

Alumni Circuit

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Honoring Jerome Murawski '36



Julia Murawski with NJIT President Robert A. Altenkirch

The North Wing of Eberhardt Hall NJIT Alumni Center has been formally dedicated to the late Jerome Murawski '36 in recognition of the continuing commitment of the Murawski family to NJIT. The dedication ceremony in December was attended by his wife, Julia, as well as by other family members and friends.

Upon receiving his degree from Newark College of Engineering, Jerome went on to engineering and marketing positions in the petroleum industry, work that took him and Julia to many parts of the globe. Since Jerome's passing in 1985, Julia has sustained a relationship with NJIT through vital scholarship support for students in civil and environmental engineering. This commitment will continue far into the future through the generosity of the Murawski family in the form of The Jerome Murawski Memorial Endowed Scholarship.

“Don't Call Your Boss an Idiot” Advises Alan Rosenthal '65

The importance of social skills for career advancement in every field was the focus of a seminar presented at NJIT by former Bank of America vice president and NJIT alumnus Alan Rosenthal. The seminar, sponsored by NJIT's College of Computing Sciences, explored how communication and social skills in the workplace and the relationships one encounters can ultimately affect a career. Rosenthal's discussion of diplomacy on the job included relationships with supervisors, colleagues, clients and vendors. At Bank of America, Rosenthal headed the information technology business architecture group.

Alumni Help Launch PSEG Scholarship

Freshmen enrolling next fall in NJIT's Albert Dorman Honors College will have the opportunity to apply for a new scholarship endowed with an initial gift of \$150,000 from NJIT alumni employed at Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG) in Newark. Scholarship recipients will also be able to consider a compensated internship at PSEG, parent organization of Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G).

"The scholarship symbolizes the ongoing partnership between our institutions," says Rodney Dickens, 1985 NJIT alumnus and PSE&G's vice president of asset management and centralized services. "There is a tradition of NJIT alumni who have had long, successful careers with Public Service. This scholarship will help make an NJIT education more affordable, and help to ensure a pool of skilled workers for companies like PSEG in the future."

PSEG alumni maintain an active and visible presence through the PSEG/NJIT Corporate Club. The group, which meets several times a year, participates in events that include luncheons and lectures. They also participate at NJIT career fairs.

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Weston Medal for William Paulus Jr. '63

NJIT's Edward F. Weston Medal for Professional Achievement was awarded to William Paulus Jr. at the 2007 University Convocation. Paulus, who received his master's degree in civil engineering from Newark College of Engineering in 1963, is president of Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor, the engineering and architecture firm he founded. A founding member of the NCE Board of Visitors, Paulus has previously been honored with the NCE Distinguished Alumni Service Award.



Weston Medal recipient William Paulus Jr. with NJIT Provost Priscilla P. Nelson and Senior Vice President for Research and Development Donald H. Sebastian

1963 **_Michael Gottlieb**

(Chemical Engineering), founder and president of ResinTech, Inc., has received the Annual Merit Award given by the International Water Conference. Each year, this award honors outstanding individuals in the field of industrial water technology. Michael was selected for his contributions to ion exchange technology in research and development, innovations as a manufacturer of ion exchange resins, and a leader in the field of special applications. ResinTech is a supplier of ion exchange resins, activated carbon and selective media for the water and wastewater marketplace. Headquartered in New Jersey, ResinTech also has locations in Florida, Texas and California.

1966 **_John Bakum**

(Electrical Engineering), MS '68 has been elected president of the Kings Theatre Company Board of Directors. Founded in 1998, the Kings Theatre Company is the primary resident theater group at the Lycian Centre for the Performing Arts in Sugar Loaf, New York. John, a resident of Warwick, New York, retired as president of Middlesex County College in New Jersey. In addition to his NJIT degrees, he holds a doctorate in education from Rutgers.

1974 **_Walter Wallach**

(Electrical Engineering) is vice president of software engineering at NetXen, Inc. Walter has extensive experience in senior technical leadership positions in the server and software industries. NetXen is a privately held company that manufactures intelligent 10 gigabit Ethernet networking chips that advance enterprise datacenter performance and agility.

1975 **_Anthony E. Stavale**

(Mechanical Engineering Technology) has been honored with the ITT Engineered for Life Award for the development of a smart variable frequency drive used in pumping applications.



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.

When diagnosed with prostate cancer last year, my search for a cancer specialist ended with Dr. Andrew Zablow '70, rated one of the top ten radiation oncologists in the New Jersey/New York area, at the St. Barnabas Cancer Center in Livingston, New Jersey. Andy was an outstanding soccer goalkeeper at NJIT so I knew I would be in "good hands" (pun intended). After graduating from NJIT, Andy earned an MBA at Temple University. He then worked as an industrial engineer for several firms. While at Interpace Corp. in Parsippany, he spent a year in Tanzania manufac-



Andrew Zablow '70

turing concrete pipes for water transport. Upon his return, he was accepted to medical school in Guadalajara, Mexico. He spent three months in Guadalajara learning Spanish, after which his wife, Ronna, and their baby, Stacey, joined him. They returned to New Jersey for an internship at UMDNJ, during which time their son, Aaron, was born. He moved to St. Barnabas for a four-year residency in radiation oncology, the last year as chief resident, and has been attending physician and vice chairman for over 20 years. My confidence in Andy and his staff was rewarded as I am now cancer free. My cancer was detected as part of my annual medical examination and fortunately was localized in the prostate. Early detection of prostate cancer is a major reason why the

success rate of treatment has risen to almost 95%, so I urge all men to get an annual exam or PSA test.

Mark Naser '89 made an auspicious debut at the 2007 soccer/basketball alumni golf outing by teaming with Dr. Norman Loney '77 and Len Kaplan, NJIT athletics director, to win team honors. Mark, a scientist with Avon, lives in Franklin, New Jersey, with his wife, Barbara, and two children. Other outing awards went to Roy Knutsen '62 for the longest drive and Gregg McEntee, son of Bob McEntee '62, for closest to the pin. Paul Dreyer '64 and Richard (Skip) Wilkins '64, varsity basketball players at NCE, missed the outing as they were on a vacation with their wives in South Africa. Highlights of their trip included Table Mountain National Park, Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was held for 27 years, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, and the Cape of Good Hope peninsula. They also stayed at the Inkasi Lodge, a reserve home to giraffes, rhinoceros, Cape buffalo, leopard, cheetah and many other species. They spent the last night of their vacation in an outdoor pub watching South Africa beat England in the World Cup Rugby Championships being held in France. They wore their Springbok (South Africa's nickname) shirts and with 100 of their "closest" friends toasted the champions with Springbok shots (half crème de menthe and half Amarula liquor).

Diane and I spent a few days with Charlie '53 and Liz Wilson at their new home in historic Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Charlie, professor emeritus of mechanical engineering, was a volunteer instructor in sailing, windsurfing, canoeing and kayaking at NJIT. So that Charlie could continue his interest in outdoor activities, Liz and their daughter, Jennifer, found the ideal home south of the Blue Ridge Mountains near many hiking trails and lakes.

Paul Tubbs '68 spent two months installing and maintaining electronic controls at the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and consulates in Dhahran and Jeddah.

It was great to see Alan Paschedag '75 at the NJIT Athletics Golf Outing. The last time I saw him was about five years ago at the Midland Run, a fundraiser for the Midland School in Bedminster, New Jersey, where he was

competing in the 15K race. A runner since high school, Alan has competed in three marathons and a number of 15K races and triathlons. He had the honor of carrying the U.S. flag in the 2007 U.N. International Friendship Run held the day prior to the NYC marathon. He also races cars and has won two regional championships and set a number of track records with his small Indy-type car powered by a four-cylinder engine. Rounding out his hobbies, he collects beer cans and related items and was president of the Breweriana Collectibles Club of America. Alan has worked for Foster Wheeler and Burns and Roe, a consulting engineering firm, and currently is an engineering manager at Siemens, working on coal-fired equipment for the power industry. Al lives in West Caldwell, New Jersey.

Joining the list of NJIT alumni marathoners is Gerry Kurth '67. Gerry ran the 2007 NYC Marathon in 5 hours, 25 minutes and 21 seconds, placing 651 among the 1102 runners in his age group. He sent me a three-minute film showing a portion of the race and I got tired just watching it.

An NJIT Southern California Alumni Club now being organized held an initial meeting during the men's soccer tournament in San Diego in September 2007. NJIT President Bob Altenkirch and Vice President for University Advancement Charles Dees welcomed alumni and guests. Also attending from NJIT were Len Kaplan, director of athletics, and Pedro Lopes, soccer coach. Coach Lopes introduced the members of the soccer team and spoke about the team's prospects. A highlight of the reception was a talk by NJIT Distinguished Professor Phil Goode, director of the Big Bear Solar Observatory. The weekend-long activities also included two golf outings and a tailgate reception for alumni and guests at the soccer tournament at the University of San Diego, where NJIT was taking part along with the University of California at San Diego and Fairleigh Dickinson University.

I was fortunate to attend and happy to see the large alumni turnout, which included former NJIT athletes Armen Bedrossian '87, Eric Borowsky '63, Dick Chmielewski '70, Al Emslie '75, Steve Garan '62, Brian Miller '80, Gerry Schomberg '61, Barry Schram '66, Hani Shouga '87 and Roman Skripkus '67. I will bring you up to date on these alumni in my next column. Also to be featured in the next column will be evidence that 1951 was indeed the first year of soccer at NJIT. I humbly apologize to Jim Boyle '58 for doubting his word.

Keep the news coming to me at mal.simon@njit.edu or coach7157@yahoo.com, and be sure to check all the news about grads and other events in "Alumni Circuit."

1976 **Robert Sawdye**

(Mechanical Engineering) has been appointed vice president of production at Formula Telecom Solutions, Inc., in charge of development, professional services, and product and customer account management. In addition to his bachelor's from NJIT, Robert earned a master's and doctorate at MIT. Formula Telecom Solutions is a major supplier of business control, billing and CRM products for communications service providers.

1983 **Orlando A. Carreño**

(Chemical Engineering) has been appointed vice president for the western region of Basin Water Inc. The appointment is part of Basin's plan to provide local support for its customers and expansion across the United States through five regions serving the potable water market. With the company since 2002, Orlando is the first such regional vice president and will oversee sales and service operations in California, Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Hawaii. The process solutions that Basin Water provides for clients include building and implementing systems for the treatment of contaminated groundwater as well as waste reduction and resource recovery.

1989 **Alan P. Allegretto**

(Construction Engineering Technology) has been designated head of the U.S. subsidiary of Kapsch TrafficCom AG. Previously, Alan was founder, president, and CEO of the GovScience Consulting Group LLC, specializing in international technology and infrastructure projects. Over the past three decades, he has been heavily involved in the development and implementation of projects ranging in size up to \$2.5 billion for government agencies, the military and many companies. A retired U.S. Air Force officer, Alan also studied at the College of the Air Force and the Air Force Institute of Technology. Headquartered in Vienna, Austria, Kapsch TrafficCom AG is a leading

provider of innovative traffic telematics products and services, such as electronic toll collection systems. Alan will be responsible for the company's activities in the U.S., the largest market in the world for advanced toll systems. **Patrick McGowan** (Construction Technology, Construction Management Engineering) has been profiled in a "My Turn" business feature in *The Star-Ledger*, New Jersey's most widely read newspaper. McGowan, who founded his own company, McGowan Builders in 2002, was born in Ireland and came to the U.S. as a teenager. In addition to New Jersey, his growing company is active in markets that include New York, Louisiana and Florida.

Marcelino Susas (Electrical Engineering) has joined the senior management team of Energy Conversion Devices, Inc. (ECD) as vice president for strategic marketing. He will lead ECD's initiatives to assess global marketing opportunities and drive strategic planning for increasing market share and long-term profitability. EDC manufactures and sells thin-film solar laminates that convert sunlight to energy. The company has also pioneered technologies that include a new type of faster, less costly nonvolatile digital memory.

1995 **Kevin Bogerman**

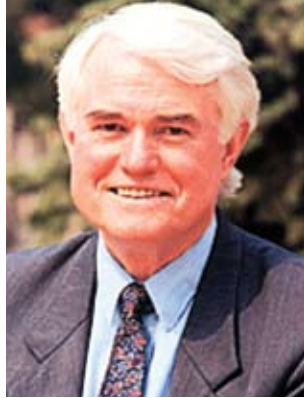
(Surveying Engineering Technology) has been named a partner at McNally Engineering, LLC, a civil engineering firm headquartered in Oakland, New Jersey. Kevin, who has more than 15 years of supervisory on-site experience, is a licensed land surveyor in the states of New Jersey and New York.

2001 **Ahmed Soliman**

(Communication) now has a weekly column in *The Record*, New Jersey's second-largest daily newspaper. The column will appear on the Op-Ed page of *The Record* each Thursday. Since graduation, Ahmed's career has spanned a wide range of media activities as a journalist and film maker. These have included being senior anchor and producer for the daily world news on Bridges TV.

In Memoriam

NJIT Mourns Former Provost Gary Thomas



Known to many in the NJIT community for his dedication as an educator and administrator, Gary Thomas was remembered at a memorial service held on campus in late January. At the service, NJIT President Robert A. Altenkirch announced that a new fellowship has been established to honor Thomas, who died at age 70 on January 1, 2008.

Thomas devoted 18 years of his distinguished career in engineering, education and administration

to NJIT, from 1980 through 1998. He served the university as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, vice president for research and graduate studies, and vice president for academic affairs. Thomas also helped to form NJIT's College of Science and Liberal Arts (serving as its first dean), the School of Management, and Albert Dorman Honors College. Subsequent to his tenure at NJIT, he was appointed chancellor of the University of Missouri – Rolla and retired from that position in 2005.

The Gary A. Thomas Doctoral Fellowship Program has been established to pay tribute to Thomas' leadership in graduate education and the growth of research at NJIT. The program will support two doctoral candidates with tuition, fees and stipend for the first two years of their candidacy. During years three and four, when recipients will receive The Gary Thomas Award in the amount of \$2,000, they will be expected to obtain additional support in the form of external research grants.

For information about contributing to the Thomas fellowship, contact Jacquie Rhodes, associate vice president for development at 973-596-3407 or rhodes@njit.edu.

NJIT also notes with sadness the passing of the following alumni:

Albert Earl Ott '44

Robert Louis Moss '50, MS '63

Edward Stephen Chatlos '51

Carlos Girod, Jr. '61, MS '67

George Eng '70

Alumni Calendar

SAVE THESE DATES!

Alumni Reunion Weekend — Classes of 1938 through 2003 celebrating fifth-year anniversaries.

Friday-Sunday, June 6-8

For the most current information about all alumni events — including specific dates — visit www.njit.edu/alumni/events and the websites of the individual clubs and groups listed.

Information is also available from the alumni relations office:

973-596-3441 Or alumni@njit.edu

CORPORATE CLUBS

NJIT's Corporate Clubs provide a valuable networking opportunity for alumni within the workplace while also assisting NJIT students and faculty. Current NJIT Corporate Clubs include: Eng-Wong Taub, Hatch Mott MacDonald, Langan Engineering & Environmental Services, PSEG, Schering-Plough and United Parcel Service.

Corporate Club information and events: www.njit.edu/alumni/clubs

REGIONAL CLUBS

Events scheduled for 2008 include a Florida Regional Club gathering for a Tampa Bay Rays baseball game and BBQ on April 20th, a Philadelphia Regional Club reception and engineering tour of Independence Hall on May 8, and the Monmouth County and Ocean County Regional Club's annual Lakewood BlueClaws baseball game and BBQ on June 22.

Check the Alumni Events Calendar and Regional Club pages on the Alumni Relations Website for more information: www.njit.edu/alumni/clubs

YOUNG ALUMNI CLUB

The Young Alumni Club plans and sponsors social gatherings and networking events for alumni who have graduated within the last 20 years.

For 2008, the Young Alumni Club's schedule of events has included a bowling event in New York City, "A Tasting of the Foods and Wines of Europe" at the NJIT University Club in Eberhardt Hall, and a Young Alumni Happy Hour in Washington D.C.

For information about all Young Alumni Club activities: www.njit.edu/alumni/clubs

ALUMNI REUNIONS

Although Alumni Reunion Weekend 2008 is almost here for the classes of 1938 through 2003 celebrating fifth-year anniversaries, planning for 2009 fifth-year anniversary reunions is under way for the classes of 1939 through 2004.

For information about reunions and Alumni Reunion Committee meetings, visit your class website at www.njit.edu/alumni/class.

Reunion information is also available from the Alumni Relations Office: 973-596-3441 or by e-mail to alumni@njit.edu.