Faculty and Staff

The College community was saddened to learn of the death on March 21 of George H. Krablin, professor emeritus of health and physical education and associate dean of the graduate school during the period 1957 to 1980. He was 86 years old and lived with his wife, Betty, at Freedom Village in West Brandywine, PA.

Born and raised in Newark, he earned his bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees from Syracuse University. From 1941 to 1946, he served in the Army and remained active in the Air Force Reserves until his retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1978. After World War II, he went on to teach high school in Mt. Upton, NY and then joined the faculty at St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY.

In 1957 he accepted appointment to the College as professor and chairman of the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. Krablin coached the tennis team and a variety of intramural and recreation programs in addition to academic classes.

Colleagues remember George as a congenial, sociable faculty member who often invited student groups to his home, attended most of the campus activities and was known as a relaxed, fair, and approachable teacher. A former student recalls him as being “extremely ethical,” going out of his way to instruct the future coaches in his classes about the difficult issues that sometimes confront that profession, but were missing from the textbooks. He was a classroom teacher from 1957 to 1967 and then served for nine years as associate dean of the graduate school. In 1976 he went back to teaching full time and retired in 1980.

An avid tennis player, he played well into his 80s, was very active with the Ewing Presbyterian Church, and volunteered with many local service organizations. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, two daughters, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Hailed for ‘no fanfare’

Mark Kiselica, professor and chair of the Department of Counselor Education, recently received two national honors from the mental health professions.

First, he was named the 2005 recipient of the Gilbert and Kathleen Wrenn Award for a Humanitarian and Caring Person by the American Counseling Association.

This award honors a member of the ACA “who gives to others without fanfare or expectation of reward other than the personal satisfaction of seeing other people made happier.” Mark also was elected to Fellow standing in the Society of Counseling Psychology: Division 17 of the American Psychological Association (APA) for his “outstanding and unusual contributions to the science and profession of counseling psychology.”

It is the second time Mark has been named a Fellow of APA, an accomplishment achieved by only approximately one percent of the 150,000 APA members.

The New Jersey press honors Bob Cole

Robert C. Cole, professor of journalism, this month was honored by The New Jersey Press Association (NJPA) for his 30 years of “dedicated service to the newspaper industry of New Jersey” at its annual meeting aboard a cruise ship on the Hudson River. John J. O’Brien, executive director of NJPA, said Cole’s students have won more NJPA scholarships than those from any other eligible college. “This includes schools with 10 times the enrollment of his program,” O’Brien said. Bob said they had earned 47 scholarships over 28 years.

Helen Shaw Award Winners

The 2005 Helen Shaw Staff Special Achievement Award this year was shared by two individuals. Established by the Helen Shaw Endowment in January 2003 in honor of Helen D. Shaw ’36, the award recognizes the essential role TCNJ staff members play in the College’s educational process and institutional activities.

The winners this year are Janis Blayne-Paul, who directs the special events programs from the Office of College and Community Relations, and Alexander Michalchuk, senior laboratory mechanic in the School of Engineering. A committee of the Staff Senate reviewed nine nominations from a number of individuals and offices before making its selections. Janis was recognized for her imagination, organizational skill, success at recruiting volunteer assistance, and diplomacy under the often stressful conditions of managing such events as Commencement, Community Fest, and the year-long Sesquicentennial celebration. She handles some 30 events a year, about half of them in the “major” category. She joined the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs in 1999 and after managing some of that office’s activities, the post of major events coordinator was created for her in June 2001. Alex spent 11 years in the facilities maintenance office before joining the School of Engineering in 1998. There he keeps the equipment and lab materials in working condition, repairs anything from the telescope atop the Science Complex to machinery in the School of Engineering, and helps instruct students in the use of the many tools and machines in that area. An expert machinist and welder, Alex is in high demand for those skills throughout the campus. For many years he has counseled teams of students in their engineering competitions against other schools, helped faculty with lab projects, and rescued office secretaries when the paper shredder goes on the fritz. Virtually everyone in the engineering school relies on Alex and avoids thinking about the possibility of his retirement.

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Retirements

The following members of the College community retired during the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005:

Faculty

Patricia Baney
English department, writing instructor
Frederick R. Goldstein
associate professor of physics
Nicholas N. Greenbaum
professor of mathematics and statistics
Marlene E. Kayne
professor of biology
Regina H. Kenen
professor of sociology and anthropology
Suzanne H. Pasch
vice provost for academic programs
Robert D. Weber
professor of technology studies

Staff

Cherie M. Benton
accounts payable assistant, budget and finance
Richard A. Cook
patrolman, campus police services
Veta D. Mendez
building attendant, building services
Bertha J. Orlowski
building attendant, building services

Robert C. Cole

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Mark Kiselica

Alexander Michalchuk

Janis Blayne-Paul

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