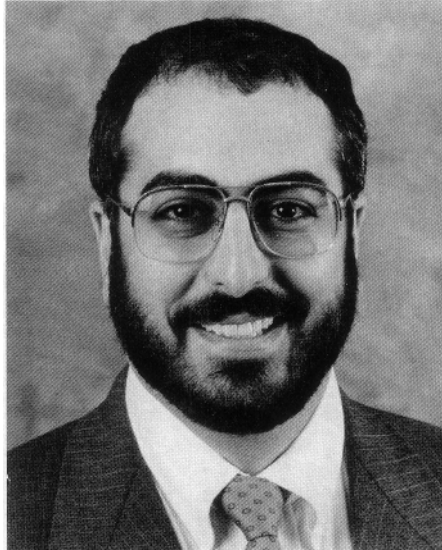


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*New Trustee: Edward M. Esber, Jr.*

Edward M. Esber, Jr. , had flown in from Torrance, California, to attend the annual meeting. While he is the most recently appointed trustee—and, at thirty-six, the youngest board member—his relationship with CWRU is almost twenty years old. In 1974, he received the Bachelor of Science degree from CIT, with a major in computer engineering. He later received a master's degree in electrical engineering and the MBA from Syracuse and Harvard universities, respectively.

Mr. Esber is chairman and chief executive officer of Ashton-Tate Corporation in Torrance. An emerging leader in its field, Ashton-Tate publishes data-base software for personal computers. Among its well-known products is the best-selling dBase program.

"When [President Agnar Pytte] came out to Los Angeles, we talked," said Mr. Esber of the sequence of events that led to his appointment to the board. "I told him that of the three schools I attended, I had worked the hardest and gotten the most out of Case Western Reserve . . . I wanted to see the University continue to enhance its reputation." Mr. Esber is interested in serving on the board's academic affairs and student life committees. "At the annual meeting, I sat in on sessions of those two committees, and I almost felt I had been on the board for a long time. The other trustees made me feel very comfortable."

By addressing himself to the concerns of students both in and out of the classroom, Mr. Esber believes he can help the University to "build its stature. Case Western Reserve can become one of the top five schools in certain fields." —R. H.