

# PRESIDENT'S DESK

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objective and respected source, such as Barron's, rank us alongside Duke, Stanford, Harvard, William and Mary, and Princeton is quite another.

Building a "most competitive" college was possible only through a combination of vision and perseverance. It could not be achieved simply by tightening admission standards. Superior students have many choices and will go where they will be challenged by great teachers and have access to the best facilities.

When I first learned of our new Barron's ranking, I was reminded of Erna Hoover, a visionary member of our board of trustees in the 1970s who insisted New Jersey should have at least one affordable public college to serve its brightest students. Thanks to Mrs. Hoover and to many others who shared her concern over the years, I am proud to say The College of New Jersey has fulfilled her desire and achieved national recognition for its efforts.

Sincerely,



R. Barbara Gitenstein

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# THE LETTER BOX

## 'Names in Stone'

The spring 2004 issue of the magazine brought back so many good times and experiences. I remember almost all of the buildings mentioned and shown in the "Names in Stone" article, since I began as a student in 1958 and graduated in 1962. I have returned intermittently over the years and it looks so different from the days when classes were held in only a few different venues and I could say that I knew or at least recognized all my classmates. Thanks for the memories!

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## Recalling 'Dr. Joe' Carroll

I was greatly saddened to read (in the spring 2004 issue) of Dr. Joe Carroll's passing. I was a graduate assistant for Dr. Joe in the mid-1970s, and admired his zeal for life, his scrappy attitude, and his down-to-earth style of communicating. He was perfectly suited for the time in which he served.

I can picture him so vividly, with his snappy style of dress (always wearing a suit jacket with an open collar shirt), stocky boxer's build (he had been a pugilist in a former life), his black hair framing an Irish countenance, and his irreverent, slightly off-center approach to humor. He had a way of immediately putting strangers at ease with his grace and style. I can picture his face so clearly, even now, with the twinkle in his eye and

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his sarcastic wit. Those of us who worked with him in Educational Foundations loved him, and I fondly remember many departmental photo ops and outings he asked me to schedule for our staff. Dr. Joe appreciated the value and goodness in each person with whom he crossed paths, and has provided me with the fondest memories of my days at Trenton State College. I, along with all others who were blessed to have an opportunity to know him, mourn his passing.

*Vicki Lore Foley '73  
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## 'Woman is the Word'

I am so very glad to read that TCNJ students are given opportunities for hands-on experiences in their fields of study. Such was the case reported in the spring 2004 *TCNJ Magazine* entitled "Woman is the Word" by Bruce VanDusen. Assistant Professor of English Michele Tarter and her students, are to be commended for expanding and sharing their reading and writing assignments with women at the Edna Mahan Correctional Institution for Women. I pass by this place quite often and now I feel connected to these "throwaway" women who are given few opportunities to learn, heal, and grow past their distressing situations. Thank you for sharing this outreach program for the benefit of all of us.

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