

Let me jump to this U.S. Supreme Court's "interpretation" of the Fourteenth Amendment, which was relied upon in both *Griswold* and *Eisenstadt*. More recently, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor delivered another majority "opinion" in which it suited her to put the Fourteenth Amendment on hold—at least for 25 years or so—by which time "racial preferences might no longer be needed." That is not the way I read the Fourteenth Amendment but, it appears, that lawyers and judges can "interpret" our laws just about any way they want, which brings us back to *Lawrence v. Texas*, gay marriages, abortion "rights," and just about anything else you all decide is hidden in the "penumbras" of our Constitution.

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Champion of thrift opposes more borrowing

I want to respond to President Gitenstein's "Troubling Trends" comments (From the President's Desk, Autumn 2003) in which she urged greater borrowing by the state to support higher education.

I also have been so bold as to take (U.S. Representative) Jim Saxton to task on the spending of millions or billions of dollars—regrettably, I must report—very, very futilely. My late mother, Ida Mary (Hoffman) Wyckoff, taught my brother and me one invaluable lesson: "Neither a borrower nor a lender be."

Where is all this money to come from? Ultimately, aren't state and local bonds paid for by public tax dollars? Like my father also, I remain a champion of thrift anywhere and everywhere.

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In the 'Time of the Centers,' TCNJ is on the move

In the last 18 months, no fewer than seven new offices have opened on campus. Their missions differ, but have important features in common. Each represents a new investment of financial resources—public, private, local, state, and national—to advance a specific educational goal. And each adds a new dimension to the College's effort to share its physical and educational resources, even as it strengthens its own academic programs.

Bonner Center will focus on community engagement by students and faculty

A major initiative, designed to coordinate and expand TCNJ's community service and leadership programs, was announced by the College administration in March. It will be directed by a new umbrella organization, the Bonner Center for Civic and Community Engagement, to be headed by David Prensky, formerly dean of the School of Business.

President R. Barbara Gitenstein and Provost Stephen Briggs said the center will bring together a number of existing efforts, such as the service learning requirement for first-year students, community-based research in our seven academic schools, and dozens of student-led organizations that do community service. It is time, they have concluded, to develop TCNJ's community service programs into a national model of quality and effectiveness.

A new program of community leader scholarships will begin this fall and will

involve 10–12 recipients each year, recruited and selected by the admissions staff. It is being designed after the highly successful Bonner Scholars, a service leadership scholarship plan now operating in 25 private colleges nationwide. That plan is supported by the Bonner Foundation of Princeton, which contributes to a number of leadership service programs at TCNJ.

Prensky said the new leadership scholars will be students whose strong interest in civic activity is evident and who will commit to four years of leadership training and 300 hours of service activity each year, in return for full tuition support from College sources. It is expected these students will provide a modest but steady stream of leadership talent to strengthen a wide variety of campus programs.

The Bonner Center will have three basic elements: the leadership scholars, the long-established service learning program, and the growing community-based research work of the academic departments.

Of particular interest to Prensky is the new center's role in providing ways for local nonprofit organizations and civic groups to benefit from the professional skills of the TCNJ faculty and their students. Several professors have guided students in projects such as evaluating an agency's programs, mapping community demographic patterns, and surveying a neighborhood's attitudes toward proposed development. They are eager to expand their work to include more community organizations and students. One of the center's goals will be to deepen the College's ties to the many community organizations in the area.

The service learning element has been a part of the general education

program for many years. Until now all first-year students have had to complete at least 10 hours of community service as part of a required course in their fall or spring semester. Beginning this fall, what will be known as the "community engagement" expectation of 15 hours' work, may be met in a variety of ways. Some students may take a course that will provide it, while others become deeply involved with a service-oriented student club or activity, or take part in a project organized by residence hall staff.

Prensky will direct the center from temporary offices in Green Hall. Its activities will be guided by a steering committee of community and nonprofit leaders, faculty, and staff who have been involved in the types of work the center now will promote, expand, and coordinate.

Disabled students look to the Center for Adaptive Technology and Inclusive Education Studies

CATIES, as it is called, had its origins in the 1980s when then-Gov. Thomas Kean made money available to state colleges for innovative projects. The College's School of Education used part of those funds to enhance its training of special education teachers to make them aware of ways disabled students might be helped with the technology-based equipment then coming into use.

For about 10 years, according to Amy Dell, the special education professor who headed up the early program and now heads CATIES, the effort limped along on a series of state and federal grants. By 1991, however, it was clear the public's demand for such services far outstripped what governments were able or willing to spend, so Dell helped found a nonprofit Center for Enabling

Technology. It operated statewide, mostly on a volunteer staff, to help individuals obtain the equipment they needed to overcome reading, speaking or other deficiencies, and also to educate the public about computer technology's ability to help disabled people learn and communicate.

Finally, in 1999, the State Commission on Higher Education agreed to establish eight centers charged with serving the needs of college students in their regions. TCNJ was one of these, and was given the added task of maintaining an inventory of equipment to be loaned to college students for use in their studies.

Today the College has placed this and other related programs under one office, CATIES. Operating from a newly furnished suite in Forcina Hall, it now consists of three distinct operations.

- Adaptive Technology Center for New Jersey Colleges. Professor Dell directs this program, which loans special equipment used by college students throughout the state to overcome reading, writing, and other difficulties. The staff evaluates students, provides appropriate training to both students and teachers, and monitors the effectiveness of the help. The NJ Commission on Higher Education annually contributes about \$150,000.
- Faculty Ambassador Grant. This project, supported with a three-year federal grant of \$883,000, is designed to teach college faculty, staff, and students about assistive technology to enable college students to secure a high-quality education. The grant is managed by William Behre, associate professor of special education, and Jerry Petroff, assistant professor of special education, who also direct the following project.
- Deaf-Blind Family and Community Education Supports. Another federally

funded project, known as DB-FACES, is budgeted at \$268,000 for each of five years. It provides services to families, educators, and community service workers to foster the education of children from infants to teens who suffer deafblindness.

Principals' Center for the Garden State

With a four-person staff operating from offices on the fourth floor of Forcina Hall, this organization of individual members seeks to develop effective school leaders who can advocate for and implement effective learning environments for children. It was established in 1996, and this spring became affiliated with TCNJ by relocating its offices from Princeton to the campus. Here, under the interim leadership of Carol Feiveson, it maintains a vigorous series of educational programs designed for the more than 600 principals and assistant principals in both public and private New Jersey schools.

Its annual budget of \$450,000 is supported by membership dues, workshop fees, and grants from private foundations, principally the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. The staff organizes 20 or more courses and workshops each year, arranges for dinner discussion groups with academic experts, produces a newsletter, and carries out initiatives of a 13-member board of trustees.

The center's location at TCNJ will enable it to work cooperatively with the entire faculty, particularly those in the School of Education. Feiveson hopes to call on professors to become part of the center's programs, and to provide undergraduate internships to assist with its public information activities.

N. J. Global Business Initiative

Two years ago, with seed money from the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce, TCNJ's School of Business applied for and last year received a U.S. Department of Education three-year grant of \$169,000, which is to be matched by the College. The purpose is to improve international business education at TCNJ and to help New Jersey small- and medium-sized firms expand their markets overseas.

Keld Hansen, a native of Denmark with extensive experience with international companies, directs the NJGBI from an office on the third floor of the School of Business Building. Rajib Sanyal, professor of business, is the principal investigator on the grant, and oversees its academic aspects. It will be up to them to find ways to support the initiative beyond the expiration of the federal grant in 2006.

NJGBI has hosted several workshops on campus this year on subjects such as international negotiating techniques and cross-cultural relations for business executives. It has an agreement with Duquesne University in Pittsburgh to hold "CE Marking" workshops to explain the intricacies of selling products in Europe that meet European Community standards. A trade trip to Chile was planned for this spring.

The campus community will benefit from the NJGBI by supporting professional development projects for faculty, research opportunities for students, and easy access to the many outside experts who will be visiting TCNJ to lecture and teach at monthly workshops.

Center for Youth Relationship Development

For nearly a decade Candice Feiring, formerly a psychologist on the faculty of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark, has been studying the personal relationships of people who have been sexually abused, and the romantic relationships of adolescents. She has been the principal investigator on two five-year studies funded by the National Institutes of Mental Health.

With the federal grant now in its final year, Feiring and her two main researchers last year relocated the NIMH "Listening to Kids" project and associated research interests to TCNJ, where they operate from space in the Social Science Building. Their mission now is to complete the LTK project and to integrate their study of adolescent romantic life with research on the impact of victimization and sexual abuse.

The center has held colloquia for students and faculty on issues of intimacy and conflict in adolescent relationships, and the treatment of children who have suffered sexual abuse. Feiring has mentored some of the junior psychology faculty and expects to involve TCNJ students in a research project with local youth to examine what really works to build healthy relationships.



Municipal Land Use Center

Supported by a three-year Federal Highway Administration grant of \$1,900,000, a fresh effort to promote land-use decisions that take their regional impact into account, is up and running from offices in McCauley House on the west side of the campus.

Martin Bierbaum, executive director of the center and a seasoned veteran of the years-long effort to bring more order to regional development, said the center's staff will help local governments in the five counties of central New Jersey make decisions that take regional issues into account. He said the MLUC will support local land-use decision making by providing technical assistance and otherwise helping local governments get access to valuable state, federal, and non-governmental resources.

"We seek," he said, "to promote smart growth, which takes into account local and regional impacts related to fiscal, transportation, environmental, and affordable housing concerns."

Bierbaum and a small staff of planners will provide training in land use issues for local officials, and expect to involve TCNJ faculty and students in studying matters such as the economic impact of land-use decisions.

At the formal opening, MLUC Board Chair Edmund "Ted" Stiles (left) stands with Executive Director Martin Bierbaum and U.S. Rep. Rush Holt.



Small Business Development Center

Efforts to encourage small business firms to establish themselves and succeed have been a feature of the New Jersey scene for 25 years, funded jointly by federal, state, and county agencies. The office, opened on the fourth floor of Forcina Hall in the summer of 2002, is one of 11 regional centers of the federal Small Business Administration in the state. Much of this center's activity is actually based in a secondary office on South Broad Street in Trenton, while a third location in Middlesex County serves clients in that area.

Center director Lorraine Allen manages a yearly budget of \$255,000, including a \$40,000 contribution by TCNJ. She and her staff specialize in finding practical help for new entrepreneurs needing business plans, financing, market strategies, and so on. They organize a range of seminars and workshops at which business people can sharpen skills or seek advice. For established firms, the center advises on all sorts of everyday problems, from how best to approach a bank for a loan, to how to evaluate a payroll service.

Having the center at the College already is paying dividends to students and faculty in the School of Business, and to the local community. Allen has been counseling budding student entrepreneurs, helping the Latino Chamber of Commerce with training sessions for its members, and is assisting the Concerned Pastors Economic Development Corporation, a nonprofit engaged in community development work in Trenton.

Fourth Spring Gala raises \$30,000

The 2004 Spring Gala sponsored by TCNJ Foundation on April 4 attracted a record-setting crowd of 250 guests and raised over \$30,000 to support student scholarships.

Special honors this year went to two individuals and to the Alfred Harcourt Foundation, which was named this year's Corporation of the Year in recognition of its support of more than 20 low-income TCNJ students who are interested in public sector careers such as nursing and education. Michael Winston, foundation president, accepted the award from President R. Barbara Gitenstein.

Meta Griffith, who at 95 still oversees her family's Trenton business, Griffith Electric Supply Company, received the 2004 TCNJ Citizen of the Year award. A charter member of the College's foundation, she now is an honorary member, and continues to provide generous support for student scholarships.

The third honoree was Barbara Meyers Pelson '59 of Chester, a member of TCNJ's Board of Trustees since 1996. She was the Presidential Honoree of the Year for 2004, in recognition of her long support of the College and her gifts of an endowed music scholarship, and of the entrance lobby for the Music Building.



Anne P. McHugh



Christopher R. Gibson

Two New Trustees

Two attorneys have been appointed to the College's board of trustees by Gov. James McGreevey, and were sworn in at the February meeting.

Anne P. McHugh, a trial lawyer and resident of Pennington, brings a lifetime of legal advocacy and a strong dedication to public education and improved literacy to her role as a board member. A native of Doylestown, PA, she attended college in Chicago, earned a master's in history at the University of Illinois, and a law degree from Duquesne University Law School in Pittsburgh in 1975.

Following a judicial clerkship in Pittsburgh, she relocated to New Jersey as a staff counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in Newark. She says she loved that job, but a need to provide for her children prompted a move to the general practice of law.

She is a senior partner with the West Windsor law firm of Pelletieri, Rabstein & Altman, where for 23 years she has handled civil and criminal cases with an emphasis on trial work. These days, for example, she is working with the ACLU, representing the plaintiffs in a high-profile racial discrimination case against Le Terrace Swim Club of Nutley, NJ.

Her family situation is more than unusual. She divorced many years ago, but has raised six adopted children, two Americans of mixed race, and four from one African family she met on a trip to Zimbabwe in the mid 1980s. All have attended public schools here and are either attending or have graduated from college.

Christopher R. Gibson, is a native of upstate New York who attended Villanova University in Pennsylvania for both his undergraduate and law degree. In 1985, directly out of law school, he joined what is now one of the state's largest law firms, Archer and Greiner, headquartered in Haddonfield. He is a partner in the firm and heads its litigation division, overseeing 30 paralegals and attorneys.

In addition to extensive experience with environmental law, toxic torts, personal injury cases, and a variety of commercial and contract disputes, Gibson is the solicitor and special labor counsel for the Gloucester County College and has handled condemnation cases for Rowan University. He now serves as New Jersey counsel to the Delaware River Port Authority of New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

In addition, Gibson acts as local and regional counsel for a number of major corporations, including Air Products and Chemicals; Bridgestone/Firestone; Crown, Cork and Seal; and several subsidiaries of Exxon Mobil Corporation.

Gibson and his wife, Lisa, have four children, ages 10, 12, 14, and 16. They live in West Deptford Township, where he is the director of the boys programs for the West Deptford Soccer Club and coaches two travel teams.

Spring Gala Special honors went to, left to right: Barbara Meyers Pelson '59, Michael Winston and Meta Griffith.

Construction Update



The new library: on schedule

From our windows in the editorial office of *TCNJ Magazine*, for six months we have been supervising the excavation of the biggest hole in the ground we've ever seen, and guiding the crews responsible for the foundations of the new College library. It's been an education, and we're pleased to report this future campus centerpiece is right on schedule to open for use in September 2005.

Once the unexpected problems with the heating and cooling pipes beneath the site just east of the Roscoe L. West Library were solved last fall, the power shovels, pile driver, and giant construction crane moved in, the concrete basement walls were poured, and the outlines of the structure revealed themselves. Four floors will rise above ground level, in a brick building that will offer 135,000 gross square feet for a variety of uses in addition to book storage.

The structure will include a 24-hour coffee shop designed to serve anyone during the day and students who will be able to study in restricted areas after normal hours. On the lower level, a 100-seat auditorium will help supply the growing space need for meetings, films, and lectures drawing small audiences. In addition to the usual space needed for books, microfilms, recordings, and computers, the library will have a great many areas set aside for individual and group study. The goal, according to Dean of the Library Taras Pavlovsky, is to have the building serve as a center of academic life, much as the Student Center is a focal point for social and organizational activity.

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The Spiritual Center

Across the campus from Green Hall, between the New Residence, Decker, and Cromwell Halls, the new Spiritual Center has been rising for some time, months behind schedule as a result of both original engineering problems and contractor delays. The Alumni Meditation Chapel was demolished just after Christmas, and its replacement now is expected to be in use by mid-summer. As planned, it will have a main worship space, a smaller meditation area, kitchen, and several other rooms for office or small meeting use. The stained glass and some interior woodwork from the former chapel are being used in the new building.



Three new residence halls

Plans for new student housing west of Metzger Drive had called for three 200-bed, center-courtyard units to open in time for this fall. It has not worked out that nicely. As now scheduled, one will open in August, a second in October, and the third in December. When one is ready for occupancy, students who otherwise would be living elsewhere will fill those apartments, while still others await completion of the next two units. By the end of 2004, Brian Murray, director of campus planning and construction, expects the three new apartment buildings to be occupied by 600 students, and the next phase of housing construction to be under way. In anticipation of a confusing six or eight months ahead, the residence life staff was reported to be stocking up on patience, flexibility, and hope.



Centennial and Norsworthy

As this was being written in April, the often-prophesied demolition of Centennial Hall, a decaying residential unit overlooking Lake Sylva, seemed certain to begin in the spring of 2005. Murray said asbestos in the building must be carefully removed, so razing the structure will take a long while. When that is done, and when nearby Norsworthy Hall also is torn down, two new residence halls will rise on those sites. Norsworthy, Murray said, defies renovation at a reasonable cost because it has too little space between floors to permit easy installation of modern heating and cooling equipment. The two



new halls will be designed to house the entire first-year class, about 600 students, in each half of a freshman quadrangle.

Softball and soccer fields

Due to the construction of a new parking garage next to Lions Stadium, the softball diamond is being moved closer to Metzger Drive, next to a new soccer facility and the existing track. It will house bleachers, a concession stand, and press box. The soccer field will have artificial turf, stadium seating, and a press box over a structure that houses lavatories, a mechanical room, and a concession stand. Plans call for both sports to use the new fields for their 2005 seasons.



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