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NEWARK, N.J. -- New Jersey's largest engineering institution will award its first Robert W. Van Houten Award for Excellence in Teaching tonight to a professor of English who has been with NCE since 1946.

Presentation of the Newark College of Engineering award will take place at the College's annual Founders Day program to be held this evening at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark.

Receiving the first award, which is named for NCE's president, Dr. Robert W. Van Houten, will be Dr. Herman A. Estrin of Scotch Plains. Presenting the award on behalf of the College and the NCE Alumni Association will be John Petro, past president of the association.

The Van Houten award came into being last Fall when the NCE Alumni Association established the recognition to honor the man who has been the College's chief administrative officer for the past 23 years.

According to the alumni association recognizing Dr. Van Houten in this manner defines "his vital role in setting and sustaining the calibre of engineering education at Newark College of Engineering." In addition to a citation each recipient of a Van Houten Award will receive a recognition award of \$1,000.

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Born and raised in North Plainfield, Estrin earned his degrees at Drew University and at Teachers College of Columbia University. He is a nationally-known figure in the fields of college teaching, English education, and collegiate journalism.

The author of more than 250 articles on aspects of college teaching, he has served as an officer and active participant in numerous professional and honorary societies on a state- and national-level.

At NCE he has previously served as executive associate of NCE's department of English, has taught all levels of English, acted as class adviser for 18 classes, is the adviser to all student publications, and helped devise the extra-curricular programs for NCE's students. He has also taught graduate courses and supervised courses in the College's Division of Technology.

Estrin has served a four-year term as president of the New Jersey Association of Teachers of English and organized the annual Teachers-Writers conference held each year at NCE. He is past president of three organizations: the National Council of College Publication Advisers, of the Greater New York Regional College English Association, and of Pi Delta Epsilon, the national honorary journalism fraternity. He has served on the Governor's Literature Committee of the Commission to Study the Arts in New Jersey and is called upon by other institutions as a consultant in establishing English programs.

He is the author of nine books, the latest of them How Many Roads?, The 70's.

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