to name this Institute," current Speaker, Assemblyman Jack Collins (R-3), emphatically stated. He and past Speakers Alan Karcher, Chuck Hardwick and Chuck Haytaian were joined by Assembly Minority Leader Joseph V. Doria Jr. (D-31) in honoring Watson, who was the nation's first African-American to chair a state appropriations committee. More than 200 guests attended the dedication ceremony.

"John followed a dignified, reasoned, measured course. Public policy for John meant to serve the interests and needs of people first," Karcher remarked. Added Doria, "congratulations to Thomas Edison State College for its discerning move in creating this Institute and naming it for a humble, gentle and most of all concerned individual like John Watson."

William A. Watson, previously an executive fellow of the Institute for Public Policy, is the first executive director to lead the organization renamed for his late father. He oversees the Watson Institute, which is a nonpartisan, independently funded program whose mission is to provide analysis and other technical assistance to decisionmakers in the public and private sector.

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

"John S. Watson was a statesman and a gentleman," said Dr. George A. Pruitt, president of Thomas Edison State College. "The Watson Institute reflects his commitment to the public good." ♦



Dignitaries celebrating the Watson Institute dedication (from left): Stanley C. Van Ness, Watson Institute chairman; former State Assembly speakers Chuck Hardwick and Alan Karcher; William A. Watson, Watson Institute executive director; Jack Collins, speaker of the State Assembly; and former State Assembly speakers Garabed "Chuck" Haytaian and Joseph Doria (current minority leader).

From one of the nation's Top 20 Cyber-Universities (*Forbes Magazine*)

M.S. in Management (36 Credits) open for new enrollments

Thomas Edison State College, ranked by *Forbes Magazine* as one of the nation's Top 20 Cyber-Universities, now is accepting applications for the January 1998 cohort of its on-line Master of Science in Management (MSM) degree.

The College's Academic Council recently approved a restructuring of the program which enables experienced managers to complete the 36-credit degree program in as little as 20 months. The College's first MSM class, composed primarily of AT&T managers, will graduate during Commencement on Sept. 27 in the Princeton University Chapel.

"As a result of the restructuring, the degree is more convenient for working managers than ever before," said Dr. Esther Taitsman, director of the MSM program. "Managers apply lessons learned in on-line classes to

real-life situations at work. The program also includes two weekend residencies at a site convenient to students in the class."

Regionally accredited by the Commission which accredits Princeton and Rutgers Universities, Thomas Edison State College offers 12 associate, bachelor's and master's degrees exclusively to adults wherever they live and work. Called "one of the brighter stars of higher learning" by *The New York Times*, Thomas Edison enrolls adult students (average age: 39) from every state and 75 other nations. The College administers the New Jersey State Library and is the site of the John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy. For further information on the MSM and other programs, call (609) 984-1150, fax a request to (609) 984-8447 or e-mail admissions@call.tesc.edu. ♦

Students teach the teachers at National Institute



Dr. Alan Mandell of Empire State College teaches everyone about prior learning assessment during his presentation at the National Institute on the Assessment of Experiential Learning, sponsored by Thomas Edison State College and CAEL.

Educators listened and learned, gaining valuable first-hand information about prior learning assessment (PLA) from students at this year's National Institute on the Assessment of Experiential Learning.

A panel of students from three colleges — Thomas Edison State College, Empire State College and Charter Oak State College — spoke about their experiences with PLA. PLA is a general term which may refer to the evaluation of learning that has taken place outside the classroom through the review of documentation and other evidence; it is usually conducted by faculty who are expert in the subject matter.

Students discussed how they prepared for the assessment; interaction with the evaluator; their level of confidence about succeeding in the PLA process; what they would change about the process; what they would tell other students who are just starting PLA; and more. Students at Thomas Edison State College use PLA when they earn credits through Portfolio Assessment. "Having students speak at the National Institute is a 'first,'" said Dr. Debra A. Dagavarian, director of the National Institute on the Assessment of



Experiential Learning. "These students are typical of the best of our three colleges: they are experienced and accomplished individuals with successful careers and families, and they are committed both to learning and promoting the importance of a college degree. This is an opportunity to listen to what they have to say."

This is the ninth year of the National Institute, which was held at the Henry Chauncey Conference Center in Princeton, N.J. PLA, however, has been in existence for many years, and has been a key way to earn credit at Thomas Edison.

"Experiential learning assessment has been around for over 25 years," said Dr. Dagavarian. "Still, many colleges and universities in this country and others, such as Canada, Venezuela, New Zealand, Great Britain and Brazil, are just now starting to develop programs in experiential learning assessment."



This year's National Institute featured some popular programs, such as *Electronic Conferencing* between faculty and participants at the National Institute, and a special session on *Distance Learning and Educational Technology at Thomas Edison*. Other sessions covered evaluating learning acquired outside the classroom, the history of experiential learning and a hands-on workshop on evaluating prior learning portfolios.

As popular as the programs were the distinguished faculty: Dr. Morris Keeton, founder of the international Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL);

Dr. Harriet W. Cabell, senior associate dean emeritus of the University of Alabama; Dr. Barry G. Sheckley of the University of Connecticut; Dr. Alan Mandell of Empire State College; and Dr. Urban Whitaker, formerly of The Learning Center and San Francisco State University. In addition, the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges will participate in the National Institute for the first time.

Each year, the National Institute is chronicled in the Journal of The National Institute on the Assessment of Experiential Learning. For more information, call (609) 633-8082. ♦



Golf Classic a hit in '97

A fun-filled day was enjoyed by the nearly 100 participants who teed-off in the Third Annual Thomas C. Streckewald Memorial Golf Classic. The event, held at the Trenton Country Club on June 23, helped the Thomas Edison State College Foundation raise nearly \$29,000.

The winning foursome, from Sarnoff Corporation, were Vincent J. Boccanfuso, Jr., John J. Doskoczynski, David A. Ellison and James Carnes. Bill Timlen of Lear & Pannepacker won the men's long drive contest with a smashing 285 yards. Richard Simkus of Smith & Barney

won the closest to the pin contest at 6' 2". The second place team was from AT&T; third place was from *The Times*; and fourth place was from Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton. Honorable mention goes to the fifth place team from CoreStates Bank and the sixth place team from The Hibbert Group.

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



The Sarnoff Corporation winning foursome poses with trophies (left to right) Jim Carnes CEO, Vincent Boccanfuso, John Doskoczynski and David Ellison. They are joined by Thomas Edison State College Vice President for Public Affairs John Thurbur (far left), and Golf Classic co-chair, Eric Lear (far right), of Lear and Pannepacker.

Liberal Arts...from p.1

Logical "next step" to graduate, professional school

The B.A. is the logical "next step" for students enrolled in or graduated from the College's A.A. in Liberal Arts/General Studies, as well as for any adult with a variety of interests and experiences in the liberal arts. A B.A. in Liberal Studies, may be used as a stepping stone for those interested in continuing their education in graduate and professional schools, including many law schools.

An outline of the credit requirements for the B.A. degree (which includes the Liberal Studies area) can be found in Thomas Edison's Prospectus and Catalog. Adults interested in the B.A. in Liberal Studies may call (609) 984-1150 to request a Prospectus, fax a request to (609) 984-8447, e-mail admissions@call.tesc.edu or apply on-line at the College's Web site, <http://www.tesc.edu>. ♦

Course developer comes halfway around the world to Thomas Edison State College

Dr. Henry van Zyl of Newtown, Pa., has been appointed instructional designer in the Center for Distance & Independent Adult Learning (DIAL) at Thomas Edison State College, where he will aid the College in the area of course design and development.

The newest member of the DIAL team has come from halfway around the world to join Thomas Edison as an instructional designer. "Why not?" Dr. van Zyl, stated, "Change is good and my family and I are always looking for a challenge." And Thomas Edison was looking for a person with Dr. van Zyl's extensive expertise in the area of distance learning to work in its growing program.

Born and educated in South Africa, Dr. van Zyl most recently directed an initiative at the University of South Africa (UNISA), the Teaching Development Project, that is working to change the way faculty view teaching and to develop the skills and curriculum needed to facilitate a new team approach.

"About four years ago, the UNISA came under sharp criticism for its antiquated teaching methods. We were losing students and for the first time found ourselves being criticized by watchdog

agencies respected by the educational community," Dr. van Zyl recalled. As director of Instructional Design, Dr. van Zyl was charged with changing the attitudes of faculty who were used to teaching independently and moving them to a team approach in course design — no small task.

"I met with the most incredible resistance but also with the most fabulous cooperation," Dr. van Zyl recalls. Some faculty felt threatened and resisted change; others welcomed new ideas and felt challenged. "We worked to initiate a cultural shift among faculty that changed their view from 'teaching people' to one of 'helping people to learn,'" he continued.

Dr. van Zyl credits much of the success of the project to the dedicated team of instructional designers, editors and graphic artists he directed. "Together, through workshops, seminars, one-on-one discussions and extensive meetings, we got people on board and made a major impact," he believes. The university continues to conduct follow-up and in-depth evaluation to confirm that students are really doing better.

The University of South Africa is one of the 10 mega-universities of the

world, with enrollments of more than 100,000. It has approximately 130,000 students who study entirely at a distance and more than 4,000 faculty. Dr. van Zyl earned his Doctor of Education there; his research focused on "A Didactic Model for the Use of Computer Technology in Distance Education."

Dr. van Zyl first heard of Thomas Edison in 1992, when he came to America on a study tour. His primary interest at the time was exploring how technology could be used to serve students with disabilities. In 1993, he and Esther Paist, director of Distance Learning Programs at Thomas Edison, co-delivered a paper on that topic at the International University Consortium (IUC) Conference in Maryland. True to form, these distance education professionals had never met and had prepared for their joint presentation "at a distance," meeting in person for the first time the day before the conference. Last year, Dr. van Zyl and a team of UNISA faculty presented a workshop on instructional design at the annual IUC Conference.

Dr. van Zyl is excited to be working at Thomas Edison, and believes the potential for growth in distance education is enormous. Although he and his



Dr. Henry van Zyl

family tried to move here with no preconceived notions or expectations about the United States, he has been most pleased with the people who have been "so friendly, welcoming and supportive."

"Dr. van Zyl's international perspective and his well respected knowledge in distance learning pedagogy make him a perfect fit for Thomas Edison's new technology initiatives. Dr. van Zyl will play an important role in leading the College's distance learning efforts with faculty and in course development. We are all very pleased and excited to have him join the DIAL team," stated Associate Vice President William J. Seaton. ♦

Thomas Edison first of its kind in national honor society for adults

By a unanimous vote, Thomas Edison State College has become the only distance learning institution in the country to be designated a member of Alpha Sigma Lambda, a national honor society for adult learners.

Alpha Sigma Lambda, which stands for "first in scholarship and leadership," recognizes adult students in continuing higher education who have achieved academic excellence while fulfilling the many responsibilities of family, work and community service.

"The mission of Alpha Sigma Lambda and that of Thomas Edison State College

are united in dedication to the advancement of scholarship," said Dr. Patricia Sparks, vice provost and academic dean at Thomas Edison.

Designated the Lambda Tau Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, Thomas Edison now will recognize students who have earned a minimum of 30 earned credits through the College with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Acceptance to this honor society is possible because of the distance learning options available through the College's Center for Distance & Independent Adult Learning (DIAL) program. In addition to recognizing individuals for

their achievements, there is a scholarship option available for candidates.

Alpha Sigma Lambda was founded in 1946 by Dr. Rollin B. Posey, dean of University College at Northwestern University, to recognize and encourage adult learners and to inspire them to greater excellence. The Society now has over 250 members. The first induction ceremony for Thomas Edison State College honorees will be held during the College's 25th Anniversary Commencement ceremonies, Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Princeton University Chapel. ❖

Join us at the Thomas Edison State College Alumni Association Annual Meeting & 25th Anniversary Commencement Banquet

Saturday, Sept. 27, 1997

Annual Meeting

Prudence Hall, Thomas Edison State College

9:30-10 a.m. Continental Breakfast

A time to renew conversations. **For alumni only.**

10-11:30 a.m. Business Meeting

Agenda will include election of officers and directors for 1998 and the introduction of next year's associate directors.

Commencement Exercises

Princeton University Chapel, Princeton, N.J.

Pre-commencement activities - Noon-1:30 p.m.

Commencement - 2 p.m.

In keeping with tradition, immediately following the Annual Meeting, alumni will proceed to the Princeton University Chapel to assist with Commencement Day activities.

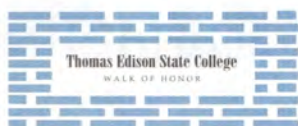
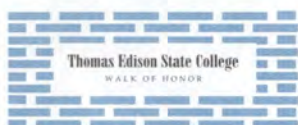
1997 Alumni Commencement Reception and Banquet

(following Commencement Ceremonies)

5 p.m. Hyatt Regency, Princeton

\$27 per person includes reception and full course dinner; cash bar available. Reservations and payment are due by Sept. 17. Please make checks payable to: Thomas Edison State College Foundation and mail to 101 W. State St., Trenton, N.J. 08608-1176. Questions? Call (609) 633-8592. No refunds can be made for cancellations. ❖

Still time left to stroll the Walk of Honor



An unexpected opportunity has allowed Thomas Edison State College to extend the deadline for Walk of Honor reservations. There still is time to become a permanent part of the College's history by purchasing a commemorative brick. The Walk of Honor will grace the soon-to-be renovated townhouses, located in the historic buildings next to Thomas Edison State College.

Bricks will be sold to build the Walk of Honor from now through April 1, 1998. Purchasing a brick is a fantastic way to show pride in your degree, honor a special person, memorialize a loved one and make a lasting contribution to the growth of Thomas Edison. Each brick is \$125 and has room for two lines of copy.

Contact the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, (609) 984-1588 for more information. Take your place in history through the Thomas Edison Walk of Honor! ❖

Each One, Reach One ... pass it on!

Attention all alums! Fill in a friend about the College that helped you to achieve your dreams — Thomas Edison State College! Give a friend the *Each One, Reach One* coupon in this issue. Reach out today!

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Commencement '97: a time to volunteer!



Enjoying Commencement were Ellen Peterson, class of '96; her mother, Priscilla Jackson (left), and niece Tierra Green. The 25th Anniversary Commencement is set for Sept. 27, 1997.

The mortar board, the diploma — the memories! The 25th Anniversary Commencement of Thomas Edison State College, to be held Saturday, Sept. 27, will offer many opportunities for alumni to get involved in this once-in-a-lifetime anniversary event.

To accommodate the large crowd expected for the 25th Anniversary Commencement — including the first graduates of the College's Master of Science in Management program, the first Alpha Sigma Lambda honorees and members of the very first graduating class — this year's event will be held in the magnificent Princeton University Chapel.

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

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

One of our best

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Georgia Blair, BSN Registered Nurse

Georgia Blair sums it up this way: "Thomas Edison State College offers a learning environment adaptable to your schedule. Credits from previous degrees and life work experience are recognized and accepted, and the cost is very reasonable." Blair is a recent Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) graduate.

Currently, Blair is working as an R.N. on the orthopedic floor of the Centra State Medical Center, and also is pursuing a master's degree in midwifery from Case Western Reserve University. "My ultimate goal is to be a private practitioner in midwifery," said Blair. "I earned my AAS nursing degree in 1994 from Brookdale Community College, and immediately began researching area BSN programs."

Initially, Blair investigated campus-based learning environments. "I graduated with a bachelor's degree in French from the University of Colorado in 1967. Other schools refused to accept some coursework I completed for that degree," Blair explained. "Then, I found out about Thomas Edison State College."

"Thomas Edison transferred credits from my previous liberal arts classes. The distance learning program allowed me to tailor my study time to my work and family schedule, not vice versa," stated Blair. "Today, I am always encouraging people who want to further their education to go to Thomas Edison State College." ❖



Georgia Blair, BSN

Cynthia Jackson-Glenn Entrepreneur



Cynthia Jackson-Glenn

Cynthia Jackson-Glenn enrolled at Thomas Edison State College in January 1995 with a few college credits but no degrees. By the spring of 1997, she had earned a bachelor's degree. "A guidance counselor at my local community college said I had a lot of life experience for which I could receive credit, and suggested I consider Thomas Edison State College," explained Jackson-Glenn.

She contacted the College and received a video tape on how to get started. "I was so excited after watching the tape. I thought that this was something I could accomplish." Jackson-Glenn said Thomas Edison State College leaves no stone unturned. "They made me think I could do this. Staff helped me to get motivated and stay motivated."

Fifty-six of her credits were earned through Portfolio Assessment; however, she also earned credits through testing programs and distance learning courses. "I was taking a distance learning course and met a person who was taking the same course in a college classroom setting. I was able to converse on the subject at the same level. I knew then I was getting the full benefits of the course," she added.

Presently owner of her own travel and tour service, Jackson-Glenn's ultimate career goal is to become an orientation and mobility instructor for the blind — teaching blind individuals how to travel independently. A parent advocate and mother of a deaf and blind child, she already has become somewhat of an expert on the subject, presenting workshops at national conferences.

To achieve her career transition, Jackson-Glenn must complete a master's degree and has been accepted into a one-year accelerated program at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry. "Thomas Edison State College is all right," she said. "I have already passed my getting started video tape on to a friend, and now she's enrolled." ❖

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Russell H. Farr (B.A.) of Blytheville, Ark., was re-elected as chairman of the

Mississippi County Community College Board of Trustees. He has been on the board since 1983. Furthermore, Farr was elected commissioner of the Mississippi County Public Facilities Board and was re-appointed by the Blytheville City Council to the Sewer Commission. Farr recently completed a 10-year term on the Arkansas Manufactured Home Commission (appointed by then Gov. Bill Clinton).

'92

Dr. William D. Wagoner (BSHS), director of Planning and Emergency

Management in Livingston County, Mich., has been named the 1996 Outstanding Professional Planner by the Michigan Chapter of the American Planning Association (MAPA) and the Michigan Society of Planning Officials (MSPO).

Arthorine Walker (B.A.) of Englewood, N.J., is a teacher working in the Resource Room at Lincoln Elementary School in Englewood. She writes, "Thanks to Thomas Edison State College—because of the help given to me, I shall continue to guide individual students to recognize their own unique strengths and interests."

'93

Martin Spillane (A.A.) of Birmingham, England, a post-graduate

researcher in the Department of Politics & International Studies at the University of Warwick, is currently a visiting researcher at the University of Wisconsin Madison. Spillane, who earned a B.S. from Regents College,

University of the State of New York, was awarded an M.A. with Distinction by the University of Warwick for his research into international distance education, using Thomas Edison State College as one of his models. He has since received a United Kingdom Economic & Social Research Council Doctoral Scholarship to research "Higher Education in a Competitive Global Market" for a University of Warwick Ph.D.

David Rankin (BSAST) of Lexington, Ky., has been accepted to the University of Louisville School of Medicine for the first year class entering August 1997. Rankin, whose career interests include family practice, internal medicine or general surgery, writes, "I am excited about the future. I am also grateful for the unique educational opportunity afforded by Thomas Edison State College that has helped to make it possible."

Steven L. Herman (B.A.), the executive producer of Tokyo-based Globe Net Productions K.K., a broadcast production company and media consulting firm, has been appointed director of Channel Operations in Japan for Discovery Channel. Herman, who has done post-graduate work in international law and international service at The American University in Washington, D.C., is currently pursuing a master's degree in Creative Writing at Bath College in Bath, England.

'94

Steven Fowler (B.A.) of Sacramento, Calif., recently graduated with honors

from the Master of Health Administration program at Chapman University. Fowler noted, "my experience with Thomas Edison made me aware of the many wonderful opportunities for adult education that are available, and showed me the importance of

self-reliance in making a degree program work in spite of obstacles such as time, distance and family commitments."

Navy Chief Petty Officer John T. Wait (BSAST) recently reported for duty with the aircraft carrier Precommissioning Unit Harry S. Truman, based in Newport News, Va. A 1987 graduate of Parkway West High School in Chesterfield, Mo., Wait joined the Navy in November 1987.

Robert L. Dunning (BSHS) of Hellertown, Pa., recently complete the two-year Motion Processing Apprenticeship Program. Dunning, an inpatient group facilitator at Penn Foundation Recovery Center in Sellersville, Pa., also is developing outpatient groups for recovery from addictions and emotional trauma at the. He writes, "This has been a fulfilling experience that has enriched my career and personal growth since my graduation from Thomas Edison State College."

'95

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Michael B. Johnson (ASAST) recently returned

from a six-month deployment to the western Pacific and Indian oceans aboard the guided missile cruiser USS California. Johnson is one of more than 550 sailors aboard the cruiser who returned to their home port in Bremerton, Wash. During the deployment, Johnson supported the retaliatory missile strikes against Iraq during Operation Desert Strike in the Persian Gulf by providing air defense support for the USS Tarawa Amphibious Ready Group. A 1991 graduate of Healdsburg High School of Healdsburg, Calif., Johnson joined the Navy in July 1991.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Robert C. Issa (ASAST) recently reported for duty with 3rd Dental Company, 3rd Dental Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group at Camp Hansen in Okinawa, Japan. A 1984 graduate of Trenton High School, Issa joined the Navy in August 1985.

Navy Chief Petty Officer Willie L. Wright (BSAST) recently received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. Wright was recognized for his outstanding achievement while serving as an instructor at Nuclear Field A School, Naval Training Center in Orlando, Fla. He was singled out for the award because of his superb initiative and contribution in helping the command fulfill its mission. A 1979 graduate of Dover High School, Wright joined the Navy in August 1980.

'96

Marine Lance Cpl. Troy F. Statton (BSAST) recently completed Naval Aircrew Candidate

School. During the five-week course at Marine Aviation Support Group in Pensacola, Fla., Statton received classroom instruction and hands-on practical training in preparation for further training as an aircrewman on various Marine Corps aircraft. A 1988 graduate of Benedictine Military Institute, Statton

joined the Marine Corps in January 1996.

Ronald E. Bayer (BSHS) of Boulder City, Nev., is currently pursuing a Master's in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix. Bayer, a retired New York City police sergeant, is currently serving as chief of police with the United States Bureau of Reclamation at Hoover Dam. He writes, "I am grateful that Thomas Edison State College recognized that working adults need innovative educational opportunities."

David J. Bengtson (ASM, BSBA) of Ridgefield, N.J., was recently accepted into the Master of Science in Financial Planning program at The College of Financial Planning in Denver, Colo. David has been studying for the CPA examination, and plans to take the CFP (Certified Financial Planner) examination during his graduate studies. Bengtson noted, "The various learning experiences I had at Thomas Edison State College have given me the confidence and tools necessary for this 'distance learning' master's degree program." ❖

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Saturday, Sept. 20, 1997
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