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Foundation director shares vision

Technology and education: a meeting of the minds

by Nina Malone

It all started with an awards ceremony, a Boy Scout uniform and a great acceptance speech. When Dr. James E. Carnes, president and chief operating officer of the David Sarnoff Research Center, heard College President Dr. George A. Pruitt speak at an awards dinner, it was the beginning of his special association with the College.

"I was at the Boy Scouts' dinner to accept an award on behalf of the Sarnoff Research Center," Dr. Carnes began. "There was George Pruitt, Boy Scout uniform and all, accepting his Good Guy award.

"I was highly impressed with Dr. Pruitt and the College," Dr. Carnes added.

Obviously, the feeling was mutual. Dr. Pruitt called Dr. Carnes and asked him to become a member of the Thomas Edison State College Foundation Board of Directors. For Dr. Carnes, it has been an educational experience.

"The more I participate, the more I learn about the College," Dr. Carnes said. "The more I learn about the College, the more impressed I am."

The College was equally impressed with Dr. Carnes, who has walked a stellar road to his current position at the David Sarnoff Research Center in Princeton, N.J. He joined RCA Laboratories in 1969, transferring to RCA's Consumer Electronics Division in Indianapolis in 1977, where he held a variety of management positions. In 1982, he was appointed division vice president of Engineering. He returned to Princeton in 1987 when Sarnoff became a subsidiary of SRI International. He assumed his post as president and COO in 1990 after leaving the position of vice president of Consumer Electronics and Information Sciences Research.

Dr. Carnes received a B.S. in engineering science from Pennsylvania State University. After four years in the U.S. Navy, he earned a Ph.D. in electron device physics from Princeton University. He holds nine patents, has authored more than 85 technical papers and presentations, and is a recipient of the David Sarnoff Award for Outstanding Technical Achievement.

Keeping an eye on "big brother"

"It's an exciting time for the College and for the Sarnoff Center," said Dr. Natale S. Caliendo, vice president for Public Affairs at Thomas Edison State College and executive vice president of the Thomas Edison State College Foundation. "We already reach into students' homes through the CALL Network, bringing students, faculty, mentors and staff together via computers and modems.

"The Sarnoff Center is working on developing technology—like HDTV—that will forever change the way that information is delivered to our homes," Dr. Caliendo continued.



Linda Solitis

HDTV offers a sharply higher quality of television plus much more. It is the merging of computers and television, producing a "smart box" of home communications. According to Dr. Carnes, the movie theater-type screen and quality will be a visual benefit, but not the only benefit.

"I imagine a lot more learning at a distance will take place," he said. "The technology is going to enhance the College's ability to deliver quality education at a distance. Thomas Edison is already doing it through CALL," Dr. Carnes added.

The Sarnoff Center is working as part of the Advanced Television Research Consortium (ATRC), which also includes NBC, Philips, Thomson and Compression Labs Inc., to compete for the U.S. standard for HDTV. ATRC is up against systems by AT&T and Zenith; by General Instrument, which has a HDTV system of its own and one it developed with MIT; and one by NTK of Japan. Sarnoff staff believes that the results have given the edge to the ATRC system.

Developing the virtual classroom

"I envision tremendous applications for education," commented Dr. Carnes. "It will be more interactive. I see a professor having a display screen, with insets of the faces of his distance pupils. In the center of the screen is a worksheet, or film, or experiment. Students would see the same thing," he added.

"With this type of set-up, students can take part in the experiment. They can beep in a question or an answer. It could become a multi-location—or virtual—classroom," Dr. Carnes said.

New generation TVs and emerging digital technology would make hands-on learning and computer-generated simulation possible for students who have chosen to study from a distance in their homes or for those who are home-bound. Dr. Carnes cautioned that technology won't replace traditional colleges for young adults, nor would it become the "only" way to teach.

"I don't believe the way to teach is to put a computer in front of someone," emphasized Dr. Carnes. "Alone, that hasn't worked. Technology's role is to

assist the learning, not replace the teacher."

Supporting the future of education

Dr. Carnes sees the Foundation as a key support system to advancing the cause of distance education. "The Foundation helps the College deal with financial issues, which have become rather severe," he said. "There isn't a college or university that isn't feeling the pinch. If tuitions get out of sight, then you miss the window of opportunity you have for serving your clientele."

His interaction with the Foundation has been positive. "We have a group of enthusiastic, energetic people who will broaden the diversity of the Foundation to benefit the College and its students," Dr. Carnes observed.

The Sarnoff Center's partnership with Thomas Edison State College is a natu-

ral, according to Dr. Carnes. "Business needs to be in partnership with education," he stated. "It is our long-term key to survival and how we maintain the standard of living in our country. We will survive with quality people who have quality training."

No stranger to community service, Dr. Carnes serves on numerous boards and committees, including the executive committee of the Penn State Alumni Association, the board of the Independent College Fund of New Jersey and as campaign chairman of the Princeton Area United Way.

A message of support

Dr. Carnes' respect for the Thomas Edison family is evident in his words and actions. "I have tremendous admiration for Thomas Edison students. Getting a degree as a working adult takes an extra measure of work. I have great admiration for part-timers.

"I'm also very impressed with George Pruitt, the College and the staff. Thomas Edison has a winning combination." His message doesn't stop there, however. As an active Penn State alumnus, Dr. Carnes had an important message for Thomas Edison alumni: don't forget. "Don't forget to support the College," he said. "You're part of the family."

With his many achievements, awards, patents and other kudos, Dr. Carnes indicated that he'd like to be remembered for a simple thing: that he made a difference. "I'd like to be remembered as someone who cared and tried," he added. "Someone who made a difference."

Pearson, O'Neill and Logan bring volunteer spirit to Thomas Edison State College Board of Trustees

by Linda Solitis

"The reward of a thing well done is to have done it." These words by Ralph Waldo Emerson are the essence of the volunteer spirit of the women and men who serve as leaders on the Thomas Edison State College Board of Trustees. Marilyn R. Pearson, Thomas M. O'Neill and Wendy B. Logan, who

were sworn in as new trustees over the last year, joined the 11-member board which endeavors to do just that. They oversee the planning, development and operations of the College.

Pearson is vice president, senior marketing manager for Business Financial Services at Merrill Lynch in New

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Marilyn R. Pearson



Thomas M. O'Neill



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Wendy B. Logan

Thomas Edison State College Foundation Board welcomes new members

by Linda Soltis

It has been an active year for the Board of Directors of the Thomas Edison State College Foundation, with the election of five new members and the appointment of three new liaisons. The members previously featured in *Invention* are Richard W. Arndt, executive vice president and CEO, American Cancer Society; Dr. James E. Carnes, president and CEO, David Sarnoff Research Center; Brad Cerepak, senior audit manager, Price Waterhouse; and Owen O. Freeman, chairman of the board, Commonwealth State Bank.

Featured in this issue are members Donald K. Conover, vice president, Corporate Education and Training with AT&T Contract Service Organization; Alumni Association liaisons Jane Coult, director of Administrative Services, Thomas Edison State College, and Ida B. Hammond, retired, planning associate, New Jersey Department of Education; and Thomas M. O'Neill, liaison representing the Thomas Edison State College Board of Trustees, featured on page 1 in "Pearson, O'Neill and Logan bring volunteer spirit to Thomas Edison Board of Trustees."

After four years as an engineer at General Electric, Conover began his career at AT&T as a planning engineer for Western Electric. Since then he has

held a variety of supervisory positions in engineering and manufacturing. Conover was director of Engineering and Manufacturing at the Hawthorne Works, then director of Corporate Planning, Corporate Staff before assuming his present position. He has an engineering degree from Princeton University and a Master of Science degree in industrial management from M.I.T., where he was awarded a Sloan Fellowship. He has presented papers on management, training and education at numerous conferences and various universities. Presently, Conover is a committee member of the United States Chamber of Commerce Education, Employment and Training, a member of the board of directors of the National Association for Industry-Education Cooperation and a member of The Conference Board, Council on Development, Education and Training.

Coult, who was recently appointed as director of Administrative Services at Thomas Edison State College, has a long history with the College. She earned her Associate in Arts degree from Thomas Edison in 1981 and her Bachelor of Arts degree from the College in 1986. An ardent supporter of the Alumni Association, Coult has served in a number of leadership positions on that board. She is currently the president-elect. Coult also serves on



Donald K. Conover



Jane Coult



Ida B. Hammond

the Advisory Board of the Center for Corporate and Public Partnerships. Prior to her appointment at Thomas Edison, Coult was the deputy director for Central Services at the New Jersey Department of Treasury's General Service Administration. Coult has received a number of awards and honors including the Outstanding Service Award and the Thomas Edison Alumni Merit Award from the College; the President's Award from the Association of Government Accountants (Trenton chapter); and a volunteer award from the Delaware Valley United Way.

Hammond, who retired recently from the New Jersey Department of Education, had worked in the education field for over 23 years. Hammond also has a long affiliation with Thomas Edison State College. After earning her Bachelor of Arts degree from the College in 1978, Hammond continued her association with Thomas Edison through its Academic Council and was a member of the Institutional Self-Study Task Force that prepared for the College's reaccreditation by the Commission on Higher Education, Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. As a member of the Alumni Association,

she has held a number of leadership position including president, president-elect, vice president, Development; vice president, Programs; and director. Hammond received the Outstanding Service Award from the College in 1988 and has appeared in *Who's Who in the East*, *2,000 American Women* and *Who's Who in American Women*.

Pearson, O'Neill and Logan join Board of Trustees

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York. She is responsible for the New England and northeast regions for Custom Design Retirement Plans and Consults Service Marketing. She began her career at Merrill Lynch in the Saginaw, Mich., office in 1980 as a financial consultant. The firm formally recognized her efforts by awarding her membership into the esteemed Merrill Lynch Executive's and President's Club. In October 1983, she was offered the position of senior training consultant for Merrill Lynch in New York. She personally trained over 750 financial consultants and lectured to 1,600 financial consultants annually. She was promoted to the position of assistant vice president, financial consultant training, in 1987. She was the manager of Selection and Development and responsible for aiding the 10 regions of Merrill Lynch in their efforts to recruit and retain qualified financial consultants.

O'Neill is the executive director of the Partnership for New Jersey, an association of corporate CEOs and leaders of nonprofit institutions dedicated to working with government to improve the quality of life in New Jersey. He has a strong leadership background in resolving environmental and other public issues. O'Neill was CEO of the Center for Analysis of Public Issues, a professor of environmental policy-making at Princeton University, and has served on numerous boards and service organizations. He lives in Pennington with his wife Katherine and their three children. O'Neill also serves as the trustee liaison to the Thomas Edison State College Foundation Board.

Logan, of Bernardsville, is vice president of distribution operations for Johnson & Johnson Hospital Services in New Brunswick. Hospital Services is responsible for customer service and the distribution of all Johnson & Johnson medical products in the United States. Logan is on the management board and is responsible for a 350-person organization which includes national customer service and seven distribution centers. She has been with Johnson & Johnson since 1972. She began her career as a management trainee, advancing through numerous customer service and distribution management positions. Logan was one of a small team of people responsible for creating the new company—Johnson & Johnson Hospital Services—for Johnson & Johnson in 1982. That company currently employs 780 people and processes \$1.8 billion in annual sales.

Center for Corporate and Public Partnerships aided award winners

by Linda Soltis

The Arnold Fletcher Award recognizes Thomas Edison State College baccalaureate graduates for exceptional achievement in independent learning. Nine of the 41 Fletcher Award recipients, honored at the College's 20th Commencement in October, were aided by the services of the Center for Corporate and Public Partnerships:

David Bell, Public Service Electric & Gas (PSE&G); Todd Diedrich, Marshfield Savings Bank; Joel Goergen, Connecticut Yankee Atomic; Kenneth Kohler, AT&T; Cecilia Matthews, Blank, Rome, Comisky; James Small, Union Electric; Nancy Infante, East Jersey State Prison; Tim Nellenbach, Omaha Public Power District; and Glenn Parkhurst, PSE&G were among the Center's honorees.

The Center builds organizational partnerships in the service of adult learners and the community through three programs. The Center includes PONSI (Program on Noncollegiate Sponsored Instruction), an evaluation service, which Thomas Edison operates as a field-representative for the American Council on Education. PONSI evaluates formal courses offered by corporations to determine if they are the equivalent of college-level classes.

"I wouldn't have been able to get my degree if there weren't a Thomas Edison State College," said

Joel Goergen a radiation protection specialist at Connecticut Yankee Atomic in Haddam Neck, Conn., who earned 30 credits through PONSI. "I was working full time, and it was difficult to fit classroom instruction into that schedule. I got the PONSI credits for the National Registry of Radiation Protection Technologist exam and did some other testing as well. My degree will open a lot of doors, I wouldn't have been able to advance without it."

The Center's Office of Corporate Programs works with organizations to improve educational services to their employees and provides higher education services at employer or association sites.

"In addition to providing on-site services, we function as educational consultants by designing and delivering programs to meet special client needs," said Iris Saltiel, director of Corporate Programs at Thomas Edison State College.

Four of the award recipients are employed by companies that work through the Office of Corporate Programs to bring the College's services on site.

Kenneth Kohler, a computer programmer at AT&T in Somerset, N.J., progressed more rapidly through his degree program because he participated in AT&T sponsored services. Kohler selected on-site counseling, a workshop in portfolio and on-site testing to complete his degree. He was able to earn 15 PONSI credits, 12 credits through CLEP examination and 38 assessment credits. In addition, he used the

College's Guided Study program and classroom instruction.

"Pat Michlin (training coordinator at AT&T) was instrumental in bringing the Thomas Edison program to AT&T," said Kohler. "It would have taken me much longer to complete my degree if it weren't for the services the College provided on-site. I attended a portfolio assessment workshop, a training session for testing and did the testing right here. In fact, I'd still be working on my degree if it weren't for Thomas Edison."

The Center also includes The Trenton Office of Policy Studies (TOPS), which provides policy development assistance to the city of Trenton.

Students selected as Fletcher Award recipients have demonstrated excellence and have earned a large number of credits using one or more of the nontraditional forms of learning recognized by the College: examinations, correspondence programs, distance learning through the College's Guided Study program, learning via personal computer (CALL Network), evaluation of corporate and military training, assessment of college-level knowledge gained through noncollegiate experience and classroom instruction at other accredited colleges and universities. The award is named in honor of Dr. Arnold Fletcher, vice president for Academic Affairs at Thomas Edison State College from 1973 to 1983.

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Leaders' conference a success; New leaders installed

A meeting of the minds of the Alumni Association of Thomas Edison State College was held at the Scanticon in Princeton on Dec. 5 during the Annual Alumni Leaders' Conference. An orientation breakfast for new Board members, workshops, TEAM (Thomas Edison Alumni Merit) awards presentations and the installation of officers rounded out an intensive—and fun—day.

Dr. Natale S. Caliendo, vice president for Public Affairs at the College, spoke about the state of the College and the role of the alumni as volunteers and advocates for Thomas Edison. Two workshops were also presented: "On Your Mark! Get Set! Go—for the 1,500 Meter Long Range Plan Decathlon!" and "I Said I Would, but I Can't/I Said Yes, but Really Meant No—Accountability/Responsibility and How to Delegate."

TEAM awards, which are presented to alumni who have demonstrated outstanding leadership or management as a chairperson or committee member, went to: Charlotte Cooney '91, Jane Coult '86, Adele Ellis '88, Stephanie Feist '90, Nancy Goehrig '86, Paul A. Hays '89, Ondina Jeffers '82, Eileen Lehman '89, Gail Anne Palatine '91, Marilyn Peterson '91 and Dorothy Ruvel '90.

November Phonathon caps off 1992 fundraising year

The first Alumni Annual Fund Phonathon "round two" held in November resulted in a record number of pledges. In the past, only one Phonathon had been held each year in April. In 1992, two rounds were held, bringing in over \$85,000 in pledges, an all-time high.

The Annual Fund Committee would like to thank the following, who made this Phonathon the "best attended" yet:

Alumni: Jane Coult '86, Celeste Carpiano '91, Cecile Caruso '83, Charlotte L. Cooney '91, Harold Copeland '90, John Costigan '89, Johanna Deighan '92, David Drukaroff '79, Charlotte Gipson '79, Hubert Greaves '91, Donald Groffie '79, Ida B. Hammond '78, Paul A. Hays '89, Ondina A. Jeffers '82, Marilyn Leseke '82, John J. McCann '90, Norman Newbon '75, Gail Anne Palatine '91, Marilyn Peterson '91, David Rizzuto '81, Sally Robertson '87, Dorothy Ruvel '90, Robert Spivey '91, Teresa Stuhlmann '89, Sharon Winn '89, Christopher Wynings '82 and Joyce Zeisler '85.

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Friends of the College: Ira Hays, David Haggerty, Wilfred Jeffers and Joyce Wiley.

One of our best . . .

O. Edwin French

by Linda Soltis



When O. Edwin French decided to get his commercial pilot's license several years ago, it was just another one of those practical decisions. Sure, he could fly off to New Orleans for breakfast or St. Louis for lunch—but when you're a senior executive for a multi-hospital system operating in three states, a pilot's license was just what the doctor ordered.

"It was a fun way to get around," said French, who explained he was with Methodist Health Systems, Inc., in Memphis, Tenn., at the time. "I could visit family, fly to New Orleans for breakfast, anything to put hours in the log. But it was practical too. I would talk to someone at one of the hospitals who was having a problem and they'd be four hours away by car. I'd have the plane pulled out and be there in a hour and a half."

Earning his Associate in Arts degree from Thomas Edison State College in 1974 was another one of those practical decisions according to French. "I felt I needed a stepping-stone at that point in my life," he explained. "It made sense to get some academic credentials and to look to the future. But, I also did it for self gratification."

French is senior vice-president of Dallas-based American Medical International, Inc., a 34-hospital, Fortune 500 health care system that has facilities in 12 states. He has over 20 years of experience as a health care executive of multi-hospital organizations in both investor-owned and nonprofit settings. As senior vice-president of AMI, he is responsible for human resources, quality management and logistical services for the organization that employees 27,000 and operates on \$2.2 billion a year.

A graduate of Southern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science degree in occupational education, personnel management (1976), French attended graduate school at Webster College in St. Louis where he studied health facilities management.

French has authored two books—including *Clinical Ladders For Nurses and Other Healthcare Professionals*, which has been the topic of seminars sponsored by various hospital organizations—and professional journal articles. He has consulted and lectured extensively throughout the United States, including the University of Colorado's graduate program in health administration and Memphis State University graduate program in nursing. He has been sponsored by nine state hospital associations for management seminars.

Prior to becoming a member of the senior management team of AMI, he was executive vice-president of the Samaritan Foundation, Phoenix, one of the largest health care organizations in the Southwest. Over the past decade, he has consulted in hospitals in organization development, strategic and business planning, business diversification and human resources. He was one the early pioneers of a process for developing clinical ladders for nursing and other health professionals.

French and his wife, Esther, of Dallas, have two grown children. They are planning to celebrate their upcoming 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to Egypt and a cruise on the Nile River.

When asked what his Thomas Edison degree did for him, French responded that it was instrumental in his advancement in the health care field. Without it, he said, he wouldn't have been able to effectively compete for the position that launched his career.

The following were installed as the 1993 Board of Directors of the Alumni Association:

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'78

Jane Bradshaw (B.A.) of Titusville, Pa., graduated from Episcopal Hospital School of Nursing, January 1992. She passed her Nursing Boards in July. Bradshaw writes, "I couldn't have done it without Thomas Edison State College."

'82

Joyce Stecher (B.A.) of Lewes, Del., is attending graduate school at the University of Delaware, working toward a M.A. in Liberal Studies.

'86

Joseph P. Linskey (BSHS) of North Brunswick, N.J., who received his M.Ed. from Seton Hall University in 1988, began working on his Ed.D. at Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in January. "It all began at [Thomas] Edison," Linskey writes.

'87

Eric S. Pennington, Esq. (BSBA) of Newark, N.J., recently graduated from Rutgers School of Law in Newark. After passing both the New York and New Jersey bar examinations, Pennington joined the New York law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, as one of the 300 associates in the 450 attorney firm. Furthermore, Pennington has been chosen to be one of the three law clerks for the Honorable Chief Justice Robert N. Wilentz of the New Jersey Supreme Court for the 1993-94 term. Upon completion of that prestigious clerkship on the

State's highest court, Pennington will clerk for the Honorable Damon J. Keith for a year on the Sixth Circuit United States Court of Appeals in Detroit, Mich. According to Pennington, earning a Thomas Edison degree has become a family affair. "My brother Scott is also a graduate of Thomas Edison, and two of my other siblings, Daryl and Lysa, are currently enrolled," writes Pennington.

'88

Joan E. Menziatti (BSBA) of Pittsburgh, Pa., was recently promoted to assistant vice president in the Investment Management and Trust division of Pittsburgh National Bank, where she has managed investment portfolios for many years.

Cynthia J. Pino (BSBA) of Milltown, N.J., a senior office systems analyst with Johnson & Johnson Finance Corporation, recently received her MBA from Rider College and completed requirements to become a Certified Management Accountant (CMA) at the Institute of Management Accountants. Pino serves on the Board of Directors of the Raritan Valley Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants. She has been accepted as a graduate student at Stevens Institute of Technology and will pursue a Master of Science in Technology Management. "My accomplishments, both academic and professional, are a direct result of the educational opportunities afforded to me via Thomas Edison," Pino writes. The sense of accomplishment and personal pride I felt when I received my degree in 1988 gave me a renewed sense of purpose and commitment to move forward and reach even higher goals. I am excited about beginning my second graduate degree this spring at Stevens, and plan to pursue post-graduate studies upon completion of this degree."

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Please include your daytime phone number, Thomas Edison degree(s) earned and year of graduation. Rest assured that your news will be published as soon as possible; however, due to our quarterly publication schedule, it may not appear in the next issue.

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