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We received an enjoyable letter from **Yova Van Ness Remsen** (E) in St. Petersburg, FL, in which she spoke of touring Italy last June with a Presbyterian choir, singing at churches in Rome, Venice, Siena, and Assisi. She enclosed a 2005 Elderhostel newsletter that reported she has been on 53 Elderhostel trips since 1983. In the photo of her the organization printed, she is said to be posing somewhere in Alaska, looking hale, hearty, and just a little windblown.

'58

Lillian Renee Werenne (B) '61 (MA) has been awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship for serving the community in the spirit of Lionism by the Sun City West (AZ) Pioneer Lions Club. Lions Clubs International recognized the contributions of Lillian and her commitment to humanitarian endeavors with a plaque and a letter of commendation. Her name is now enshrined at the Fort Thomas, AZ, site.

'66 Reunion Year

James Ruocco (EN) retired and became a grandfather in 2005. Owner of a 1984 Porsche Carrera, he is an active member of The Porsche Club and is enjoying retirement.

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Constance Alexander (E), a playwright, fiction writer, newspaper columnist, essayist, and poet, recently released her first chapter book of poems titled *Dreamfish*. Constance has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize for her work on *Dreamfish*.

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Diane Gioia-Bargonetti (AS), also known as "Dr. Di," is the resident naturopath at the Edgar Cayce Holistic Center (Association for Research and Enlightenment) in New York City. After an intense battle with skin cancer, she experimented with holistic remedies and integrative medicine. This was the motivating factor that led her to change careers from television producer/musician to naturopathic doctor. Married to Broadway musician Steven Bargonetti, she says they are a sought-after husband-and-wife writing team.

'70

Theresa M. Valiga Geiger (N) is the chief program officer for the National League for Nursing. She was elected to the American Academy of Nursing in 2002.

'71 Reunion Year

Diana Strong Hahn (N) has been working for Northwest Cancer Specialists in Portland, OR, since February 2004.

Sturges "Bill" Shelton (AS) and **Judith Sayre Shelton** (E) of Branchville have two sons enrolled at TCNJ. Drew Shelton is a freshman and his brother, Scott, is a junior history major who spent the spring semester studying in New Zealand.

'73

Mary Buse Dickey (N) is a nursing faculty member at Fayetteville State University in North Carolina. She spent 27 years in the Army Nurse Corps, retiring in 1998.

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Angela R. Picarello Dotson (N) has been employed with Johns Hopkins Hospital in

Baltimore, MD, for 30 years. For the last 16 years, she has coordinated care for the outpatient practice of the Internal Medicine Residency Program at the Johns Hopkins Outpatient Center.

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Vicki Picone (E) is a teacher in the Commutation Skills Center for Learning Department of the Pennington School. Vicki previously worked as a substitute teacher and tutor at the Hamilton Township Schools and Princeton's Johnson and Community Park Schools. She was an assistant director of alternative educational planning with Helene Reynolds & Associates.

'76 Reunion Year

Robert Alston (E) is the associate director of financial aid at TCNJ, and a motivational speaker in the Mercer County area. He recently spoke to the middle school pupils of Trenton Community Charter School on "How to Make Your Dream a Reality" and at the New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund Professional Association conference in Atlantic City. Robert lives in Lawrenceville with his family.

'77

Linda Scheetz (N) made a presentation at the National Congress on the State of Science in Nursing Research titled "Level of Care, Survival and Discharge Disposition of Older Motor Vehicle Crash Victims." The conference, sponsored by the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science, and the National Institute of Nursing Research of the National Institutes of Health, was held in October 2004 in Washington, DC.

'78

Alice M. Bonnie Bendinsky (N) received her pediatric nurse practitioner certification from the University of Pennsylvania in 1980. She retired in 2002 as a school nurse practitioner from the Pennsbury School District in Fallsington, PA. Alice taught practical nursing at Mercer County Vocational School during the 1980s.

In November 2005, **Nancy Suchsland Thomson** (E) received the Aletha Wright Award from the state Department of Human Services for her work as the executive director of the Child Care Connection, the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency for Mercer County. Nancy was honored for dedicating her life to improving the lives of children and enhancing educational opportunities and working conditions for early childhood educators in New Jersey.

'79

Frank Yusko (AS) chaired the 2005 Spotswood Memorial Day Parade and was instrumental in leading the construction of a 9/11 memorial. He continues to advise the Spotswood High School History and Octagon clubs.

'80

Caroline Dailey (N) of Trenton is a school nurse and health educator for the Lawrence Township School System. She is certified as an eating disorder specialist and has a private practice in treating eating disorders. Caroline also has supervised the hospice program at Princeton Medical Center and worked as a patient educator for Mercer Medical Center.

Brigitte Schrepfer Geiger (E) was inducted into the New Jersey Lacrosse Hall of Fame in November 2005. Brigitte played lacrosse for the United States women's team and was an alternate for the 1982 Sydney, Australia, World Cup Games. Brigitte coaches field hockey and lacrosse at Mt. Olive High School.

'81 Reunion Year

Steven Bush (AS) retired from the Hanover Township Police Department after 25 years of service. The former Centennial Hall and Parsippany resident's retirement plans include relocating to Sarasota, FL, where he expects to enjoy boating, sunsets over the Gulf, and Yankee spring training games.

Joanne Bailey Walko (N) of Barrington has been a staff nurse for the past 23 years at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, PA. She continues to work in its maternity-infant unit. She is certified as a child passenger safety technician and also works as a lactation counselor.

'82

Former Travers 10 floormates **John Collins** (S) and **Joel Panzer** (B and AS) reunited this year to create a scholarship in honor of their former geology professor, Fred Goldstein. Joel said, "I can proudly say that I am a product of the New Jersey Public Schools system, and I was taught by many great teachers. Fred Goldstein was the best. It is an honor to establish this scholarship in his name and to encourage future educators."

The Dr. Frederic Goldstein Scholarship pays tribute to Fred's commitment to education and the passion he passed on to his students. The scholarship will be awarded each semester to a student with financial need who exhibits a zeal for education and educating others.

John said that when Joel approached him to form the scholarship, "I immediately knew it was the right thing to do. Fred was an



Frederic Goldstein

incredible educator and is a very special man. It is about giving back and encouraging today's students while honoring Fred for all he's done." Fred recently retired after more than 32 years of service due to early-onset Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease. Although he is no longer in the classroom, he continues to inspire and encourage others to live positive and productive lives. Contributions to the scholarship can be made online at www.tcnj.edu/give or by sending a check payable to TCNJ Foundation to TCNJ Annual Fund, Dr. Frederic Goldstein Scholarship, PO Box 7718, Ewing, NJ 08648.

'83

Jeffrey Harper (AS) is a graduate of the 210th class of the FBI Academy. He was assigned to the administration unit after working in the major crimes and special investigations units in the narcotics strike force at the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office in Toms River. Jeff has been promoted from lieutenant to captain.

Maureen Washington Tabura (N) is employed in Lihue, HI, at Wilcox Memorial Hospital, one of the four facilities in the Hawaii Pacific Health Corporation. She is the director of nursing services and case management. Maureen lives in Kapaa, HI.

'84

Craig B. Champion (AS), in February 2004, was elected chairman of the history department at Syracuse University. During that same year he published two books: *Cultural Politics in Polybius's History and Roman Imperialism: Readings & Sources*. He has also recently published an article, "Polybian Demagogues in Political Context," for *Harvard Studies in Classical Philology*.

'87

Peter Cipkins (AS) has been named the director of sales and marketing at the Westin Convention Center Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA. Since graduation, Peter has worked for the firm as director of catering, sales manager, and area director of sales.

3,000 people, \$400 million

Ever since he graduated as a political science major and public administration minor in 1974, **Edward Thomas** has worked for the Army—as a civilian—at Fort Monmouth, where much of the Army's most technical weapons control work is done.

In January, he was one of 22 Department of the Army civilian executives to receive the Senior Executive Service Presidential Rank Award, a highly distinguished honor for a career professional in the federal government. Included with a certificate of meritorious service for "exceptional long-term accomplishments" was a bonus worth 20 percent of his annual pay.

The over 3,000 men and women who work for Thomas, director of Monmouth's Software Engineering Center, are stationed all over the world. They work to keep the software that guides the Army's war-making capability

in good shape, and to design new software as required to control management, communications, and weapons systems.

The software his \$400 million annual budget supports is under constant observation in the field by teams of his designers and engineers. They may number as few as one or two to keep a basic radio system working or as many as 150 for a complex program that involves identifying military targets or eavesdropping on enemy communications "emitters" from aircraft. "I've got 40 people inside Iraq right now," he said a few weeks after accepting his award at the Pentagon.

The 53-year-old Thomas lives in West Long Branch with his wife, Patricia, and high school-age daughter, Lisa. He has fond memories of the College, including both the academic and social aspects.

He still gathers several times a year with pals from his now-defunct Sigma



Edward Thomas '74

Tau Chi fraternity at events that regularly draw 40–50 College friends. And he's never forgotten his constitutional law course with Professor Donald Hester. That gave him, he says, "the analytical and communication skills that enable one to be successful in most career fields, above and beyond the technical skill."

Bruce B. VanDusen



Special visitors to the spring break training camp for TCNJ's baseball team in Mesa, AZ, were Dorothy and Clayton Brower, now living in nearby Sun City, who were presented a team tee-shirt by coach Rick Dell. Brower was president of the College from 1970 to 1980.

Michael Palladino (S) is an associate professor of biology at Monmouth University. He received the New Jersey Association for Biomedical Research 2005 Caring Heart Award. Michael focuses his research on the cellular and molecular biology of male reproductive organs.

'88
In December 2005, **Marc W. Ivry (CS)** joined Dun & Bradstreet as a senior Web developer of D&B Net, D&B intranet group. Prior to this position, Marc worked as a Web developer at Merck & Co. Marc lives with his family in Hardyston.

Linda DeRoo Merritt (N) of McKinney, TX, is a staff nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Medical City in Dallas, TX. She obtained her master's in nursing administration and management from Baylor University in 2001.

Regina M. Peter (E) co-founded The Newmark School in Carteret in 2001. She served as a teacher, principal, and associate director at state-approved private schools for children with attention deficit disorder and behavioral difficulties. Regina teaches a

course for teachers at the Regional Training Center called "Encouraging Student Responsibility and Self-Discipline." Regina lives in Franklin Park.

'89
Rob Brown (S) of Lexington, MA, has been appointed vice president for marketing at Innovative Spinal Technologies in Mansfield, MA. Previously, Rob has held management and leadership roles in marketing and engineering at Ethicon, Johnson & Johnson Orthopaedics, and DePuy.

Donna Allen Buzalski (N) of Tabernacle, is a certified OCN and is an administrative supervisor at Virtua Memorial Hospital in Mt. Holly. She serves as the director at large for the South Jersey Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society.

Gary Gellman (AS) was a featured speaker at the Association of Wedding Gown Specialists Convention in Omaha, NE, in March. Gary was invited to speak after his firm created an industry-based video production that was distributed internationally. He also hosts a weekly public affairs television program seen throughout New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania.

'90

Steven Benvenisti (B), a partner at the law firm of Davis, Saperstein and Salomon, was recently the honored recipient of several awards, including: the Police Traffic Officers Association's annual Paul T. Mauro Award, Hackensack Medical Center's EMS Excellence Award, and the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey's annual Mimi Goldman Positive Achievement Award for his work throughout New Jersey and the country in helping victims of drunk driving and traumatic brain injury. Steven resides in Upper Saddle River.

Darlene "Dal" Lorris (AS) has been designated a certified employee benefits specialist by the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. She lives in South Brunswick with her twin sons, A.J. and Danny.

Nancy Beth Massaro (N) is a health professions instructor at Sussex Technical Vocational High School in Delaware. She also teaches a certified nursing assistant program for adult learners.

'91 Reunion Year

Sally Hofman Isaacs (N) is a nursing supervisor at All Healthcare Services, a home health care agency in Middletown. She lives in Piscataway.

Bernard Orr (AS) is now heading up the financial news desk for the Reuters news service in Bangalore, India.

'92

Joseph M. Chiarello (AS) and his wife, Karen, recently celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary. They have a 5-year-old son, John Moses. Joseph is in his 10th year as an attorney and partner of Jacob & Chiarello.

After years of work in the corporate world, **Brian Hurwitz (AS)** has begun working for the Greater North Jersey Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society as manager of corporate events and communications. He lives with his family in Oakland.

'93

Kristine Rainey Atkins (E) resides in Mount Laurel and is a stay-at-home mom with her two daughters, Madeline and Samantha, born December 1, 2005.

Yvonne VanVeldhuisen (N) is a critical care nurse in the emergency room of the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Anchoring in Wisconsin

At 5 p.m. weekdays, Elizabeth Hopkins looks into a camera and talks to her mother. That's how she prepares herself to broadcast the news to the people of southern Wisconsin, in 5...4...3...2...1.

"I just like the rush of it," said Hopkins, a 2002 TCNJ graduate who now has her dream job as an anchor and reporter at WKOW 27, the ABC affiliate in Madison.

Of course, Hopkins' first anchoring gig was at TCNJ, when she worked on the campus TV news program, *The Journal*, as a communication studies major.

"It was like a switch was flipped on," she said about discovering her passion for journalism during college. Her first break in the business came senior year, when she interned for WCAU-TV, Channel 10, the NBC affiliate in Philadelphia.

With the same smooth and inflective voice that informs households in

Wisconsin daily, Hopkins spoke via telephone about her climb up the ladder of broadcast journalism.

"Internships in general are so important," she said. Hopkins mentioned TCNJ offers not only a quality education, but also access to opportunities in Philadelphia and New York City. "Make the most of it," she advised.

As is common in the broadcasting field, Hopkins had to leave the East Coast to find work. Her first job was in South Dakota, where life wasn't always easy. She missed her family and scraped by on an \$18,000 salary.

Her professional journey was similar to how she described the art of telling a story: "You need to follow it no matter what obstacles stand in your way." After persevering through the entry level, Hopkins earned her place in Madison's larger media market, where she has a



Elizabeth Hopkins '02

connection with viewers as an anchor and creative license as a reporter.

"At the risk of stripping academia of all its glory, I would say trust in yourself," she said. "I wasn't always the best student," she admitted. "But I knew there was something in me that could contribute."

Tammy Tibbetts '07

Judith Porter (N) is an assistant administrator at the Reformed Church Home in Old Bridge. She is president of the Delta Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International and secretary of the Central Jersey Chapter of the National Gerontological Nursing Association.

'95

Laurie Czyewski (N) has worked with the Morristown Memorial Hospital for eight years. She now works in the medical, surgical, and trauma intensive care unit and occasionally in the hospital's hyperbaric oxygen unit.

'96 Reunion Year

Greg Coleman (CS) is employed with the Trenton Thunder as the assistant general manager. Previously, he was chief operating officer and vice president of the Golden Baseball League in California and general manager and vice president of the Modesto A's. Greg resides in Hamilton with his family.

Catherine M. Guidi-Scherm (AS) of Trafford, PA, works for Del Monte Foods as a consumer affairs analyst. She resides in the

Pittsburgh area with husband Jeff and 2-year-old son, Maxwell. Catherine completed her master's in communication and information systems last August.

Meredith Quinn Olearchick (CS) married **Michael Olearchick** in August 2004. **Roderic Schmidt (CS)** was included in the wedding party. In May 2005, Meredith graduated from Rutgers School of Law in Camden and is now practicing in Philadelphia with the law firm of Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads. The couple resides in Oaklyn.

Susan Maiolo Peck (N) of New Brunswick joined UMDNJ University Medical Group in New Brunswick in June 2004 as an OB/GYN nurse practitioner.

Amy L. Connor Tyler (N) of Pedricktown is a certified emergency and trauma nurse at Christiana Hospital's Level I Trauma Center in Newark, DE. She is the chair of the health care system's Professional Nurse Advisory Council.

Sandy Weeks (MSN) is the associate director of nursing for acute care patients in the elderly rehabilitation and acquired brain injury units at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, NC. She is active on the Magnet Task Force, Nursing Professional Development Council, Nursing Research Council, Institutional Review Board, and Patient Satisfaction Committee. Sandy resides in Hendersonville, NC.

'98

Susan Bunnell-Jackson (AS), who has a 2-year-old son named Connor, is working as a guidance counselor at Eastern High School in Voorhees. Susan resides in Haddon Heights with her family.

Andrew DiSanto (CS) completed his law degree at Villanova Law School in 2001. He and his wife, Colleen, have been operating their own immigration law firm in Scottsdale, AZ, since 2003 and plan to expand their practice to Pennsylvania and New Jersey this year.

Pawel Ochalski (S) of Pittsburgh, PA, has completed his MD degree from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and was inducted into the Medical Honor Society.

Joe Tamagni (AS) of Vineland teaches Italian at Vineland High School. He recently directed and edited a promotional video for the school's social studies electives. He has other video credits that include an online documentary about the Middlebury College Italian School in Vermont.

'99

Margaret Benoit (S) received her PhD in geophysics from Pennsylvania State University. Her dissertation is titled "The Upper Mantle Seismic Velocity Structure beneath the Arabian Shield and East Africa." Margaret is now a postdoctoral associate at the Earth Resources Laboratory, Department of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Her research is focused on the earth's crust structure underneath Turkey, an area prone to earthquakes.

Michael D. Fisher Sr. (AS) and **Priscilla Fisher '02** (CS) have been busy working throughout the Mercer County area. Priscilla has been a volunteer and employee for several service organizations, such as Catholic Charities and Eastern Service Workers Association. Currently, she serves as a family childcare specialist at Child Care Connection, located in Ewing. Upon graduation, Michael taught English in Ewing Township for nearly four years before resigning to pursue a master's of divinity degree at Princeton Theological

Seminary, from which he graduated in May. In February he was ordained to the pastoral ministry and now serves as the founding pastor of Fresh Springs International Family Worship Church in Ewing. Michael and Priscilla have remained connected to the campus in several ways throughout the years. Since May 1998, they have co-hosted a gospel music program on WTSR. He also serves as the spiritual adviser of TCNJ Gospel Choir Ministries. They have two children: Michailah and Michael D. Jr.

Valerie Layne (N) has been accepted to the Doctor of Nursing Program at Case Western Reserve University. The program emphasizes advanced practice, nursing inquiry, management, and policy required for clinical leadership in nursing. Valerie is a nurse practitioner with the Hightstown Medical Associates in Hightstown.

'00

Timothy Bauersachs (AS) completed the cross-country trip of a lifetime, visiting 15 major U.S. cities and exploring 13 national parks. He drove from New Jersey to San Diego in his convertible, lived in San Diego for the winter months, and returned in April. Tim is an attorney working for the New Jersey Attorney General's Office Division of Law, protecting New Jersey's children from child abuse and neglect. Tim lives in Mercerville.

Jeffrey Gander (S) of Scotch Plains completed his MD degree in 2005 from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and was also inducted into the Medical Honor Society.

Gina M. Olivo (N) is a child health nurse in the Child Health Program at UMDNJ. She also works part time in pediatric intensive care and home health nursing at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. Gina lives in Bridgewater.

Bill Schindler (AS) and his wife, **Christina** (E), welcomed William Steven to the family last September. Bill received his doctorate in anthropology from Temple University in January.

Catrina Sparacio (N) began her third year of law school at Rutgers-Camden last fall. She served as an extern for University of Medicine and Dentistry's in-house legal counsel in the summer of 2004. She was recently selected as a Governor's Executive Fellow with the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers-New Brunswick.

'01 Reunion Year

Nicholas D'Amore (CS), now living in West Trenton, is an associate editor at Engel Publishing, which produces two monthly

Weddings

Patti O'Brien '94 (E) wed Donald Rolzhausen July 22, 2005.
Jennifer L. Whalley '94 (AS) wed Brian C. Moog April 23, 2005.
Amy Levey '96 (E) wed Troy Adams August 6, 2005.
Lisa Easaw '98 (E) wed Anthony DeMarco November 19, 2005.
Karen Beaney '00 (CS) wed David Maurer '00 (B) April 2, 2005.
Chiara Reyes '00 (N) wed Jeffrey Paguirigan '98 (AS) June 11, 2005.
Karen Scheeler '00 (AS) wed Peter Iracane October 10, 2004.
Jamie Totten '01 (N), '05 (MS) wed Zachary Slaven '01 (E), '04 (MEd) October 15, 2005.



Clockwise from left: Patti O'Brien Rolzhausen '94 and Donald A. Rolzhausen; Karen Beaney Maurer '00 and David Maurer '00; and Zachary Slaven '01 and '04, and Jamie Totten Slaven '01 and '05.

magazines for the pharmaceutical industry. Previously, he was a staff writer for three local newspapers: *South Brunswick Post*, *Cranbury Press*, and *Cranford Chronicle*, and served as a copy editor at ISO Inc. in Jersey City.

Richard Grippaldi (AS) began work last fall on a doctorate in history at Temple University. He will be serving as an adjunct professor of history at TCNJ while he completes his dissertation titled "Birth of the U.S. Cavalry: The Regiment of Dragoon, Military Professionalism and Peace Keeping on the Permanent Indian Frontier, 1833-1836."

Colleen Harker (N), who earned her master's as an acute care nurse practitioner in 2002 at the University of Pennsylvania, is an inpatient CRNP for the Department of

New Arrivals

Carlos J. Rendon '87 (AS) and wife Mary A., a son: Carlos Giovanni, September 16, 2005.
Dana Wassall Landgraf '92 (E) and husband, Anton: a daughter, Caitlin Marie, September 17, 2005. She joins brother, Anton, 3.
Lisa Stilwell Anthony '93 (S) and husband, Douglas, a daughter: Rachel Andrea, August 6, 2005.
Colleen Folcher Brown '94 a son: Matthew Joseph, February 4, 2006. He joins sister Megan, 3.
Cindy La Greca '94 (AS) and husband, Sanjiv Sarwate, a daughter: Kaia Margherita Sarwate, February 1, 2006.
Charity Niemczura Walter '94 (AS) and husband, Eric, a son: Matthew Ryan, September 15, 2004.
Jan Egan '96 (CS) and wife, Jenna, a son: Michael Clifford, February 2, 2006. He joins brother, Jan Patrick III, 4.
Jenine Sweeney Lansing '97 (AS) and her husband, Steve, a daughter: Evelyn Post, August 2, 2005.
Jennifer Nichole Jaros-Domen '98 (B) and husband, **Daniel Carl Domen '97** (S), a daughter: Samantha Marie, October 14, 2005.
Maya Bogatch Sedelmaier '98 (AS) and husband, Christopher "Sed" Sedelmaier, a son: Oren Neal, August 30, 2005.
Pamela Slicner Sullivan '98 (E) and husband, Sean, twin sons: Colin Michael and Jack Jeffrey, October 14, 2005.
Linda Tridente Blazier '99 (AS) and husband, David, a son: Brendan Michael, February 21, 2006.
Jill Eaton Houseworth '99 (S) and husband, Dan, a daughter: Jadyne Rose, June 29, 2005.
Christina Nightingale Schlinder '00 (E) and husband, **Bill '00**, a son: William Steven, September 23, 2005. He joins sister, Brianna.
Amanda Prisco Passman '01 (AS) and husband, Eric, a daughter: Emma Ann, February 15, 2005.
Christina Van Horn '01 (AS) and husband, **Mark Van Horn '01** (E), a son: John David December 21, 2005.

Surgery at University of Pennsylvania. She also had a chapter on hematology and oncology accepted for publication in a nursing handbook for nurse practitioners.

Sheryl Lacina Konopack (E) and her husband, Jim, are excited to announce the birth of their first child, Trenton. They have been living in Champaign, IL, but Jim has recently accepted a position with Monmouth University and the Konopacks look forward to returning to New Jersey this summer.

Nick Manetto (AS) married Carrie Klinker, a special education teacher in Fairfax County, VA. Nick works as an assistant vice president at B & D Consulting in Washington, DC, and they reside in Reston, VA. He also volunteers at Catholic Charities, teaching social studies to adults seeking their GEDs in the district.

Ganna Maymind (E) received the 2005 Donald H. Graves Writing Award from the National Council of Teachers of English. Ganna teaches at Asher Holmes Elementary School in Morganville and lives in Cherry Hill.

'02

Greg Porreca (S) of Cambridge, MA, led a seminar at TCNJ last fall to students in the School of Science titled: "New DNA Sequencing Technology: Towards Personal Human Genomes." He is also pursuing a PhD at Harvard.

Daniel Salimbene (CS) and a business partner in 2004 started their own digital media company called Arcadia New Media Services. Among their clients are Nokia Theater Times Square Marquee, AEG Live, Network Live, Clear Channel Entertainment, and E! Entertainment TV. Among other projects, they are updating the Nokia Times Square Marquee with new digital imaging and products. Daniel lives in Hoboken.

'03

Nicole Andreasi (S) is a geometry, algebra, and AP calculus teacher at Shore Regional High School. In 2004, Nicole was responsible for revamping the entire AP calculus program. As a result of Nicole's work, in 2005 there was a 100 percent passing rate on this exam for the first time in Shore Regional History. She was then awarded the 2005 Teacher of the Year for her efforts.

Tom George (CS) is pursuing his MAT in history at Rutgers-Newark. He is teaching world history to sixth-graders in Edison Township.

Ema Puskas (N) is a NICU travel nurse. She just completed her first travel assignment and will be moving to North Carolina at the end of July for her second assignment. Ema will be working in Greenville, NC, at Pitt County General Hospital's neonatal intensive care unit while pursuing her national certification in neonatal nursing.

Abigail Recierdo (N) is a staff nurse in the hematology-oncology medical unit at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. She lives in North Middletown.

Jen Regn (N) is an emergency room nurse at Virtua Memorial in Mt. Holly. She also works at Medford Care Center and is the nurse for the summer recreation program in her hometown of Lumberton. Jen is studying to take her Certification for Emergency Nursing exam.

'04

Maryam Muhammad (E) became program director for the Boys and Girls Club of Trenton in February 2004. She created a program to help keep the teenagers of Trenton off the streets. Mary also created a Job Ready Program that helps teens write and maintain a resume, and prepare and dress for interviews.

'05

Christine Brozyna (CS) is a news desk assistant with ABC News.

Renee Del Campo (CS) teaches at Cherokee High School. Her essay, "Unveiling the Marassa: Twinning in Edgewise Danticat's *The Farming of Bones* and *Breath, Eyes, Memory*" has been accepted for publication in *Sigma Tau Delta Review*.

Laura De Zutter (CS) and **Toni Peterson** (CS) both are working on their master's degrees in communication at Rutgers.

Jennifer Hagert (CS) of Hasbrouck Heights is employed with the New Jersey Nets as a coordinator and executive assistant in the corporate sponsorship department. She plans on pursuing a master's in marketing within the next few years.

When **Pedro Khoury** (CS) was running for president of the Student Government Association in 2004, the College faced considerable pressure to limit spending across the board. So when he won the election and learned the position carried a stipend of over \$5,000, he decided to donate some of the money back to the College.

Pedro had a couple of ideas stemming from his own experiences. He had done well at James J. Ferris High School in Jersey City, but the academic demands of TCNJ proved very difficult for him, even as an EOF student who enjoyed a good deal of help and guidance from that program. "I struggled because I wasn't prepared," he said, "but through a lot of hard work I overcame that."

His first donation was a \$1,500 contribution that produced a Pedro Khoury Scholarship Award, a gift of \$750 for a minimum of two years to a full-time student with an overall GPA of at least 2.75 and actively involved in extracurricular activities, to be selected by the Committee for Student and Campus Community. Most important, the recipient must show significant

In Memoriam

Helen Walker '27
 Marjorie Eaton Goldy '29
 Ruth Hepburn Protheroe '34
 Ruth Grudin Cooper '35
 Howard Wolverton '35
 Henry B. Mayr '37
 Jean-Rae Turner '42
 Betty Cawley Connlain '48
 Selma Urken Litowitz '50
 Peter S. Festnate Sr. '51
 Catherine Byrne Mitchell '51
 Effie Chapas Oakes '51
 Richard J. Plum '51
 Joseph Tylus '51
 Lynne Mulligan Kennedy '60
 George Ayers '61
 John O. Post Jr. '66
 Barbara Pickett Stewart '72
 Earl A. McCracken '75
 Elwood W. Carruthers '76
 Phillip J. Martin '07
 John Fiocco Jr. '09

improvement in his or her GPA over at least four academic semesters.

Pedro says, "I've noticed that many scholarships offered are for people who always have been successful. Gradual improvement is a sign of both ambition and knowledge, and I thought students should be rewarded for that. This scholarship is a reward for people who have overcome great adversity."

The second part of his contribution to the College took the form of a grant of \$2,000 to TCNJ Foundation. While heading the SGA, he and the other members were able to create a vice-presidential position to promote cross-cultural programs. This contribution is designated for use by the SGA to recognize and reward student organizations that develop outstanding programs to support activities related to equity and diversity issues on campus. It will be called the SGA Equity and Diversity Awards Fund.

Pedro established the SGA awards program last fall, just as the new graduate was given his assignment as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Ukraine. In May, he was expected to receive word of his specific duties as part of a "youth development team," working with disadvantaged youth in community centers, orphanages, or non-governmental organizations.

Jaclyn Kupcha (CS) and **Dawn Santin (CS)** are pursuing a master's degree in public administration at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.

1981-1982 Basketball Team Reunion



While the team finished on top of the New Jersey Athletic Conference during the regular season, it lost in the first round of post season play. However, the memories lingered on and 24 years later, the entire squad returned for a reunion on January 28, 2006. The day was filled with a reunion game in the morning, a team lunch, introduction at half time of the men's basketball game and hanging out together in Trenton that evening. Even coach Tom McCorry and graduate assistant Gregory Mitchell came in from out of state. Team coordinator Robert Murtin

said, "The camaraderie displayed by the team that entire day was as if we never split apart for 25 years. We were proud to be on campus representing TSC." Pictured (from the left) are: First row, Paul Donato, Charlie Cole, Tom Murphy, coach Tom McCorry, Robert Murtin, Eddie Gittens, and Fran Murphy. Second row: Don Salmon, Chris Stevenson, Barry Williams, John Russo, Greg Deighan, Don Nolan, Bill Nally, coach Gregory Mitchell, coach John Iacovelli, and scorekeeper Paul Clayton.

Jean Lutkenhouse (CS) is pursuing a doctorate in communications at the Annenberg School of Communication at the University of Pennsylvania. Jean was one of only two students (out of 20 admitted from throughout the world) admitted directly to the program with only a bachelor's degree.

Eric Thul (S) has received a 2005 UPE (International Honor Society for the computing and information disciplines) Undergraduate Scholarship Award. This \$1,000 award is one of nine undergraduate awards worldwide. Eric actively participated in the Friday Afternoon Computing Technology Seminar and mentored research projects in computer science with Deborah Knox, interim dean of science and Ursula Wolz, associate professor of computer science.

Megan Thurber (S) has received a 2005 Graduate Scholarship Award. Megan is one of four graduate students worldwide to receive the UPE (International Honor Society for the computing and information disciplines) Graduate Award of \$1,000. Megan was the president of the TCNJ Computer Science Honor Society. She also participated in tutoring and working in the Office of Residential and Community Service while an undergraduate.

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