CONNECTIONS:
Events of 2006-2007

▲ President Robert A. Altenkirch cuts the cake – a replica of Eberhardt Hall – as part of the 125th anniversary observance at Celebration 2006.

▲ Gail ’44 and Dee Clarke, seen above right with their Wurlitzer carousel organ, loaned the university their collection of rare and unusual mechanical instruments for an exhibit beginning on NJIT Day.

▲ Student organizations across the NJIT campus sponsored Hokie Hope to coordinate the outpouring of sympathy and support from NJIT students to their peers at Virginia Tech.

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One of the most diverse campuses in the nation, NJIT celebrates its multiculturalism with events such as Cultural Remix - Dance Revolution in which students such as this group from the Chinese Students and Scholars Association got a chance to showcase their culture and traditions.

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Assistant professor of management Stephen Kudyba partnered with Richard Temple, CIO of St. Clare’s Health System, and Michael Burke, director of applications, to study productivity in the healthcare sector. Their findings, connecting strategic management theory with the applied business environment in the health care industry, appeared in BI Review, in an article titled “Productivity Gains in Health Care.”

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