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Chairman's Message

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50 Years and Counting

JP Amiel - Awards Chair

ver the last fifty years, we have seen a growing change in customer expectations in all areas of industry. This has meant industry has responded by better quality products and improving customer service.

meant rethinking the way we do business in many areas of the company. Through these many years, ASQC has gathered leaders and thinkers, and maintained a forum where these ideas could be

following words for a moment—100% inspection, should be the event of the season. MIL-STD-105, Deming, Statistical I hope to see you there

Assurance, Feigenbaum, Total Quality control, Ishikawa, CSA Z-299, Pareto, AQAP, Continuous Process Improvement, Kaizan, ISO-9000, Selfdirected Teams, QS-9000. What do the next fifty years have in store for the quality individuals?

Simply said, ASQC is marking its golden anniversary and your section is organizing a celebration.

On the program, we have invited Mr. Michel DAVID, vice-president of quality at Pratt & Whitney, who will explain his views on how "You've that to keep their customers, most of the got to be crazy to be in quality" and this should be a very interesting presentation.

We will also have present, many of the This change has not been an easy one. It has Section's past Chairpersons to tell us the part they have played in this "quality movement". If my experiences are any indication, they should have quite a few good stories to tell.

So don't be shy. Come and meet the individuals, like yourself, who have, and still are, Take a moment and reminisce over the contributing to the advancement of quality. This

Process Control, MIL-Q-9858, DND-1015, Quality FEBRUARY EVENT WHAT: ASQC celebrates its 50th birthday on 16 February 1996. We will celebrate the on the 13 February 1996. There will be cake, anecdotal stories from some our section's past chairpersons and we will also have a talk "You've got to be crazy to be in quality", A dinner talk by Michel David, Vice-President of Quality, Pratt A study of recent research on social behavior indicates that the principals upon which ISO-9000 Quality System Standards are based might be counter-cultural to North American values and training. At the same time, customer satisfaction studies now indicate that your most loyal customers are the ones that have had problems with you in the satisfaction studies now indicate that your most loyal customers are the ones unat have had problems satisfaction studies now indicate that your most loyal customers are the ones unat have had problems. The presentation will elaborate on these two principals and other interesting facts, that when all taken together past. The presentation will elaborate on these two principals and other interesting facts, that when all taken together past. The presentation will elaborate on these two principals and other interesting facts, that when all taken together past. The presentation will elaborate on these two principals and other interesting facts, that when all taken together past. WHEN: February 13, 1996, 18h00. WHERE: Dorval Airport Hilton. Paola L. Hawa, Chair of Programs and Arrangements, to confirm your participation or to get more information at CONTACT: (514) 695-5541. **DEADLINE:** Receipt to RSVP by Friday, February 9, 1996. This event will cost \$25.00 and includes a hot an cold buffet. NOTE: payment by cash or check at the door. COST:

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It Quacks Like a Duck

REPRINT - Management Review, September 1995, article by Martha H. Peak

This is the forth and final part of a continuing four- part series on quality in the classroom.

uality management may differ across the school districts that are using it, but the basic concept of using statistical tools to uncover and resolve school problems remains constant and sets TQM educational processes apart.

By the broadest measure, the concept of providing the worker/student with the overall aim of the business/school, and then providing the tools, techniques and training to help him or her suggest improvements to the business or school, follows the Deming formula.

But consider the different environment in which classroom-based TQM takes place. Most businesses in this country that are making strides with statistical quality processes are doing so in an environment that promotes change and risk-taking. Yet public school principals are unable to choose their students or teachers, schools exist in a hard-line unionized and tenured environment, the student body has an optimum 25 percent annual turnover and, most important, public school students are a captive audience that cannot always be expected to but into the intrinsic, long-term aim or education as defined by quality educators.

Perhaps the biggest boost that quality processes can offer education is a new paradigm for looking at an ongoing problem. According to quality thinking, the

people and students involved in the school system are okay; it's the processes that are at fault. "Replacing [Captain] Hazelwood would not have stopped the Exxon Valdez accident," consultant and author Peter Scholtes told attendees at the Albuquerque conference. His message: We've got to stop looking for scapegoats and make tough decisions needed to fix our educational system.

"Americans have a certain genius for figuring out what to do when faced with a problem," Dobyns said. "Until we change education, no other change matters. Without quality in education we cannot possibly have quality in the rest of society." o

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Main Event: "You've got to be crazy to be in quality", A dinner talk by Michel David, Vice-President of Quality, Pratt & Whitney.

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