

Commanding the Guard

As a senior at Trenton State College, Gene Chojnacki was planning to teach industrial arts in high school. But it was 1967, and the Vietnam War was heating up, and when two Air Force recruiters interrupted him walking through Phelps Hall one day that spring, he warmed to their words about pilot training and enlisted.

It was a natural choice for him. "I've always been very patriotic," he said. "I grew up in a bar my parents owned in Berlin, where the conversation often was about the country and the military." He enjoyed several leadership roles in college and was on the varsity track squad, so the idea of being an Air Force officer and pilot was attractive.

After six years of flying—including one in what may be the most dangerous job of all, special operations helicopter pilot—he left with the rank of captain and entered private business. At Merrill-Lynch in Lawrenceville, he plied the investment trade while earning an MBA on the side. After a few years, he was tempted to follow the money to New York, but instead took an offer to return to the military in a non-flying job with

the New Jersey Air National Guard. Instead of commuting to Manhattan every day, he and his wife, Barbara, opted for working and living near the Jersey Shore.

Today, 37 years, 18 duty assignments, and more than a dozen major military awards after his enlistment, soon-to-be Maj. Gen. Eugene J. Chojnacki commands the 2,500 men and women who are the New Jersey Air National Guard. Together they comprise the 177th Fighter Interceptor Wing (with 18 F-16 fighters) at Atlantic City International Airport, and the 108th Air Refueling Wing (with 20 KC-135 tankers) at McGuire Air Force Base near his Ft. Dix headquarters.

Whereas yesterday's Air National Guard was primarily a strategic reserve, now more than ever it's an operational force, Chojnacki said. Recently, 300 of his people joined an "air expeditionary force" to the Middle East for duty in Iraq, and its refueling aircraft routinely support regular Air Force missions worldwide.

Chojnacki said his major challenges now are need to modernize the state's aging fighter fleet, and to enlist new recruits in time of deep international uncertainty. He and Barbara have two sons and a daughter, the latter a sophomore at Penn State. They live in Seaville in Cape May County.



Gene Chojnacki '67



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'40 Reunion Class

Last spring we had a long letter from Richard Conover (E), who brought us up to date with an extraordinary friendship he and several other alumni have maintained since graduating. Others in this group were the late Bernard Reed (E), who married Dorothy Deller '38 (E); the late Walter Cooper (E), who married Audrey Bovie '39 (E); and the late Louis Serotkin, '36 (E).

What made the relationship so unusual was that for nearly 60 years these four men and their wives remained especially close. All went into education, although some had other job experiences as well; all were happily married for over 50 years; all had two children; and for most their adult lives before retirement all had dinner together once a month, even including their children as they grew into adulthood.

Today only Richard survives among the men, along with Reed's wife, Dorothy; Cooper's wife, Audrey; and Serotkin's wife, Bea.

In his letter, Richard recalled that Serotkin had entered the State Normal School in Trenton in 1932 and relocated to the Ewing campus in 1933. After graduating, he married Beatrice Feinberg and began teaching in his hometown of Dover. During World War II, he left for the Army. Later he worked for the Veterans Administration before returning to Dover and teaching. In 1975 he and Bea retired to Florida.

Conover, Reed, and Cooper spent all four years living in Bliss Hall, the one men's residence hall at the time. Bernie Reed went on to teach in Pennington and Morristown before coming back to Trenton State College as director of admissions from 1958 until his retirement in 1977.

Walter Cooper taught business education in Phillipsburg and in New York before leaving to join RCA for most of his career. He worked in New Jersey and Illinois, while his wife, Audrey, taught for a number of years, and was a close golfing, shopping, and lunching friend of Conover's wife, Marie, who died in 2003.

Dick Conover, who had majored in health and physical education, taught in Burlington and Milburn schools, spent time in the Army, and retired as a junior high school principal in 1980. He and Marie moved to Emerald Isle, NC, where they hosted reunions of the four couples in later years, and joined others of the group at retirement homes in Florida.

"Even though four of our group have left in body," Dick wrote, "their spirit is still quite alive. Hopefully others will enjoy hearing this story of casual college meetings, which have led to over 60 years of wonderful family get-togethers and countless hours of love, laughter, joy, concern for others and, more



The four couples discussed in a letter from Dick Conover '40 gathered in 1984 in Florida. From left on couches are Lou Serotkin '36, Walter '40 and Audrey Cooper '39, Marie Conover, Bea Serotkin, and Dorothy Reed '38; on the floor are Dick Conover and Bernie Reed '40.

recently, sadness as well as sorrow. We have been truly blessed by our meetings and concern for each other."

'48

Rose Davolio Antelmann (E), and her husband, Heinz, have been living in Daytona Beach, FL, since 1981, when she retired after 33 years teaching business courses at the Highbridge High School. In Florida, she continued to teach another five years. Rose had master's degrees in business education from Columbia and in guidance and counseling from Rider University. They travel twice yearly to Germany and Europe to visit his relatives.

Major General George J. Betor (E), had a full career with the Marine Corps in World War II, the Army National Guard in Korea, teaching at Burlington High School, and as Superintendent of Schools in Monroe Township and Woodbridge. He retired in 1983, but maintains close contact with the College. Each year he organizes a week-long reunion on the Jersey Shore for former health and physical education majors. This year's event, the 56th Consecutive Annual Class of 1948 Reunion was held at the Reges Oceanfront Resort in Wildwood Crest. To Betor, everyone is welcome, and a few from other majors and classes, plus relatives and friends, always show up. George and his wife, Ernestine, have lived in the same house in Ewing for 46 years. A picture of all those who could be rounded up at the time is on page 43.

'61

George F. Korn (AS) and **Richard A. Kemble '72 (E)** were married at their Nantucket home on May 20, three days after same sex marriage became legal in Massachusetts. The two have been companions for 40 years.

Bill Wagner (EN) was featured by *The Courier Post* in an article on the Hot Stovers, an over-48 men's baseball team in South Jersey. At 65, Wagner genuinely enjoys playing and is still considered a capable hitter, center fielder and the "unquestionable leader" of the Stovers, according to teammate Pat Jacobucci. The paper quotes Wagner as saying, "I still get a big charge out of catching a line drive off the bat of the No. 3 hitter and sending him back to the dugout with his head down. That's what it's all about." Among more than 38 titles, the team has won three consecutive West Jersey League championships in the over-48 Men's Senior Baseball League. Bill is a longtime assistant coach of the University of Pennsylvania's baseball team, and is a member of TCNJ's Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame.

'63

Margaret Heisler Moyer (B), '77 (MEd), and her husband, **Dennis N. '78 (MEd)**, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on August 3, 2003. A luncheon celebration was hosted by their daughter, **Alison Moyer Gray '94 (AS)** and her husband, Gary. Present were family, friends, and their two grandchildren: Alexander, 3, and Elizabeth, 2. Margaret retired as assistant director of human resources at TCNJ in July 2002, after working at the College for 25 years. She and Dennis live in Crosswicks.

'67

Andrew Robert Furlong (EN), '75 (MEd) was named Teacher of the Year for 2003-04 at Watchung Hills Regional High School where he has been teaching industrial arts for 37 years. A resident of Bridgewater, he's been an amateur radio operator for more than 45 years, and for a time worked in the electronics and broadcasting industries. At school, he's

shared his interest in ham radio with his students, some of whom have gone into careers in radio and electronics, and has taught ham radio classes and served as an adviser to the school's robotics team.

'68

Constance Alexander (AS) reports from home in Murray, KY, she has won the 2004 Writers Exchange Contest sponsored by Poets and Writers, which is said to be the nation's largest nonprofit literary association. Her winning entry was part of a novel in progress called *Thirty-One Fat Ladies on a Bus*. As winner of the competition, she was to receive an all-expense trip to New York City, where she will meet with agents and writers, and give a public reading of her work. Connie is a playwright, poet, and newspaper columnist and these days is working on an opera with composer Jeremy Beck.

'71

Thomas Pacia (AS) is the deputy clinical administrator at the Ann Klein Forensic Center in West Trenton, the only forensic psychiatric hospital serving the entire state, where he supervises a staff of 239. He and his registered nurse wife, Mary, have two children and three grandchildren. Tom keeps himself in shape with a membership in TCNJ's Physical Enhancement Center.

'72

Kathleen Bransfield (AS), an eighth-grade teacher at St. Anthony's School in Hamilton, recently was named a national Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year. She was honored as part of Teacher Appreciation Week and received a \$1,000 educational grant from the Wal-Mart/Sam's Club Foundation to benefit her school. Kathleen, of Hamilton, cried when she learned of the honor. "I was extremely proud, we work as a family here," said Kathleen who has been teaching at St. Anthony's for 32 years and is a graduate of the parochial school. St. Anthony's principal, Sister Angela Presenza, described her "as an outstanding Christian educator who continues to inspire and motivate faculty and students."

Marilyn Manning (B) has opened a restaurant in Montauk, NY, that she says offers "beautiful sunsets and great local seafood." The After Fishing Bar and Grill is the name, and it's open from May to November, serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner from its location in a Montauk marina. She has a partner, Paul Roman, who serves as executive chef.

Terri Maria Martinac (E), '73 (MEd) recently was promoted to grants manager in the Fiscal Control Bureau of the NJ Division of State Police. She was formerly chief of the State

Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy with the NJ Division of Criminal Justice. Theresa is also a member of the TCNJ Alumni Association Executive Board. Having taught grant writing seminars in the past, Theresa is writing a book on the subject.

'76

David W. Fry (B) was appointed senior vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer of Flushing Financial Corporation, where he has worked since 1998 as vice president and controller. Flushing Financial Corporation is the holding company for Flushing Savings Bank, which has 11 banking offices in Queens, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Bronx, and Nassau County. Prior to his work at Flushing Financial, David held senior financial management positions at Home Federal Savings Bank, Anchor Savings Bank, and City Federal Savings Bank. David and his wife, Harriett, live in Bloomingdale, NJ.

'80 Reunion Class

We are deeply saddened to report the death of **Kathleen Robinson (AS)** at the age of 46. According to newspaper reports, Kathleen, a social worker at Burlington County Board of Social Services, was found dead in her Lumberton home July 30. The Burlington County prosecutor's office has charged her son, Wiley Smith, with her murder, and said Smith suffers from a bipolar mental condition.

William D. Ronayne (E) is a planning manager for U.S. Filter in Vineland. Bill and his wife, Carolyn, live in Marlton with their three children: Patrick, 12; Jack 7; and Siobhan, 5. A former soccer player in college, Bill now coaches his two sons in soccer and baseball, as well as his daughter's soccer team this fall. Bill reports, "Last fall Patrick's soccer team won the championship in their league. That was a great moment for me." His son's best friend, Nicky DiFlorio, was also on the winning team with him. Nicky's mom, it turns out, is **Patricia Maggio DiFlorio '82 (B)**. Bill also coaches his son Jack's soccer and baseball teams with **Bill Rapp '84 (B)**. He hopes to see many of his classmates at their 25th reunion next fall.

'81

William E. Niess (B) came back to campus for the TCNJ Sesquicentennial Torch Run Relay in September, and while confirming him for the event, we also learned he's working as a program analyst for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. He provides internal consulting and advice to TSA senior managers and executives on issues from program performance to sharing of management information across the administration. Prior to

joining the TSA in 2003, he worked for 10 years as an independent management consultant with firms such as Booz Allen & Hamilton, DynCorp, and American Management Systems. Then for two years he joined Verizon Communications as a group manager in its information technology organization, supervising a team of 42 specialists. He has an eight-year-old son, Will, and lives in Ashburn, a new community in Loudoun County, VA, with his wife, Tracy Lynn Williams.

'84

Craige Champion (AS), has been in the news for several reasons this year. He's been teaching in the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University since the fall of 2001, focusing on his special interest of ancient Greek democracy and republican Rome. This year he was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor in the university's history department. Early this year, a book he edited, *Roman Imperialism: Readings and Sources*, was published by Oxford: Blackwell, and in August the University of California Press released his *Cultural Politics in Polybius's Histories*, a major analysis of this early historian's works. (See the College Bookshelf on page 37.) Add to this a steady stream of articles and reviews for scholarly journals, as well as presentations in his field at international conferences in Moscow and Athens, and it is understandable that during the spring of 2004 he would win the Daniel Patrick Moynihan Award as the Most Outstanding Junior Faculty Member in the Maxwell



The 56th Class of 1948 Reunion

Front row, from left: Marion Ansley Espil Nofer (E), Nicholas Kuchova (E), Marjorie E. Ring (E), Doris Hachenberg Genton (E), and Shirley J. Ritchie (E). Second row: Bette Blauvelt Hill '49 (E), Bill Staub (E), Kay Hoagland, Hope F. Reynolds (E), Ernestine Betor, Otto Hintz, Audrey Harris Kuchova (E), Lillian Billings Worth '49 (E), Ray T. Hoagland (E), George J. Betor (E), Lauretta Adams Johnson (E), Pauline St. George Brown (AS), Lorraine Schuckhaus Hintz (E), and Bernard R. Johnson (AS).

School. Craige lives near the university in DeWitt, NY, with his wife, Martina, and their two daughters, Laura, 13, and Maya, 11.

'86

Janet Gauss (AS) in May received her doctorate in cellular, molecular, and biophysical studies from Columbia University. She is now a postdoctoral fellow at Columbia, doing research on appetite and obesity.

'87

Nancy Stafford (B) received the LLM, with distinction from Georgetown University Law Center, May 2003, after earning her JD from DePaul University College of Law in 2000 and has since been practicing Human Rights Law for a few years. After spending a year in Hong Kong with an organization there, she is now grants administrator and senior legal research analyst at the International Women's Human Rights Clinic at the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC. There she works with four African non-governmental organizations (Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda, and Nigeria). Nancy is the proud owner of a "cute condo" in the Del Ray section of the District.

'91

Mark Falzini (AS) continues in his role as the archivist for the New Jersey State Police Museum and Learning Center in West Trenton, where he lives. However, this year he brought to completion a major project: a book of letters and photographs from a family of his

relatives living in occupied Germany immediately after World War II. (See the College Bookshelf on page 37.). Over the years Mark has become probably the leading world authority on the Lindbergh kidnapping of 1932, and the subsequent Hauptmann Trial. He oversees the original investigative files, and over 250,000 documents in the museum; has worked closely with authors, historians, and film crews over the years; and has appeared in several television documentaries on the subject. In his spare time he's the pipe major of the Cairngorm Pipes and Drums of Bucks County, PA, which is in high demand for special events in the region.

'92

Nancy Hommey Clarke (B) has been promoted to director of Web infrastructure and development services at Merck & Co. based in Whitehouse Station. In her new role, Nancy will be focusing on the continued support of Web application hosting for Merck's 1,200 Internet and intranet applications. Prior to joining Merck in 1991, Nancy spent two years at Dow Jones as a senior programmer and database administrator. Nancy lives in Whitehouse Station.

Gregory J. Jackson (AS) is director of operations at Buffalo's Franchise Concepts Inc. (BFCI), franchisor of Buffalo's Southwest Café restaurants, each of which is decorated with western memorabilia and hundreds of period photographs lining rustic wooden walls. Jackson is responsible for operations in all eight corporate restaurants, including staffing, vendor relationships/contracts, budgeting, and sales management. Jackson has 13 years of restaurant and food service experience, having held general manager positions for Champps Entertainment, Inc., the franchisor of Champps Restaurant & Bar; Fado Irish Pub Company; and Galaxy Development Group (d.b.a. Dave & Buster's). A native of Philadelphia, Jackson lives in Cumming, GA, with his wife, Melissa, and newborn son Dylan.

Dino Pettinelli (E), '99 (MEd) and his wife, Carolyn, were wed in December 2003 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alpha where they live. Both now work for the Parsippany Troy-Hills School District in Morris County. Dino teaches music and Carolyn teaches special education. Dino also serves as president of the Alpha Board of Education.

Stephen Rivera (E) sent in a nice letter bringing us up to date with his adventures in business since graduation. A transfer from North Carolina State University, Steve was a national championship wrestler here, and hoped to find a career in sports administration after graduation. He was looking for more

Spotswood knows his name

Frank Yusko '73 goes way above and beyond his teaching duties at Spotswood High School. Frank—or as Karl Martin, the town's chief of police, calls him, "Mr. Spotswood"—not only teaches U.S. history and criminal justice, he formed the school history club and advises its Octagon Community Service Club. He has many awards for outstanding service to the town and has traveled twice with grants and scholarships to study in Europe and Israel.

Not bad for a man who's had multiple sclerosis for 20 years.

Spotswood Mayor Barry Zagnit says, "When you see the enthusiasm that is generated from his students and how they enjoy his classes, you can see that he's an excellent teacher."

Frank loves his students. He says his greatest accomplishment is the 7,000 young people he has dealt with. At a recent Christmas party for the mentally handicapped, he said, "I watched my kids and turned to the teacher next to me and said, 'it's times like these that make me think we have the best job in the world.'"

With MS taking its toll, Frank has been in a wheelchair for three years now, but he has high hopes as he tries new treatments. His principal, Peter Karycki, who hired Frank 13 years ago, says of his work, "he doesn't miss a beat."

He received the Patriotic Citizen Award for turning local land, with the help of his students, into a veterans' memorial playground. He has served as a volunteer



Frank Yusko

firefighter, and was even named grand marshal of the town parade for the last two years. Frank also wrote the state Holocaust/Genocide curriculum guide and, thanks to his contributions, Spotswood High School was named America's first high school WWII Commemorative Community by the Department of Defense in 1992. Spotswood may be a small community, but its 7,880 people have a big heart, showing their love and respect for Frank by raising over \$12,000 for MS research in his honor. As Chief Martin says, "If someone in town doesn't know who Frank Yusko is, I don't know where they've been."

Jessica Dietz '05

financial stability than he found in that line of work, so after a time in sales with a Connecticut company, returned to help run his family's company in Jackson. Now, as acting president of WRCA, a 25-year-old computer network hardware resale firm, he's been able to boost sales by 200 percent in the past 10 years. The company employs eight people and operates from a 6,000-square-foot facility in the Jackson Business Center.

Still, wrestling is a big part of Steve's life. In addition to operating the family business, he owns "Elite Wrestling," a club for serious young wrestlers with a practice gym on the property of his home in Jackson, where he

lives with his wife, Melissa, and children: Sebastian, 5, and Jade, 3. Steve hires experienced wrestlers and wrestling coaches as needed from a pool of about 20 in the region, to give individual and group lessons to some 50 boys. Also, he has a joint venture with another club, Matrats, Inc., which brings in another 125 youngsters, mostly between five and 18 years of age. Steve does a good deal of coaching himself. Practice sessions all are at night, and Steve schedules programs, tournaments, and practices three nights a week during the school year, plus one night a week in June and July.

'93

Augusta J. Pistilli (AS) at 33 is the youngest president in the history of the Gloucester County Bar Association. She oversees the bar's annual projects such as the Red Cross Blood Drive, Mock Trial competition, Law Day event and the Children's Breakfast, which was held last Christmas for more than 220 foster children. Augusta graduated from Widener School of Law in 1996, and clerked for Gloucester County State Superior Court Judge John S. Holston, Jr. for a year. She then joined the Woodbury law firm of Holston, MacDonald and Uzdavinis, where she handles mostly real estate matters, wills and commercial collection cases. She also serves as municipal prosecutor for East Greenwich Township, Swedesboro, and Clayton. Augusta has coached the Deptford High School Mock Trial team for five years, serves on the Gloucester County Chapter Board of Directors of the American Red Cross, and each Christmas adopts a family through the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation. She lives in Laurel Springs with her husband, Warren Beakley, a superintendent at the municipal golf course in Washington Township. They married in June and took a honeymoon cruise to Alaska.

Anthony L. Velasquez (AS), a Hamilton resident, has joined the West Windsor law firm Pellettieri, Rabstein & Altman where he will practice commercial litigation and business law. Prior to joining the firm, he practiced with Kaplin, Stewart in Haddonfield and Hill, Wallack in West Windsor. He also is on the board of the administrative law section of the New Jersey State Bar Association, teaches business law as an adjunct professor at TCNJ, and serves as a commissioner on the Hamilton Township Board of Assessment.

'94

Barbara J. Carr (MEd) was one of four outstanding New Jersey secondary school teachers to be honored by Princeton University with an award of \$5,000, as well as \$2,500 for their school library. Barbara has taught language arts since 1994 at Round Valley Middle School in Lebanon. A Princeton news release said she has helped lead efforts to create an integrated language arts and social studies program at Round Valley and to implement innovative teaching strategies such as "learning stations" with activities differentiated by students' readiness level, learning style, and interest. Her contributions have led to steady improvement in Round Valley students' performance in literacy assessment tests. Just three years after arriving at Round Valley, Barbara won the school's teacher of the year award. Among many school activities, she has served as coach for

Round Valley's girls' volleyball and softball teams. Barbara did her undergraduate work at Rutgers University and lives in Skillman.

Stephen Halpert (AS) wrote recently to report he "and Rich Lau are happy to announce their marriage on March 12, 2004, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada." They had been scheduled to marry in San Francisco on March 12; however, on March 11 the California Supreme Court placed a stay on same sex marriages in San Francisco, and later the 4,037 marriages that were performed were invalidated by the same court. Undeterred, they were able to make last-minute travel plans to Vancouver, arrange for a British Columbia marriage license, and schedule a ceremony with a marriage commissioner. And so it was that "Dr. Stephen Halpert and Rich Lau were married on March 12 in Vancouver, on the day they had originally planned."

Steve later brought us up to date a little, explaining that having been a psychology major in college, he went on eventually to complete post-doctoral study at the University of California. He and Rich, a global compensation manager with a consumer products firm in the Bay Area, now live in Oakland. Steve is in private practice part time as a clinical psychologist in Berkeley and also works at New Leaf Services, an agency in the Castro district of San Francisco that offers mental health services in the (primarily) LGBT community.

Cindy LaGreca Sarwate (AS) works in the Hispanic Center of Excellence at the University of Illinois at Chicago's College of Medicine, where she is a grant writer and curriculum developer. She and her husband, Sanjiv, an intellectual property attorney, live in Chicago.

'95

Tara Schiavo Fuchs (AS), '97 (MEd) received her doctorate in audiology from the University of Florida in August. Her husband, **Glenn '93** (AS) is assistant studio manager at Princeton Graphics Corp. They became first-time parents of a baby girl, Abigail Louise, in October, and live in Brick.

Usman Nabi (AS) recently graduated from Temple University's School of Pharmacy with a master's in quality assurance and regulatory affairs. Since graduating from the College, he has been working for Merck & Co. and after positions as a manufacturing associate, a biotechnician helping manufacture Haemophilus Influenzae vaccine, a chemist, and a manufacturing supervisor, he has joined Merck's Biotraining Team. He lives in Lansdale, PA.

Michaella Torre Sullivan (AS) is an account coordinator for Moran Printing, a commercial

printing company in Florida with customers such as American Express, Tupperware, Walt Disney World, Chase Manhattan Bank, and Boston Market Corporation. Her husband, Brian, is the art director for a wakeboard and water ski boat manufacturer, Correct Craft, Inc. in Florida. Michaella and Brian recently married in Orlando and spent their honeymoon on Oahu and Kauai, HI. The newlyweds live in Windermere, FL, with their two black labs.

'96

Matthew C. Errico (AS) and **Gabrielle Carbone Errico** '98 (E) met as undergraduates at TCNJ and now own and operate The Bent Spoon ice cream shop on Palmer Square in Princeton. They were delighted this fall to help celebrate TCNJ's Sesquicentennial by creating a new ice cream based on the suggestions from students, alumni, and the public, in a "Name That Flavor" contest. The entrepreneurial couple live in Princeton.

Eric Martins (AS) in July was appointed by Gov. James McGreevey to be a member of the Board of Directors of the South Jersey Port Corporation, a state agency that owns, manages and operates the Beckett Street and Broadway Terminals in Camden and Salem. Eric is a director of Public Affairs Management, a Trenton public relations and lobbying firm with offices in Washington, Philadelphia, and other major cities. Among the firm's clients are the Delaware River Port Authority, Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay, and FastShip, a firm seeking to open transatlantic shipping service to a fleet of new, speedier cargo vessels. Eric, who lives in Robbinsville, also serves on the Arts and Business Partnership of Southern New Jersey.

Antonia Matos (B) has had a busy year. His wife, Ingrid, delivered their second child, Marisa Aliyah, in April; he received his MBA in management from Montclair State; and in June he was promoted to vice president of operations in the retail lending division of JPMorgan Chase at its Woodcliff Lake offices. He and his family live in Lake Hiawatha.

Jean N. Rances (MA), who taught English at TCNJ for four years, now is a professor of English composition and literature at Widener University in Chester, PA. She is also an artist, and last spring had five oil paintings at the art exhibition at Widener University in May, where the juried art competition was open to faculty, staff, and fine arts majors at the university. Jean lives in Cherry Hill.

Kenneth Romm (AS) has joined the Comcast Corporation as a senior accountant in its Philadelphia headquarters.

Weddings

Madeline Sturm '68 (E), '71 (MEd) wed Bruce Belovin November 28, 2003.
Dino Pettinelli '92 (E), '99 (MEd) wed Carolyn Robjohns December 27, 2003.
Augusta J. Pistilli '93 (AS), wed Wendell Beakley June 25, 2004.
Cheryl Kavinski '94 (AS) wed Peter Bayo August 26, 2003.
Michaela S. Torre '95 (AS) wed Brian Sullivan April 17, 2004.
Stephen Halpert '96 (AS) wed Rich Lau March 12, 2004.
Erica L. Kanzler '96 (AS) wed Eric C. Dunn '96 (AS) December 5, 2003.
Kimberly L. Dosemagen '97 (AS) wed Eric S. Mauger '96 (AS) September 27, 2003.
Nicole Cieplinski '98 (AS), '01 (MEd) wed Eddie Kuchie July 5, 2003.
Kelly L. Gavin '99 (AS) wed Walter E. Cupit December 20, 2003.
Lynn April Bonney '00 (N) wed Michael Patzwa February 26, 2004.
Jill Medaska '00 (N) wed Brian Nocella '00 (B) May 15, 2004.
Robyn Rosenberg '00 (AS) wed Donald Houle February 24, 2002.



Kristen Rusak '00 (EN) wed Todd Sudol '00 (E) August 22, 2003.
Sheryl Lacina '01 (E) wed Jim Konopack July 26, 2003.
Jennifer Slenkamp '01 (E) wed Robert Fiscaro July 19, 2003.
Christina Stapleton '01 (AS) wed Mark Van Horn '01 (EN) November 2, 2003.
Alyssa E. DelCampo '04 (E) wed Jason K. Kries '04 (CS) June 5, 2004.



Wedding photos clockwise from top left: Madeline Sturm '68 and Bruce Belovin; Dino Pettinelli '92 (E) '99 (MEd) wed Carolyn Robjohns December 27, 2003; Erica Kanzler '96 and Eric Dunn '96; Kimberly Dosemagen '97 (AS) wed Eric Mauger '96; Kelly Gavin '99 and Walter Cupit; Alyssa DelCampo '04 and Jason Kries '04; Sheryl Lacina '01 and Jim Konopack; Kristen Rusak '00 and Todd Sudol '00; Jill Medaska '00 and Brian Nocella '00;



'97
Kimberly Dosemagen Mauger (AS) received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Wisconsin this past year and is now working as a hospital pharmacist. It was a very memorable year for her, for she also married **Eric S. Mauger (AS)**. TCNJ members of their wedding party included **Antonio Matos '96 (B)**, **Brian C. Mauger (AS)**, **Amy Coffman Jones (N)**, **Cheryl A. O'Hara (N)**, and **Jennifer L. Kozuh (N)**. The newlyweds live in Marlton.

'98
Brian Abercrombie (AS) and **Mark Cowen '99 (E)** were featured in *The Trentonian* in an article on their joint business, a sandwich shop named FD Subs of Ewing, which they purchased in March 2003. Brian had worked there for three years before purchasing the business. TCNJ students are regular customers in the popular local hangout.

John M. Halliday (AS) of Jackson, has been with Merck & Co. since 1998 and recently was promoted to application services senior analyst in its clinical information services

division, supporting a number of Merck Schering Plough joint venture programs.

Anthony J. Perno (AS) made the news last summer when *The Philadelphia Inquirer* did an extensive piece on "young leaders" it said are "eager, if not always encouraged, to inspire change" in Camden. Anthony became involved in redevelopment work along the Camden waterfront when he went to work for the Cooper's Ferry Development Corporation a year after graduation.

Cooper's Ferry is a nonprofit corporation that works with local residents and governments to plan new housing, office, and commercial projects designed to rebuild the economy and livability of Camden. It helps private developers obtain the needed permits and financing to build and manage the projects. In recent years it has been involved with the New Jersey State Aquarium, One Port Center office complex, a new campus for L-3 Communications, a 350-unit market rate apartment project named Victor Lofts, and many single-family homeowners who are buying and rehabilitating houses in the waterfront area near the Camden campus of Rutgers University.

Anthony is one of a staff of directors assigned to the firm's many projects. Another is classmate **Joe Myers (AS)**, who joined Cooper's Ferry two years after Anthony. Joe spent those years at the University of Pennsylvania, getting a pair of master's degrees in political science and public administration. He says it was a great experience, for he not only learned a great deal in the academic fields, but met many of the movers and shakers in the Philadelphia metro area who taught or spoke to his classes. These days, he focuses on developing the infrastructure of Camden (streets, sidewalks, drainage lines) that will be required by the expansion of the Aquarium and other waterfront projects. Joe rents part of a house in the nearby Cooper Grant area, and along with Anthony is active in the Cooper Grant Neighborhood Association.

Anthony bought a triplex in the same 50-home neighborhood in 2000 (their boss wants his staff to live in the immediate area) and the following year married **Jennifer Miller**, who graduated from TCNJ in 1997 with a health and physical education major. She now owns her own physical therapy firm, Theara Sport.

New Arrivals

Jennifer Klingerman Herrada '90 (B) and husband, Carlos, a son, Robert Michael, July 27, 2003.
Darlene 'Dal' Lorris '90 (AS): twin sons, Adam Joseph and Daniel Jackson, November 14, 2003.
Irene Applebaum Lefkowitz '91 (AS) and husband, Jeff, a son, Peter Ross, April 2, 2003. He joins a sister, Hannah Amber, 4.
Diane "Taz" Speake Main '92 (AS) and husband, Alec, a son, Cameron Stuart, January 16, 2004.
Lynda Montanaro DiPasquale '93 (AS) and husband, Michael, a daughter, Carleigh Rose, December 5, 2003. She joins brothers Daniel, 4, and Patrick, 2.
Sheila Medley Maufer '93 (B) and husband, Kevin: a son, Travis Clayton, January 30, 2004. He joins sister, Sydney, 3.



Michelle Talarico Robertson '93 (E) and husband, **Brian '94 (AS)**: a son, Jacob Richard, February 18, 2004. He joins brother, Mitchell, 2.
Alison Moyer Gray '94 (AS) and husband, Gary: a daughter, Elizabeth Lauren, April 16, 2002. She joins brother, Alexander David, 2.
Michele Gomes Jassin '94 (E) and husband, Edward: a daughter, Alexis Gomes, May 2, 2004.
Lisa Koye Murtaugh '94 (B) and husband, **Keith '94 (B)**: a son, Kevin Patrick, May 26, 2004. He joins brother, Sean Alexander, 3.
Marilyn Bachi Sparks '94 (AS) and husband, **Keith '93 (B)**: a son, Ryan Jacob, September 5, 2003.
Maureen Brennan Dudeck '95 (AS) and husband, **David F. '95 (AS)**: a daughter, Madden Alexa, July 2, 2003. She joins a sister, Mackenzie Elizabeth, 4.
Nancy Leaver Talan '95 (AS) and husband, Jonathan, a son, Alexander Michael Talan, July 27, 2003.

Toni Zdodowski Vidro '95 (E) and husband, Christopher, a son, Dylan Connor, October 30, 2003.
Lisa Goldblatt Cascio '96 (AS) and husband, Jason: a daughter, Hannah Marie, April 11, 2003.
Antonio Matos '96 (B) and wife, Ingrid: a daughter, Marisa Aliyah, April 8, 2004. She joins a brother, Mason Antonio, 2.
Gary McPherson '96 (AS) and wife, Anna, a son, Owen Patrick, April 4, 2004. He joins sister, Emma Rose, 3.
Dana Morton Macedo '97 (AS) and husband, John, a son, Kai James, November 16, 2003.
Nicole S. Green '98 (AS) and husband, Christopher Richardson: a daughter, Audrey Cate Naviglia, July 8, 2004.
Jennifer Nichole Jaros-Domen '98 (B) and **Daniel Carl Domen '97 (AS)** a daughter, Melissa Margaret, March 25, 2004.
Shairna Curtis Bluesteen '01 (AS) and husband, **Christopher '01 (EN)** a son, Marcus Evan, June 3, 2003. He joins his brother, Jared Michael, 2.

Baby photos from left to right: Adam Joseph and Daniel Jackson Lorris, twin boys of Darlene 'Dal' Lorris '90; Elizabeth Lauren Gray, daughter of Alison Moyer Gray '94 and Gary Gray; Hannah Marie Cascio, daughter of Lisa Goldblatt Cascio '96 and Jason Cascio; Marisa Aliyah Matos, daughter of Antonio Matos '96 and Ingrid Matos.

Kelly Gavin Cupit (AS) and her husband, Walter, married in December at St. Charles Borromeo Roman Catholic Church in Skillman, followed by a reception at Peddler's Village in Lahaska, PA. Kelly is employed by Millburn Township as assistant business administrator, while her husband is the scene shop manager at Princeton University. Kelly received a master's of public administration from Syracuse University. Walter worked at TCNJ from 1993 to 1996 in Kendall Hall and is a graduate of Juniata College. They live in Hillsborough.

Katarzyna Potocka (AS) has completed her PhD in mathematics at Lehigh University and accepted a tenure-track position in the Department of Mathematics at Ramapo College of New Jersey.

David M. Pustai (AS) successfully defended his PhD dissertation in the University of Delaware's electrical and computer engineering department with a concentration in optics and electromagnetics. In an email to the College, David wrote: "I want to thank you for providing me with a foundation in physics that is second to none and for an absolutely

wonderful undergraduate experience. This would simply not have been possible were it not for the high level of academic and research expectations upheld in the physics department." David is a senior systems engineer at Lockheed Martin in King of Prussia, PA. He lives in Newark, DE.

Michael Saperstein (B) recently joined the Abbott Point-of-Care/iSTAT operation in East Windsor as marketing communications manager. The firm makes and markets medical diagnostic products for blood analysis. Mike's main responsibilities include management of worldwide trade show activities and U.S. marketing initiatives.

Lyndsay Schaeffer (AS) has completed her PhD in microbiology at the University of Cincinnati and moved on to a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry.

'00 Reunion Class

Lisa Dornbach (AS) is a graduate student researcher at UCLA working toward a PhD in biological chemistry.

Lynn Bonney Patzwa (N) is a registered nurse in the recovery room at the Center for Ambulatory Surgery in Mountainside. Her husband, Michael, is a facility technician at Verizon. They live in South Plainfield.

'01

Kathleen Curran (AS) has graduated magna cum laude from Rutgers University-Camden Law School, where she worked on the *Law Journal* for two years, one as editor-in-chief. She is now clerking for U.S. District Judge Mary Cooper in Trenton, and has been named an associate with the Philadelphia law firm of Dilworth Paxson. She expects to be moving soon from her home in Ewing.

Sheryl Lacina Konopack (E) teaches third grade at Stratton Elementary School in Champaign, Illinois, where she and her husband live while he pursues a doctorate in kinesiology/exercise psychology. Sheryl married Jim Konopack in 2003. Her matron of honor was **Shairna Curtis Bluesteen '01** (AS), who met her husband, **Christopher E. Bluesteen '01** (EN), while at TCNJ. He is in the Army and they are both stationed at the Hoenfelds base in Germany. Two of Sheryl's bridesmaids were **Andrea R. Gangluff '01** (AS) of Voorhees and **Kimberly Garnick '01** (AS), '02 (MED) of Manalapan.

'02

Rosemarie "Ro" Connelly (AS) just returned from teaching English in France for two years and is pursuing a master's in French studies at New York University.

Sonia Rodrigues (CS) is a mental health clinician at UMDNJ's University Behavioral Healthcare unit in New Brunswick.

Josee Rose (CS) has been working as a layout editor and reporter for *The Wall Street Journal* since 2002.

Jennifer Stern (S) was promoted to business unit support associate within IS Global Support Services, at Merck & Co., providing technical and customer service phone support to numerous parts of the business in North America. Jennifer initially started with Merck at the NJ Call Center as a TCNJ college recruit. She lives in Annandale and is working toward a master's in information systems management at Stevens Institute.

Kenneth Strazzeri (B) has received a one-year appointment at the University of Virginia as full-time lecturer. He teaches introductory statistics courses.

In Memorium

Bertha Flartey Sheppard '24
Adella 'Tiby' Liebenow Wotherspoon '24
Ruth Kleine Prial '28
Grace M. Scull '28
Dorothy Brown Eckert '29
W. Arthur Skewes '31
Mary Myketiuk '34
Agnes Toth O'Malley '35
Dorothy Lippincott Russell '35
Frank L. Schobert '35
Dorothy Ritemire Crawford '36
Norman L. Claxton '37
Joseph Hriczko Risko '37
Arthur J. Sinclair '37
Verna Schill Welchman '37
Rose Fattori Licsko '39
Eleanor Ruth McKinney '39
Margery Burd Grover '43
Charlotte Shultz Holladay '43
Thomas Mooney '43
Phyllis Ackerly Maginn '44
Helene Williams McRae '45
Norma Schneider Kalter '47
Jeanne Grimshaw Mueller '48
Mary Belleville Hart '49
Joanne Mazak Fish '51
Edward Wynne Jones '51
Rita Barbera Krupa '53
Esta Heir Getz '54
Janet Trembath Jones '54
Louis R. LiMato '54
John W. Phillips III '54
Jacquelyn Spitz Scott '54
Allen N. Stearns '62

'03

Emily Weiss (CS) has taken a position as public information officer and writer with the Office of College and Community Relations at TCNJ, where she will handle media relations and be a spokesperson for the College. At the same time, she's completing a master's in public communication at Drexel University in Philadelphia.

'04

Kathleen Reilly (CS) claims to be "taking a year off" to work in the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans at Ft. Monmouth as a management analyst. She says her job "will entail writing about conventions and department projects, presenting and briefing on current reports and tactics within our department, organizing meetings and events, and analyzing current programs and statistics. It should be interesting, and it involves reading and writing, so I'll enjoy it." Kat also said she's hoping to start a novel during this time off.

Carol Bonheim Bryk '63
Francis "Frank" J. Schmid '63
Richard A. Starets '65
Robert Hartshorn Smith '66
Gene E. "Chick" Baiocchi '68
Lillian C. Rue '70
Kohath N. Shuler '70
Elizabeth C. Troy '70
Beverly Libes Ellenport '71
Mary S. Kavanagh '71
Elizabeth Matula Martin '71
Malcolm Davall '72
Edward Vincent Vybiral '72
Richard K. Greve '73
Robert William Diehl '74
Mary Exley Meiley '74
Mary Jane Scholl '74
Samuel S. Stern '74
Georgian T. Robbiani '75
Karen B. Hairston '76
Nora Ann Stackhouse '76
Sara Hartless Biddle Drake '77
Robert Manning Kerney '77
Jennie L. Woodson '78
Simon J. Gainer '80
Bette L. Mayberry '80
Alyce M. Russo '80
Kathleen Robinson Smith '80
Nancy Poor '83
Ronald F. Prezio '83
Catherine M. Hudak '93
Arlene Moore '94
Jennifer Lynn Mortensen '00
Michael T. Young '01

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E Education
EN Engineering
N Nursing
S Science

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