

## HELLO ALUMNI!



BE PROUD OF YOUR ALMA MATER, AND STAY CONNECTED. THAT'S WHAT EVERY NJIT ALUM SHOULD ALWAYS FEEL, AND INVEST SOME TIME AND EFFORT IN DOING. NJIT IS A GREAT UNIVERSITY THAT HAS PRODUCED LEADERS IN VIRTUALLY EVERY FIELD I CAN THINK OF, FROM ENGINEERING, REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE TO LAW AND SPORTS. I KNOW THAT THE CLASS OF 2004 WILL EQUAL, AND MAYBE SURPASS, THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THEIR PREDECESSORS — INCLUDING GRADS LIKE GOWTON ACHAIBAR, KEVIN CHASE AND VINCE NAIMOLI, WHO ARE PROFILED IN THIS ISSUE.

I also urge the Class of 2004 to stay in touch with each other, and with NJIT, through your Alumni Association. We are proud to present every new grad with a laminated miniature copy of their diploma as a special alumni ID symbolizing a link to NJIT that we hope will remain strong over the years to come. Your mini-diploma gives you access to the NJIT library, campus computing resources, and physical-fitness facilities. Come back as often as you can, not only for these benefits, but to enjoy alumni events and see the continuing transformation of the campus into an even more exciting place to learn, grow and connect.

Soon, you'll be able to show your pride in NJIT with new high-quality clothing available through NJIT's Alumni Relations Office. Look for the ad in the fall issue of *NJIT Magazine* displaying items that will include a jacket, sweatshirt and golf shirt. Right now, though, alums with cars registered in New Jersey can get "NJIT Highlanders" license plates through Alumni Relations. For details, call 973-596-3441. Since New Jersey requires front and rear license plates, you'll really be able to let people know how you feel about NJIT — both coming and going.

While clothing and license plates are great ways to show your connection to a great school, personal contact matters even more. That's why we continue to enhance the NJIT Website for alumni, with the latest addition being the online *Alumni Directory*. The directory is a secure, password-protected resource that you will be able to search in various ways, either to find one person with his or her contact information, or all the members of a class. You'll soon receive personalized information in the mail with details about how to access the new alumni directory on the Web.

Of course, there's much more on the NJIT Website for alumni, such as services available to alums and the schedule of events planned by groups like the new Under 21 Club, which recently sponsored a very successful gathering at McGovern's Tavern. For a complete list of upcoming alumni events, visit [www.njit.edu/alumni/events.php](http://www.njit.edu/alumni/events.php). The *Class Notes* form is also an easy way to share news about your family, promotions, research projects, educational achievements, honors and publications. Take a minute or two to share the good news that we always like to hear.

But the best way to stay in touch is to become an active member of the NJIT Alumni Association. Join us in person for events on campus, or the ones we're scheduling across the country. And don't hesitate to let me know your thoughts about any aspect of being an NJIT alum via email to [njitalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:njitalumni@yahoo.com).

Rick A. de Pinho '88, '91  
President, NJIT Alumni Association

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**What's new? Do you have a new job, addition to your family, honor, award or publication to share? We want to hear from you!**

There are three ways to send us a class note at Alumni Relations:

1. On the NJIT Website ([www.njit.edu](http://www.njit.edu)), click on *Alumni Resources* under *Alumni & Friends* and then *Class Notes* to access a form that you can use to share your news.
2. By email, you can send news and photographs to [alumni-classnotes@njit.edu](mailto:alumni-classnotes@njit.edu).
3. Via US mail, send news and photos with your graduation year(s) to:

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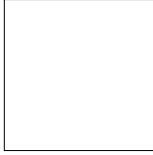
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# Mal & Friends



*AUTHOR: MAL SIMON is professor emeritus of physical education and athletics at NJIT. After joining the faculty in 1955, he served as director of physical education and athletics, and coached the men's soccer team for 30 years. In 1993, Mal was awarded the Cullimore Medal for his many years of dedicated service to the university.*

In a previous column, I wrote that Todd and Robin Barall-Havican are among the couples who met at NJIT, but I didn't have space for the "rest of the story." Robin was active in the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority and a member of Tau Beta Pi and Eta Kappa Nu honor societies. After graduation, she went to work for Allied Signal Aerospace, followed by positions at Bristol-Myers Squibb and Prudential. She is now a stay-at-home mom for their daughters, Kaitlyn and Kelsey. Todd transferred to NJIT from Morris County College, played soccer at NJIT for two years, and graduated in 1992. After working as a sales engineer and project engineer, he started his own company, selling spray equipment and pumps for the food and pharmaceutical industries. In 1997, he sold his company and relocated to Charlotte, North Carolina, to work for a division of Goodrich Corporation.

Roy Knutsen '62 was an all-around NCE athlete, playing basketball, soccer and baseball. He was an outstanding basketball player who I had recruited to be back-up goalie for the soccer team. Roy "brags" that his claim to fame as goalie occurred during a game with Bloomfield College when he was put into the match with the score 8-0 in our favor. While coming out of his goal to field a long punt from the Bloomfield goalie, Roy slipped and fell. All he could do was watch the ball go over his head into the goal.

After graduation, Roy spent four years at General Motors and General Electric. During this time, he invested successfully in the stock market without professional assistance. Deciding that this was his niche, he went to work on Wall Street, retiring in 2001. His last position was investment manager for mutual and pension funds and partner in the firm of Weiss, Peck & Greer. Roy is now a "hobby farmer" (his words) in Stillwater, New Jersey, where he and his wife, Susan, own their thirty-acre Whitehall Farm. In addition to raising chickens, geese, swans, guinea hens and bees, they have nine cats and four dogs. They also grow vegetables, herbs and flowers, and are starting an apple orchard. But their "signature" has to be, quite appropriately for an NJIT alumnus, their two Highlander cows named Peaches and Buttercup. Roy's recreational passion is golfing. Sporting an eleven handicap, he enters a number of tournaments and is especially proud of being on the foursome that won the Greg Norman charity tournament on Florida's PGA course.

The class of 1954 will have its 50th reunion this year. Reunion committee member Marvin F. Smith contacted me for information about Professor Bob Swanson. (Diane and I visited Bob and Dot Swanson this winter. They are not well and I know would appreciate hearing from alumni and friends. Their address is 7212 Lounsberry Court, Wilmington, N.C. 28405.) Marv played varsity tennis at NCE for four years. Upon retiring from Exxon Research and Engineering Company in 1992, he joined the U.S. Tennis Association and played in Eastern Tennis Association tournaments. Marv was highly ranked in men's singles and played in eight national singles championships in his age group. A back operation ended his competitive career but he still plays recreational tennis. In addition to playing tennis at NCE, Marv



Roy Knutsen and his Highlander cows, Peaches and Buttercup. Roy is on the right.

was senior class president, president of the student chapter of the American Chemical Society, and winner of the Tau Beta Pi Freshmen Award with a 4.00 GPA. Prior to Exxon, Marv worked for E.I. Du Pont, the U.S. Army Chemical Corps and the Bon Ami Company. He lives in Aberdeen, New Jersey, with his wife, Jacqueline.

Michael A. D'Antuono '60 was a member of NCE's soccer teams in 1954 and 1955. Before starting his own company, Mike worked for American Machine and Foundry and Simmons Precision corporations as a tester for the Titan I launch system, reliability engineer for the Apollo service module fuel system, design engineer on thermal systems for the Hubble space telescope, and components-reliability specialist for other aerospace and defense programs. Mike is founder and president of Dantco Mixers Corporation ([www.dantco.com](http://www.dantco.com)) of Paterson, New Jersey, which designs and develops mixing systems for the chemical, food, pharmaceutical, coatings, adhesives and cosmetics industries. Mike, who holds an MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University, lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, with his wife, Susan.



Mal and friends at the soccer reunion hosted in Miami by Alfonso Cardenas, Manuel Garrido and Alvaro Piedrahita. NJIT President Robert A. Altenkirch is in the back row, wearing the red shirt and hat. To his left is Beth Altenkirch, in the white hat.

The 5th annual Florida reunion was another success. Held in Miami, it was highlighted by the presence of NJIT luminaries Bob and Beth Altenkirch, Chuck Dees, Pat Breslin and Pedro Lopes, as well as alumnus Bernie Lubetkin '49 and his wife, Beverly. Another highlight was the golf outing hosted by Don Dvorak '66 at which Bernie and I thrashed Alfonso Cardenas '89 and James Moreno '73, proving once again that youth and talent are no match for age and treachery.

Jim Romanski '85 wrote to me about Martin Hammer's climbing venture (see Fall 2003 column) and wanted to get in

touch with him. Martin and Jim were soccer teammates at NJIT. Jim and his wife, Patti, avid climbers before starting their family, have climbed Half Dome in Yosemite and mountains in Colorado and New York. They live in Guilford, Connecticut, where Jim coaches his daughter's soccer team.

Dan Carroll '65 joined golfdom's hole-in-one club. Dan, who played baseball at NJIT, used an eight iron to ace the 125-yard 16th hole at the Roxiticus Golf Club in Mendham, New Jersey.

#### **NJIT Alumni Soccer Chapter News**

Manuel Garrido '69 will host a reception for the NJIT varsity soccer team during their October 8–10, 2004 trip to Miami, Florida. For information, contact Manuel at [manuel.garrido@ubs.com](mailto:manuel.garrido@ubs.com). The Fall 2004 golf outing and soccer game will be held on October 15, 2004. Roy Knutsen will host the "scramble" golf outing at the Lake Mohawk Golf Club in Sparta, New Jersey, where he is a member. To indicate your participation and for more information, please contact Roy Knutsen at [r.knutsen@worldnet.att.net](mailto:r.knutsen@worldnet.att.net). The annual alumni soccer game will be held at 6:00 p.m. the same day on NJIT's Lubetkin Field. A reception will follow in the Fleisher Athletic Center. Please let Bill Morris know of your participation at [bmorris@epicbuilds.com](mailto:bmorris@epicbuilds.com). The 2005 Florida reunion will be a two- or three-day cruise out of Miami or Fort Lauderdale in February 2005. Information will be mailed to chapter members and previous reunion attendees, and will be available in the next *NJIT Magazine*. All alumni are welcome to all soccer chapter activities.

You'll find more news about NJIT grads in the class notes that begin on page 35, and be sure to keep news coming to me at [coach7157@yahoo.com](mailto:coach7157@yahoo.com).

## HELPING TO MAKE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRANSPARENT

Suddenly, they're everywhere — cell phones that allow you to take and send pictures by merely pressing a few buttons. But as Gowton Achaibar explains, this new generation of mobile phones is a good example of consumer-driven innovation that depends on increasingly capable and complex telecommunications networks.

Achaibar is executive vice president and general manager, key accounts, for Ericsson in North America. Ericsson provides much of the network hardware, software and management-systems expertise that enables telecom providers to make the complexity of even the most advanced services “transparent” to end users, including the people sharing pictures via their cell phones.

Achaibar entered the telecommunications field after completing his electrical engineering degree at NJIT in 1986. He came to NJIT from Guyana, where he grew up and completed secondary school. “Although my schooling in Guyana was



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truly excellent, opportunities for higher education were limited,” Achaibar says. “So my family moved to the United States. We chose New Jersey because I had an uncle who was a researcher at Schering-Plough.” And why did he decide to continue his education at NJIT? It was recommended by a friend as a good, affordable option.

Achaibar’s first job was with Bell Laboratories in Whippany, New Jersey. His association with Bell Labs actually began during the summer of his junior year, which he spent at the Labs’ large Murray Hill facility on an engineering scholarship. During his nine years with Bell Labs, Achaibar earned the first of his graduate degrees, an MS in electrical engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology.

In 1995, Achaibar moved on to PowerTel, in Georgia, as chief technology officer. The 1990s saw dramatic growth in wireless phone service, and Achaibar managed the expansion of PowerTel’s network into the promising wireless market. He left PowerTel after it was acquired by T-Mobile, though not before completing an MBA at Auburn University.

Achaibar then joined a company focused on cellular-system design and construction as vice president and partner. This firm was eventually sold to a larger telecom services entity. Subsequently, Achaibar’s combination of experience in operations, system design, and construction services made him a natural choice for the post of vice president and general manager at Ericsson Global Services, North America, which he joined in 2002.

From the perspective of his position at Ericsson, Achaibar says that end users are driving rapid change in telecommunications services. “Today, businesses and individual consumers are telling providers what they want in no uncertain terms.” Most of what’s wanted, Achaibar adds, requires moving increasing amounts of information through the world’s networks at faster speeds.

For example, Achaibar sees a growing demand for telemetry services that facilitate applications such as remote monitoring of industrial processes and inventories, continuously and in real time. This could range from keeping track of fuel consumption at a sprawling manufacturing plant to the number of cans in a soft-drink vending machine. Then there’s the potential telecom sea change of providing conventional voice service over the Internet, or VoIP as this technology is known in the industry.

More capable wireless phones are also on the way. Sharing digital cell-phone snapshots may be cutting-edge now, but that’s just the beginning. Achaibar foresees technology-savvy consumers demanding pocket phones that can capture full-motion video and provide seamless links to the Internet. Telecom service providers will have to be ready to meet this demand, which will require the right equipment and expertise from companies like Ericsson.

Suddenly, they’ll be everywhere — the next generation of wireless phones. With one of these in hand, you may very well be able to upload video to a Website and invite snow-shoveling friends back home to take a look at your sunny tropical getaway.

ICONS KEVIN P. CHANCE

## INSPIRED TO BE THE BEST

“We were inspired to do more and to do better,” Kevin Chance says of his experience as a student in NJIT’s honors program, which has since evolved into Albert Dorman Honors College. That inspiration, and Chance’s 1989 BS in electrical engineering, started him on a career that first led to Pennsylvania and work in industrial process automation at Moore Products Co., now part of Siemens Industrial Automation. Today, Chance is a vice president with Dionex Corporation, where he is responsible for the 200-person Chemical Analysis Business Unit.



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The chromatography and extraction systems manufactured by California-based Dionex are used worldwide to separate and identify the components of chemical mixtures. The company’s products are essential for research and operations in many fields, including biotechnology, chemicals and petrochemicals, semiconductors and pharmaceuticals.

Before joining Dionex in 2003, Chance was the founder and CEO of Aptus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. He helped to launch Aptus in Maryland with classmates from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School, where he completed an MBA in 1999. At the time Chance was affiliated with Aptus, the company was focused on developing screening technology for an important class of cell-surface receptors, and for screening compounds that act on those receptors.

Chance grew up in Hammonton, New Jersey. Hammonton is in the unique southern part of

the state known as the Pinelands, a region of more than a million sparsely populated acres that are of major ecological importance. When he was thinking about which college to attend, Chance’s high school calculus teacher gave him a flyer from NJIT promoting the nascent honors program, and he was definitely interested.

With the help of significant scholarship aid, Chance moved into his dorm room on the NJIT campus in the fall of 1985. He was one of 28 students comprising the inaugural class of the honors program, whose first director was Richard Sher, then professor of history and associate dean of the College of Science and Liberal Arts. Not long after the start of his freshman year, Chance was elected president of the honors group and served in that position until the second semester of his senior year.

“Being part of such a highly motivated, academically talented group was an exceptional experience,” Chance says. “We were also very impressed by Professor Sher. He was as dedicated to the program’s goal of developing our leadership potential as he was to encouraging and challenging us intellectually.”

For Chance and the other honors program students, there was some hands-on learning as well. “When we started, the only space set aside specifically for the honors program was one room in Tiernan Hall. We moved furniture in ourselves and set up computers. Later we managed to annex another room, but that was it, just two rooms.”

A lot has changed since Chance moved furniture at NJIT. The honors program became Albert Dorman Honors College in 1995 and now enrolls some 500 students. Chance spoke at the ceremony marking this key transition, and he served on the college’s Board of Visitors until his position with Dionex took him to California. The college also has spacious new quarters on campus in the recently opened East Building.

“The NJIT honors program was outstanding from the start, and establishing the Honors College demonstrated the depth of the university’s commitment in this area,” Chance reflects. “What’s most important, though, is the growing record of achievements of NJIT’s honors students. Their accomplishments, in so many professional fields, show how the quality of education at NJIT just keeps getting better.”

## 1960s

**Marshall Lerner** '62 is managing partner of the Los Angeles intellectual-property law firm of Kleinberg & Lerner LLP. A 1965 graduate of the George Washington University Law School, he was a patent examiner in the United States Patent and Trademark Office and a patent advisor to the Office of Naval Research before entering private practice. Lerner, his wife Jacqueline Fabe, who is a litigation attorney, and their two sons live in Beverly Hills.

**Marvin S. Gittes** '63 has joined the New York-based law firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C. A specialist in intellectual property, Gittes brings more than 35 years of experience to his new position. His expertise includes all aspects of litigation in patent, trademark, meta tag and unfair competition causes, including mediation, arbitration, cancellation and opposition proceedings.

**Francis X. Dzubeck** '64 has been appointed to the Board of Advisors of Propagate Networks, Inc., whose software lets Wi-Fi (Wireless Fidelity) enabled devices and networks self-organize and automatically adjust to constantly changing radio frequency environments. Dzubeck is founder, president and CEO of Communications Networks Architects, Inc., a firm specializing in the strategic analysis, planning and design of information and communications infrastructures.

**James W. Dunn** '67 has been promoted to corporate senior vice president of the Sensors and Simulation Group of L-3 Communications. With over 35 years of management and engineering experience in electronics systems and avionics, Dunn joined L-3 Communications in 2000 as president of L-3's Link Simulation and Training Division. L-3 Communications is a leading provider of

intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems, secure communications systems, aircraft-modernization and training services, and is a supplier of a broad array of high-technology products.

**Joe (Jay) Halsey** '68 has been appointed president of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE). He has worked for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Air Monitor Corporation, and presently for H.C. Nye Co. as a sales manager. Jay lives with his wife, Carol, and their five children in the Valley Forge area.

## 1970s

**Robert C. Hughes** '70, director of corporate business development for Ashland Inc., has been appointed vice president, mergers and acquisitions, chemicals and transportation construction. He will be responsible for directing the processes connected with larger acquisitions and divestitures for all Ashland businesses, as well as for other business-development activities. Ashland is a Fortune 500 transportation-construction, chemicals and petroleum company.

**Joseph Manfredi** '74, president and chief executive officer for GMP Systems Inc., is the recipient of a Distinguished Alumni Service Award from Newark College of Engineering. At GMP Systems Inc., Manfredi oversees the design and construction of high-purity pharmaceutical processing systems.

**Allan Sulkin** '75, a telecom industry analyst and founder of TEQConsult Group, has written a new book published by McGraw-Hill Professional Publications titled *PBX Systems for IP Telephony: Migrating Enterprise Communications*.

**Michael Kania** MS '78 has joined Valere Power, a leading provider of DC power systems, as a director of business development. Kania will head up expansion in the wireless network market, which is one of the company's fastest-growing industry segments. Kania has nearly 35 years of experience in the telecom industry, working in roles of increasing responsibility at various divisions of Lucent Technologies, including its power system group.

**Ellen Pawlikowski** '78 has been promoted from Colonel to Brigadier General in the U.S. Air Force. Pawlikowski, who holds a doctorate in chemical engineering from the University of California at Berkeley, entered the Air Force as a second lieutenant through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at NJIT. Pawlikowski, the recipient of NJIT's Distinguished Alumni Medal for Outstanding Achievement in 1998, has been director of the Airborne Laser Program, a \$2.1 billion project to build the world's first combat aircraft using a high-power laser as a weapon.

## 1980s

**Erhan Atay** '80, MS '82, a project director for Washington Group International, has received a Distinguished Alumni Service Award from Newark College of Engineering. Washington Group International is an integrated engineering, construction and management firm. In his professional position, Atay is responsible for projects in Turkey and other countries in the Middle East and Central Asia.

**Edward S. Reynolds** '82 has been named an "EDS Fellow" at Electronic Data Systems (EDS) in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the company. EDS Fellows are charged with helping to develop key enterprise-wide initiatives significant for shaping the company's future.

ICONS VINCENT J. NAIMOLI

## ENGINEERING, BUSINESS AND BASEBALL

Vincent Naimoli is not only an ardent fan of baseball and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. He's the team's managing general partner and CEO. He also deserves the credit for bringing a Major League Baseball franchise to Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida. And along the way from his youth in Paterson, New Jersey, to the state of Florida, he has scored outstanding successes in the world of business as well as baseball.

Naimoli says that he came close to choosing Newark College of Engineering for his undergraduate education. But a Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) scholarship led to Notre Dame and a BS in mechanical engineering in 1959. Naimoli then spent several years in the Marines, the service he selected during the NROTC program. After serving as a seagoing Marine aboard the *U.S.S. New Jersey*, he was assigned to technical R&D work at Picatinny Arsenal in his home state. That's when NJIT and Naimoli finally came together.



The Tampa Bay Devil Rays mascot, Raymond, coached NJIT President Altenkirch before he threw out the first ball at a spring training game between the Devil Rays and the Pittsburgh Pirates. The game was part of an alumni event in Florida hosted by Vincent Naimoli '62, managing general partner and CEO of the Devil Rays.

While at Picatinny, Naimoli enrolled in Newark College of Engineering to study for an MS in mechanical engineering, a degree he received in 1962. "It was great, the professors were excellent," Naimoli says of NJIT. "You learned how to think in a way that's important for solving problems in business as well as engineering."



Naimoli's business acumen, further honed by an MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University and advanced management training at Harvard, has certainly been applied with substantial effect over the years, beginning early on at American Cyanamid. Although Naimoli was initially involved with engineering and plant construction, he soon moved on to commercial development. He explains that his particular interest in mergers and acquisitions was sparked by a research paper he wrote while working on his MBA.

In the course of his career — which has included top executive positions with the Continental Group, Lancaster Capital Corporation and Anchor Industries International — Naimoli gained an almost legendary reputation as a corporate turnaround specialist. In 1995, he was voted Florida Entrepreneur of the Year in the turnaround category.



Naimoli has dedicated as much energy to education and community service as he has to business and baseball. In addition to his support for NJIT, he has served on various committees and boards at Notre Dame, Fairleigh Dickinson and the University of Tampa. One of four children of a second-generation Italian immigrant employed by the New York City subway system, whose father studied at home to become a Gold Seal stationary engineer, in 1999 Naimoli received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor from the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations. He was honored along with First Lady Hillary Clinton, Senator John Glenn and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court William Rehnquist.

The benefits that Naimoli helped bring to the St. Petersburg area following the arrival the long-awaited Devil Rays include a naming-rights

deal with Tropicana Products that will enable St. Petersburg to receive some \$13 million over the life of the contract. Naimoli and fellow Rays owners have also paid for improvements to Tropicana Field and to the club's spring stadium, Progress Energy Park, home of Al Lang Field.

Tropicana Field is a state-of-the-art stadium with revolutionary artificial FieldTurf that also incorporates baseball design traditions such as asymmetrical outfield dimensions and dirt base paths, features included at Naimoli's insistence. And it should come as no surprise that he wanted the seats placed close to the action. That's where Naimoli has been throughout his career — close to the action in engineering, business and baseball.

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**\_Gary Aiello** `84, MS `94 is executive vice president and general manager of the publishing/retail division of R.R. Bowker. Aiello, who has been with R.R. Bowker for seven years, joined the company as vice president of information technology and most recently held the position of senior vice president of operations with responsibility for information technology and editorial operations. The leading provider of bibliographic information in North America, R.R. Bowker is also the official agency for assigning ISBNs in the United States.

**\_Anthony L. Politano** `88 is the CEO of MIS, an information technology company based in Newark, New Jersey. He recently published *Chief Performance Officer: Measuring What Matters, Managing What Can Be Measured*. Politano's book explains how a company's management should identify the most important factor that drives its success and then measure it.

### 1990s

**\_Timothy F. McGough** `90 has been named Engineer of the Year by the Professional Engineers Society of Mercer County, New Jersey. McGough is an executive vice president at Schoor DePalma, which he joined in 1999 as vice president to manage the firm's transportation division. McGough has been a member of the New Jersey Society of Professional Engineers since 1997. Currently, he serves on the society's executive board as treasurer and chair of the Legislative Committee.

**\_Bruce A. Brattstrom** `91 is vice president of the Newark and Suburban Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. He is a principal and founder of Studio One Architecture L.L.C., Newton, New Jersey.

**\_Gina Ochs Mayer-Costa** `91, MS `93, MS `94 and her husband, **Paulo Mayer-Costa** `92, MS `93,

announce the birth of their twins, Cora Angelina and Jaden Paulo, on October 13, 2003. Gina and Paulo met at NJIT, and their twins join big sisters Siena and Alea.

**\_Michael Kluck** `94, an architect with Princeton Design Guild in Belle Mead, New Jersey, has won a trip to see the castles of England, Ireland and Wales from the Mid-Atlantic Precast Association. Kluck is the winner of the grand prize in a competition sponsored by the association that required participants to utilize precast concrete in the design of a structurally sound medieval castle complex — complete with towers, banquet hall, jousting arena and dungeon.

**\_Edward Reilly** MS `96 has been promoted to vice president, treasurer at The Provident Bank's headquarters in Jersey City, New Jersey. He is responsible for managing the treasury department, which oversees management of the investment portfolio, assets and liabilities, cash and insurance.

**\_Paul Gibeault** `97 has completed the Architectural Registration Examination and is now licensed to practice architecture in New Jersey.

### 2000s

**\_Cheryl Allen-Munley** PhD `03 heads the Division of Traffic and Signals, Department of Engineering, in Newark, New Jersey, where she is responsible for implementing long-term capital projects and overseeing day-to-day operations. Allen-Munley served as transportation director of Jersey City, New Jersey, from 1989 to 1999. She has also worked as a partner with The Civil Group, a firm that provides traffic engineering services for the public and private sectors in New Jersey.

**\_Veerapol Suwantaveesri** `03 has joined Ford Farewell Mills and Gatsch, Architects, LLC.

## In Memoriam

**Marvin Bertram Scher** `37

**William H. McTigue** `62

**Arnold Maslow** `70

**Frank A. Cocchiola, Jr.** `72





### In Memoriam

## BRINGING STEAM INTO THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

VICTOR H. SWENSON, JR., who died in February at age 86, was a master machinist, plastics industry entrepreneur and steam engine enthusiast whose compact, innovative engine design powers classic steam launches around the world. A 1940 graduate of Newark Technical School, then the evening division of Newark College of Engineering, he was the founder of V.H. Swenson Co. Inc. His firm became a leader in the precision manufacture of plastic components for electronics products, including radios and televisions. After retiring from the plastics industry in 1991, Swenson went on to develop and produce his marine steam engines under the Crescent name in Point Pleasant, New Jersey.



Victor Swenson in his Point Pleasant workshop and aboard his steam launch *Crescent*

## ALUMNI CALENDAR

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Friday, November 12**  
**NJIT's 10th annual Celebration**

An evening of dining and dancing to provide scholarship support for students

Pleasantdale Chateau  
 West Orange, New Jersey

For information: Contact Jacquie Rhodes at 973-596-3407 or jacquelynn.g.rhodes@njit.edu.

**AUGUST**  
**Under 21 Club Summer Bash**

Date and location to be determined

For information: Call the Alumni Office at 973-596-3441 or email Dottie at d.david-wilson@njit.edu.

**SEPTEMBER**  
**Business Networking Reception**

Thursday, September 30

NJIT Campus Center  
 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

For information: Call the Alumni Office at 973-596-3441 or email Dottie at d.david-wilson@njit.edu.

**OCTOBER**  
**University Awards Ceremony**

Wednesday, October 6

NJIT campus

For information: Contact the Provost's Office at 973-596-3220.

**50th Anniversary Reunion Class of 1954**

Friday, October 15

NJIT campus

For information: Call the Alumni Office at 973-596-3441 or email Dottie at d.david-wilson@njit.edu.

**Fall Festival**

Saturday, October 16

NJIT campus

Details will be posted on the NJIT Website: www.njit.edu.

## NJSOA: CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

An overflow crowd of more than 500 alumni, students, faculty, staff and NJIT VIPs celebrated New Jersey School of Architecture's (NJSOA) 30th anniversary with The Big Bash, April 8, 2004. Students' gravity-defying creativity transformed six of seven floors of Weston Hall, home of NJSOA, into an inventive event extraordinaire. The Bash was complete with fine food, dancing to the acclaimed Party Dolls, and a successful silent auction featuring signed Venturi prints, signed Graves prints and kitchen items, and jewelry from Gary Michaels Jewelers. NJSOA Dean Urs Gauchat now sees Associate Dean James Dyer in a new light. Jim Dyer really knows how to plan a party, Gauchat said.

