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The Mal Simon Soccer Fund is a component of the \$5 million Highlanders Athletics Campaign that will support improved athletics facilities and programs as well as scholarships. Upgrading the athletics programs is a major strategic goal for NJIT for a number of reasons:

- Successful intercollegiate sports teams raise a school's regional and national profiles, calling attention to the school among a larger applicant pool and strengthening the bond between a school and its alumni.
- Athletics develops campus life and *esprit de corps* and enhances relationships with the outside community.
- Success in athletics expands the opportunities to recruit students and coaches both nationally and internationally.

● Athletics facilities are visual focal points of a university's campus and can shape much of a person's overall perspective on a school.

● Perhaps most importantly, athletics builds tradition, the lifeblood of universities.

You may support the Mal Simon Soccer Fund and the athletics campaign by choosing one of the following gift options:

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THE MAL SIMON SOCCER FUND



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"I met Mal Simon, Coach we called him, fresh out of the streets of Newark's Ironbound, not very sure of myself in these new surroundings of higher education. The Coach's strict discipline and direction of the soccer team, most of whom were relatively new immigrants like me, gave us a sense of purpose and determination. He set the perfect tone for confidence building at a critical time in our lives.

Not much older than we were, Coach was a great teacher and leader. Out of a disparate group of individuals of different languages and cultures, he molded a team. He took us to a National Championship, a runner-up, and a string of 32 consecutive victories. And he did it with style and grace and thoughtfulness for each one of us that more than anything else forged our friendships as teammates and with him and has helped preserve those friendships all these years." **Ed Cruz '83**



About Mal Simon

For nearly 50 years, the name of J. Malcolm Simon has been synonymous with athletics and physical education at New Jersey Institute of Technology. During his 37 years with the university, he coached soccer, volleyball and basketball, taught physical education, directed intramural activities, and on retiring from coaching in 1984, became NJIT's director of physical education and athletics. Although Mal retired from the university in 1993, his legacy can still be seen in the sports programs.

It was Mal who set the course for NJIT's soccer program that led to the recent step up for Division I. In 28 seasons as soccer coach, he amassed 197 wins for a winning percentage of 65.3. His teams made 12 postseason appearances. His undefeated 1960 team shared the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national championship, the only national title won by either team or individual in university history. In 1961, his squad was NAIA national runner-up, with the only loss in the team's 9-1 record coming in the national championship game with Howard University. He coached 17 All-Americans and several who went on to play in the Olympics and professionally.

Mal Simon joined Newark College of Engineering in 1955, just a year after earning his bachelor's degree at Panzer College (now Montclair State University), and while still

"Mal Simon is a true mentor and a true friend whose paramount interest is the well-being of others. Throughout our undergraduate years, as we struggled to grow up and wrestle with the challenges of life as well as with a demanding academic program, Mal was a pillar of strength - often humorous, and sometimes inconspicuous - a haven where you could go to catch your breath." **William Garro '62**



"Mal Simon has been a great deal more than a soccer coach to those of us who were fortunate enough to benefit from his instruction and guidance. He has been a positive influence that helped to set each of us on a path for success in adult life. Even today, he is the linchpin that connects me to NJIT and to my former teammates."

William A. Morris, Jr. '82, '93

studying for his master's at Teachers College of Columbia University. In addition to his soccer achievements, he established the role of director of physical education and athletics and set the standard for providing a well-rounded program for all students. He is the author of six books on soccer.

Mal's contributions have been recognized many times; among the honors he has received are: the Allan R. Cullimore Award for Distinguished Service; the NJIT Alumni Association Service Award; induction into the NJIT Athletics Hall of Fame; the Soccer Hall of Fame of the New Jersey Soccer Coaches Association; Coach of the Year (1983) of the New Jersey Intercollegiate Soccer Association, and the Award of Honor of the New Jersey School College Officials Association.



Always devoted to community service, Mal took a year's sabbatical from NJIT in 1971 to serve as an education officer in the United States Peace Corps. His current activities included Meals on Wheels, the Special Olympics and North Jersey Developmental School. He stays actively involved with NJIT and his former students through "Mal and Friends," a popular column he writes for the NJIT Alumni Magazine, and through his role on the steering committee for the Highlander Athletics Campaign.

The Mal Simon Soccer Fund honors Mal by helping NJIT to support the scholar-athletes in its Division I Soccer Program. The fund will raise \$500,000 to support programmatic needs for the soccer program as well as an endowed scholarship that will allow a scholar-athlete to reach his or her full potential both in the classroom and on the playing field. Such scholarships allow the university to sustain its unique educational and social mission - making higher education accessible to as broad a segment of society as possible - and permits our coaches to recruit the best and brightest student-athletes from around the world.

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