

Students

§ **Christopher Burns**, a health and physical education major from Harrisburg, PA, this summer will bike 3,800 miles across the country from Rhode Island to Washington state, as part of a "Bike and Build" project to benefit Habitat for Humanity, the faith-based homebuilding group. He and 30 others will be on the road from June 5 to August 7, pedaling in groups of three or four that meet up for lunch and dinner. In towns along the way, they'll talk about the housing problem and Habitat, and will stop in Pennsylvania, Indiana, and Washington to help build houses. A member of TCNJ's Habitat chapter and a cross-country runner, Chris said before leaving that his main concerns were grizzly bears in Yellowstone National Park, big trucks on the road, and getting lost.

§ **Colleen Shea** is a senior English and secondary education major, college ambassador, a member of the English and Greek honor societies, and a huge football fan, partly because her father is a high school football coach. In her last two years at the College, she's enjoyed a job that allowed her to meet Monday Night Football celebrities such as John Madden, Al Michaels, and Lisa Guerrero. Two summers ago, Colleen interned at ABC Sports, doing research on teams, pitching story ideas, and editing program clips and promotional pieces. Last fall she was a runner for ABC Sports for Monday Night Football games played in this area, as well as ABC broadcasts of college games, including the Nokia Sugar Bowl. Colleen, from Parsippany, hopes to continue work for ABC Sports upon graduation and use her teaching certificate later on.



Christopher Burns

§ **Megan Thurber**, a junior computer science major, is the third TCNJ student in as many years selected for the Computing Research Association's Distributed Mentor Program (DMP) this summer. Megan is one of 40 students selected from over 235 applicants to receive a \$6,000 grant for 10 weeks of summer study. She has been paired with Adele Howe, professor of computer science at Colorado State University, to work with her on an intelligent systems project. The purpose of the DMP is to increase the number of women entering graduate studies in the fields of computer science and engineering. Other winners of this DMP grant were **Emily Gibson '03** and **Jessie Burger '04**.



Colleen Shea

§ **Lauren Wanko**, of Bayonne, is the first student we know who made the decision to enroll at TCNJ before a national television audience. It happened on MTV's "True Life," a documentary series that tells real-life stories of young people such as Lauren, a well-rounded actress, singer, student, and, now, celebrity. For six months in 2003, television crews taped her high school activities and crucial college decision making. Segments on Lauren first aired last July and then, coincidentally, on the College's opening day last August. This year she's worked for the College radio station, WTSR, and done field reporting for its television outlet. She is majoring in communication studies and expects to do a second summer internship this year with the NJN Network in Newark.



Lauren Wanko

Faculty

The campus community has been saddened by news of the deaths of several faculty members in recent months.

§ **Joseph Carroll**, 79, professor emeritus of educational administration and secondary education, and a prominent figure on the campus for years, died September 18. After earning a doctorate from Temple University, he joined the faculty in 1959, retiring in 1991. Professor Carroll served as chairperson of the Department of Educational Foundations, Research, and Educational Policy for 20 years, but is best remembered on campus as a champion of faculty and student interests. He founded the Faculty Senate, wrote the constitution for that body, and was its first president. He was deeply involved in faculty advocacy and activism during the period of the 1960s and '70s, when the College was shifting its emphasis from teacher training to the liberal arts and sciences. During World War II, he saw action in several battles, and served seven years as elected Camden County Freeholder.

§ **Howard Nechamkin**, 85, retired professor of chemistry, died October 28, 2003, of pneumonia in Ohio. A native of Brooklyn, NY, he earned a doctorate in education at New York University, taught at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, and joined the College faculty in 1961. When the former Department of Science was divided in 1968, he was named chemistry department chair and oversaw its organization and accreditation until 1979. Known as a charming man, accomplished pianist, and a highly popular teacher, his academic specialty was inorganic chemistry. He was the author or coauthor of five chemistry texts

published between 1962 and 1991, as well as dozens of journal articles. A prize for excellence in chemistry, the Nechamkin Honorary Chemistry Award, is given each year to a graduating senior.

§ **Tod H. Herring**, professor of engineering, died September 8 in Trenton. After earning a doctorate in education at the University of Illinois, he came to the College in 1962, and lived in Ewing until his death at age 77. He first taught industrial arts engineering courses and, for two years (1964-66) worked in Bhopal, India, under a grant from the U. S. Agency for International Development, to help Ohio State University and the government of India establish regional colleges of education. From 1968 to 1976 he was director of planning for the College. At that point he returned to the classroom to teach engineering and computer technology, retiring in 1988. In 1975 he helped found the Trenton Computer Festival, which is still held throughout Central New Jersey.

§ **Albert Ludecke**, emeritus professor of music, died August 29 in Langhorne, PA at the age of 82. Having earned a master's in music at The Juilliard School in New York, he taught briefly at The George School, Newtown, PA. In 1956, he joined the music faculty at the College, where he taught a variety of courses in composition, theory, and choral direction until retiring in 1991. Known behind his back as "Uncle Al," he was universally loved as a person and respected as a demanding teacher. In World War II, he saw combat service with the Army artillery in Europe, and also performed on the piano for a variety of audiences in Britain. In addition to his post at the College, for

45 years Ludecke served as both organist and choir master of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Trenton. While there, he composed numerous works, including several *a cappella* pieces and his highly regarded *Te Deum*, scored for organ, brass, and four-part choir. He also played the organ for the visiting Archbishop of Canterbury, and worked with Leo Sowerby, and other figures well-known in liturgical music. At his Morrisville, PA, home, he was a serious horticulturist, specializing in orchids, and once took first place in the Philadelphia Flower Show for a Christmas cactus.

§ **Herbert R. Treuting**, 84, of Pennington, professor of biology from 1950 to 1984, died October 24. During the transition of the College in 1970 from education to a liberal arts curriculum, he served as acting chair of the Biology Department. He earned his undergraduate degree at Rutgers University but was soon called to serve in World War II from 1943 until the end of the war. During his Army service, he earned the Bronze Star for bravery under fire and combat in the Remagen Bridge battle. After the war, he continued to teach biology and returned to school to earn a master's in zoology. He was called back for duty in the Korean War and eventually left the service with the rank of captain. While here he taught and worked extensively with Educational Opportunity Fund students. He was known as an avid gardener and civil rights activist.