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A Message from the Editor

Since its founding in 1998, TCNJ Journal of Student Scholarship has grown with the College. With its 2008 edition, the Journal has reached its tenth volume and entered its second year of electronic publication, readily accessible both on and off campus. In addition, all previous editions of the Journal, formerly available only in paper copy, are now available electronically at <http://www.tcnj.edu/~joss/issues.html>.

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