

# In Focus

## Students

With deep sadness The College community has mourned the loss of two students who died in recent months.

■ **Ajit Narula**, who died April 5th at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, was a sophomore biology major, a member of the Biology Honor Society, and of the Asian-American Association. The family, of Hazlet, welcomes donations in Ajit's memory to the South Asian Marrow Association of Recruiters, 55-13 96th Street, Rego Park, NY 11368.

■ **Jeffrey P. Kelly**, a 19-year-old special education major, died July 14 in Augusta, ME, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. A lifelong resident of Hillsborough, Jeffrey had completed his freshman year at TCNJ in May. A 2001 graduate of Hillsborough High School, he had been named an All-State defensive end on the football team.

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■ During spring break, 60 members of The College of New Jersey Wind Ensemble toured Austria to play several concerts under the direction of **William Silvester**, assistant professor of music. At Karl's Church in Vienna, the group played after each recitation of the mass, including several of the "Old American Songs" by Aaron Copeland, sung by **Suzanne Hickman**, professor of music. Other appearances included a mini-concert at a school for blind children in Vienna, a joint program with the wind ensemble

*Robyn Keyes '02, a music education major and member of the TCNJ Wind Ensemble, tries out a new euphonium at the Haagston musical instrument store in Haag, Austria.*



from the Vienna Conservatory of Music, and complete concerts before enthusiastic audiences in Haag, Vienna, Linz, and Bad Ischl.

■ Before graduating last spring, senior English majors and writing tutors **Gina Matturri** and **John Osaben**, with **Diane Gruenberg** of the Tutoring and Academic Enhancement Center, presented a discussion called "Inching Our Way Toward Success: Tailoring Writing Assistance to the Needs of Professors' Assignments" at a regional conference of the Northeast Writing Centers Association at Bryant College, Smithfield, RI.

■ Four students who served as community advisers in freshman dorms last year won a case-study competition organized by the Central Atlantic Association of College and University Residence Halls in February. The four—**Amanda Sargent '03**, **Kimberly Suarez '04**, **Marisa Rotino '04**, and **Caitlan Mara '04**—were required to formulate a response in competition with 33 teams from other institutions to a hypothetical situation involving missing money.

■ Five computer science majors came home winners in April after competing in the Consortium for Computing in Small Colleges: Northeast Regional Conference, held at Worcester State College in Worcester, MA. First place among 30 student poster entries at the conference went to a TCNJ project entitled "Clay: Synchronous Collaborative Interactive Environment." It represented research work done by a team of seniors: **Michael Locasto**, **Michael Hulme**, **Ryan Gladysiewicz**, and **Justin Tracy**. **Emily Gibson '03** received fourth place for her poster on "Web Accessibility and Section 508 Compliance," which was based on the work and research she completed during a summer internship with NASA.

■ The New Jersey Press Association in late May announced the winners of its 2001 Better College Newspaper Contest. *The Signal* took first place in the category of general excellence. Nine students won honors in various categories. For news writing, **Conor Fortune '01**, placed second, and **Patrick Dresh '04** earned honorable mention. For arts and

entertainment/critical news writing, **Jerrille Canson '03** took second place, and **Michael Pasuit '01** tied for third. In the category of enterprise/investigative reporting, honorable mentions were awarded to **Chris Hermosilla '02**, **Derek Wan '02**, **Gina Brockenbrough '01**, **Lauren Connor '01** and **Christine Casale '02**.

- For the second consecutive year, *The Siren*, a student literary magazine, won the American Scholastic Press Association's annual magazine competition. **Kate Stambler '03**, **Sarah Kiyak '02**, and **Holly Kent '03**, were co-editors for the fall 2001 issue, on which the competition for all-around quality was based.
- **Joseph Petrella** and **Thomas Krol**, senior engineering majors, took first place and shared a \$1,000 prize in the annual East Coast Collegiate Entrepreneur Awards competition at Fairleigh Dickinson University last spring. They formed the IMET Corporation, a design start-up firm that had taken second place the previous year, and which they intend to develop further after graduation.
- Another team of engineering students—**Christopher J. Brownlee '02**, **Richard Hansen '03**, **Matthew J. Robinson '02**, and **David Weis '02**—took second place overall with their Mini-Baja vehicle in competition last spring against 54 other engineering schools in the eastern U.S.
- **James Sverapa IV '02**, a communication studies major, traveled with some financial support from The College to Seoul, South Korea, in July to present a paper analyzing American newspaper coverage of direct pharmaceutical advertising to consumers at the annual conference of the International Communication Association. A number of other papers co-authored by students of John Pollock, associate professor of communication studies, had been accepted for presentation. They dealt with issues such as newspaper coverage of homosexuals in the Boy Scouts of America and several recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions. The students whose papers were accepted are: **Jevonne Bruh '01**, **Gary Tulp '02**, **Stefanie Loh '02**, **Heather Tringali '02**, **Lauren DeFeo '02**, **Angela DuRoss '02**, **Jill Moscatello '02**, **Christine A. O'Rourke '01**, **Devin Dino '02**, **Katie Elia '02**, and **Lauren Barrone '02**.
- **Gloria Cadavid**, a senior majoring in international business, spent seven weeks last summer studying economics, statistics and public policy at the

University of Michigan. She was one of 30 students selected for the program at the U. of M.'s Summer Program in Public Policy and International Affairs.

- **April Croman '03**, an English major and a member of TCNJ's chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the national honorary society for English, was awarded the society's 2002 Study Abroad Scholarship. As it happened, she was studying for the spring semester at Kingston University in London when she heard of the award, which is made based on the student's academic record and activity with the society.
- **Vineetha Joseph '06 (S)**, made the national news as she was about to graduate from Nutley High School last spring. Her essay on the question "Is human nature good or evil?" won a national contest designed to stimulate serious thinking among young people. It earned her the title of "The most philosophical student in America" and a feature story in *The Christian Science Monitor*. She's taking a premedical course of study here.
- The April/May issue of *Muscle Media* magazine carried word of a national body-building contest it co-sponsored with a food supplement company. **Joel Marion**, a sophomore health and physical education major, won \$25,000 and a trip to Hawaii for his 12-week performance in the category of men age 18–25.
- **Heather McMahon**, a senior biology major, was selected as a recipient of a \$5,000 award from the Morris K. Udall Foundation. Heather is president of Water Watch at TCNJ, and a member of the Ewing Township Environmental Commission. It was the second year in a row she won the award, given to students who are active in environmental protection causes and plan to make a career in the field.
- **Subha Sundararajan**, a senior biology major planning on a medical career, was selected as one of 54 students nationwide to receive an \$8,000 fellowship from the Phi Kappa Phi national honor society. She was the only student from a New Jersey institution selected for the fellowship, which will go toward her first year of medical school.
- **Jesse Thompson '02**, a fine arts major, won the 2002 President's Purchase Award for his metal sculpture, "Life Series III," which he entered in the spring Art Student Exhibition at The College Art Gallery.
- At the Student Life Awards Ceremony held in April, the following awards were made to the students indicated:

- Outstanding Student Leader for the 2001–02 academic year: **Abigail Wentworth '02**.
- The Elizabeth A. Allen Scholarships for high scholarship and value to the college: **Katherine Fleming '05**, an English/secondary education major; **Heather Ketchum '03**, a sociology major; **Elizabeth Martin '04**, a psychology major; and **Alison Stidworthy '04**, a mathematics/secondary education major.
- The John Wandishin Scholarship for a student displaying honor, courage, leadership, scholarship and service: **Karen Martin '03**, a business administration major.
- The Dorothy Taylor Haas Award to a graduating senior for extensive commitment to The College: **Conor Fortune '01**, a philosophy and journalism double major.
- Memorial Scholarships to students based on academic merit and need: **Michael Bloodgood '02**, an information systems and computer science double major; **Carole DeClemente '02**, a fine arts major; and **Michele Katona '05**, a psychology major.
- Harold Eickhoff Award to the "outstanding first-year student:" **Sarah Probert '05**, a psychology major.
- TCNJ women did extremely well at the 13th annual Student Achievement Awards in Feminist/Multicultural Scholarship held in February. Fourteen New Jersey colleges had entries in the contest and TCNJ students won five of the nine awards made. Awards of \$300 went to **Colleen McDermott '02**, **Jessica Roth '02**, **Kristin Vai '02**, **Kelly Baden '01**, and **Heather Sullivan '01**.



Conor Fortune '01

## Faculty

The campus community was saddened to learn in recent months of the deaths of several former faculty members:

- **Champ Clark Carney**, a professor of geography and geosciences from 1958 to 1985, succumbed to congestive heart failure on February 27, following a heart attack in January. He was 83. He and Bessie, his wife of 60 years, retired to Portland, OR but since 1995 lived in Cupertino, CA, near their children. Carney was known for his soft Oklahoma twang, sparkling sense of humor, and addiction to chess,

as well as his love of teaching. Many of his students went on to teach geography and social studies in elementary and secondary schools.

■ **John E. Fox**, who came to The College to head the Geography Department after retiring from the U.S. Army in 1971 with the rank of lieutenant colonel, died June 17 at Compassionate Care Hospice unit at St. Francis Medical Center, Trenton. He was 74 and had been active with veterans and historic preservation organizations both before and since his retirement from The College in 1996.

Fox joined the Navy in World War II, but obtained an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1950. He saw combat in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, and received two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars, and two Purple Hearts. During his military career, he taught eight years at West Point, while earning a master's and doctorate in geography from Columbia University.

When he joined our faculty in the fall of 1972, The College was preparing a great many of its graduates to teach geography and social sciences, and Fox soon headed an eight-member department. By the time he retired in 1996, however, the emphasis had shifted to social studies; both the faculty and course offerings gradually dwindled until he was the only full-time professor in the discipline. Recognized by his wool suit, necktie, horn rimmed glasses, and military haircut, Fox was a popular teacher, known for preparing carefully for every class, and expecting the same from students.

■ **Kenneth C. Runquist**, professor emeritus and former chair of the Department of Health and Physical Education, died March 26 of pneumonia following a long illness. He was 80 years old and lived in the Crestwood Village Six community of Ocean County. He and his family had lived in Yardley, PA, until shortly after his retirement in 1984.

Runquist first taught at Virginia Military Institute, where he also coached the swim team. While working on his doctorate at Columbia University, he taught at Brooklyn College, and then joined the faculty at Temple University, becoming chairman of its Department of Health and Physical Education. In 1959, he took over the same post at The College. Over the years he also served as assistant dean of graduate education, and acting dean of the School of Education.



An avid swimmer all his life, he helped organize age group competitive swimming programs for the youth of Bucks County, PA, and for students at The College. He was active for many years on the state and national level with the Association of Health and Physical Education, was a board member and president of the Mercer County Chapter of the American Red Cross and, in retirement, a trustee of Crestwood Village.

■ **George Wiebush**, for five years an adjunct professor who supervised art education students in the Department of Art, died February 11 of a heart attack at the age of 77. A resident of Morrisville, PA, Wiebush was a retired teacher of art in the Trenton school system, and had been associated with the New Jersey State Museum and the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC.

## Two schools have new deans

■ **Terence W. O'Connor**, for 16 years a professor and administrator at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, IN, became the dean of the School of Education in July. The post had been filled by Lawrence Marcus as interim dean following the appointment of former dean Suzanne Pasch to be vice provost for academic programs and initiatives.

O'Connor, who describes himself as an "Army brat," graduated from Notre Dame in 1974, and taught high school English briefly. After earning a master's in the social foundations of education from the University of Virginia in 1978, he remained as



Terry O'Connor

an instructor and graduate assistant until attaining his doctorate in 1985. After a year teaching at Miami University, he joined the faculty at Indiana State, where he rose to full professor and taught both graduate and undergraduate courses in educational leadership, administration, and foundations.

In 1995 he became director of ISU's Center for Teaching and Learning, which helps university faculty become better teachers and serves as a sort of research and development center for new approaches to classroom instruction. O'Connor has written extensively on faculty development and diversity at

the college level, and he has managed a variety of state and federal grant-in-aid projects. Over the years he has served as an educational consultant or project manager in several foreign countries, among them Brazil, Thailand, and Ireland.

O'Connor said he was attracted to TCNJ because of its smaller size, narrowly focused educational mission to produce graduates with leadership potential, and growing commitment to social service. He and his wife, Susan, have four children, aged 19, 17, 14, and 11, and have settled into a home in Hopewell Township. Both he and his wife have family connections in the New Jersey area.

■ **Susan Albertine**, a specialist in American literature and in recent years an administrator at Temple University, has been named dean of the School of Culture and Society, where she has been overseeing nine academic departments and four interdisciplinary programs since July 1. The new school is now The College's largest and is one of three that formerly made up the School of Arts and Sciences.



Susan Albertine

Albertine began her academic career after graduating from Cornell in 1972. She earned a master's at SUNY-Cortland while teaching middle and secondary school English, and completed a PhD at the University of Chicago in 1985. She has held teaching positions at Chicago State University, University of North Florida, St. Olaf College, Susquehanna University, and the University of Pennsylvania.

While at Penn in 1995, as assistant to the provost for the 21st Century Project, she was responsible for reshaping the curriculum and integrating it with the residential experience. As the vice provost for undergraduate studies at Temple from 1999 to the fall of 2001, she had the major responsibility for planning, implementing, and assessing the education of approximately 17,000 students.

Albertine recently purchased a home in the Art Museum neighborhood of Philadelphia. Her former husband is University of Pennsylvania professor Alan Filreis; their children are Benjamin, 11, and Hannah, 8.

■ Before **Thomas Allsen**, professor of history, retired in June, he received a \$38,000 Guggenheim Fellowship to support the research and writing of "The Royal Hunt in Eurasian History." Allsen was one of 184 fellows selected in 2002 from among 2,845 applicants in the creative arts, humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. He has bought a home in suburban Eugene, OR, close to the walking paths along the Willamette River.

■ **Carlos S. Alves**, associate professor of mathematics and statistics, has been named an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow for the 2002-03 academic year. He is one of 37 fellows nominated by the heads of their institutions and selected in a national competition.

■ **Debra Garrett**, assistant professor of language and communication sciences, was named to a three-year term on the board of the National Black Association for Speech-Language and Hearing.

■ **Michael Iannone**, who for many years was an assistant coach of men's tennis while a professor of mathematics and statistics, was inducted into the U.S. Tennis Association's Middle States Hall of Fame at ceremonies in October.

■ **Beth Paul**, associate professor of psychology, spoke at and helped run a day-long forum for administrators of college service learning programs at Morehouse and Spelman colleges in Atlanta in mid-March. She described the benefits of community-based research and discussed how to initiate such programs for faculty and students.

■ **Derek Peterson**, assistant professor of history, spent the summer in Africa doing archival research and interviews funded in part by a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend. The award, valued at \$10,000 for two consecutive summers, will support work in Tanzania and Uganda leading to a book with the provisional title of "Economic Change, Gender Crisis, and the Social History of the East African Revival."

■ **Pamela H. Smith**, assistant professor of computer science, has received word that her book, "MySQL: The Complete Reference," will be published by Osborne McGraw-Hill this fall. (The MySQL server is the world's most widely used open source database.) Smith joined the faculty last year after six years on Wall Street as vice president of Infrastructure Architecture and Engineering Technology Group. She specializes in advanced database technologies and bioinformatics.

## Faculty and Staff Retirements

Beginning with this issue, TCNJ Magazine will record the retirement of our faculty and staff members. The following retirements took effect from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002:

### Faculty

- Thomas Allsen**, professor of history
- Robert Bittner**, professor of engineering
- Roy Clouser**, professor of philosophy
- Joyce Cochrane**, associate professor of health and exercise science
- Patricia Duffy**, assistant professor of business
- Shirley Fisher**, associate professor of health and exercise science
- Allan Gotthelf**, professor of philosophy
- Joseph Hertzain**, professor of health and exercise science
- James Icklan**, assistant professor of business
- Carol Krauthamer**, associate professor of psychology
- Lawrence Marcus**, interim dean, school of education
- Robert Mehlman**, associate professor of English
- Bruce Mericle**, assistant professor of nursing
- Carolyn Metz**, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology
- Karlene Morrison-Dahms**, professor of education administration
- Priscilla O'Connor**, associate professor of nursing
- Robert Parrish**, professor of music
- Edward Sarafino**, professor of psychology
- Joseph F. Shelley**, professor of engineering
- Wei-Tun Shih**, professor of engineering
- Eileen Smith**, associate professor of chemistry
- Laurence Taylor**, associate professor of music
- Henry Wang**, professor of psychology
- Roland Worthington**, professor of counselor education
- Kuang-Hua Yu**, catalog librarian, Roscoe L. West Library

## Staff

**Thomas Acton**, telecommunications  
project specialist

**Cynthia L. Adams**, secretary, political science  
department

**Elizabeth Baier**, secretary, science department

**Marie Barber**, supervisor, building services

**Rosalie Bender**, secretary, Kendall Performance  
Center

**Phillip Bethea**, building attendant, building services

**Nada Booze**, building attendant, building services

**Alfred Bridges**, vice president for government and  
community relations

**P. Michael Curry**, program assistant, development  
and alumni affairs

**William L. Czajka**, manager, access control services

**Patricia DeForte**, secretary, music department

**Monica Frascella**, secretary, academic affairs

**Charlotte Gipson**, assistant director, payroll  
department

**Richard Goldenbaum**, construction shop supervisor

**Dolores Hall**, quality assurance representative,  
auxiliary services

**Elynn P. Mahady**, secretary, sociology and  
anthropology

**Carole Matelson**, principal library assistant

**Robert McCloskey**, facilities maintenance,  
electrical shop

**Roseann Meister**, help desk coordinator, information  
management

**Regina Mognancki**, secretary, School of Education

**Margaret Moyer**, assistant director of graduate  
studies

**Charles E. Neuman**, facilities maintenance,  
carpentry shop

**Margot E. Palmer**, secretary, development and  
alumni affairs

**Edward J. Petranto**, bursar, student financial  
accounts

**Efrin Santiago**, building attendant, building services

**Anne Simicsak**, secretary, admissions

**Brenda Smith**, building attendant, building services

**Alvan Tenney**, supervisor, duplicating center

**Carolyn Ziolkowski**, client services, student  
financial aid

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