

President's Message:
Conference Issue
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Greetings, fellow members of ISETA. I sincerely hope that each of you managed to get some "down time" this summer and that this message finds each of you in good health and good spirits. May your respective fall semesters prove to be personally rewarding and academically enriching.

This pre-conference issue of *Connexions* serves to highlight ISETA 2002 scheduled for October 24th through 26th in beautiful downtown Pittsburgh. The opportunity to renew old acquaintances, make many new friends, and enrich my professional repertoire of classroom techniques at the annual ISETA conference is always a highlight of the fall semester. I sincerely hope that each of you will be able to join us. And don't forget to register for the Friday evening dinner cruise – a great meal, beautiful scenery, and great companionship. Don't forget that all work and no play makes both Jack and Jill dull teachers.

To get you in the conference mood, may I be so bold as to recommend two recently published books: Richard Light's *Making the Most of College*, which serves as a not-so-gentle reminder of what matters in school from the student perspective; and Maryellen Weimer's *Learner-Centered Teaching*, which offers a wealth of both theoretical advice and practical tips for keeping the focus on our students' learning. They are two excellent reads that were the focus of my summer professional reading.

Once again, please do join us at ISETA 2002 in Pittsburgh for both professional and spiritual renewal as we learn from each other how to enhance our students' learning and rediscover for ourselves what it means to be a teacher.

Warmly,

Bruce Saulnier, 24th President
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