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KU Student-Athletes Remain Competitive in Classroom

KU student-athletes remained competitive in the classroom, accumulating their third-highest grade-point average (GPA) of all time during the 2005-06 school year.

The Golden Bears had a cumulative GPA of 2.84, which trails only the averages of the 2004-05 (2.91) and 2003-04 (2.86) school years.

KU's athletes fell behind the overall student body GPA, which rose to an all-time high of 2.90. In 2004-05, the Golden Bear student-athletes had a higher average than that of the general student body.

"I'm proud of what our student-athletes have accomplished in the classroom," KU Director of Athletics **Greg Bamberger** said. "We still have room to improve, as our goal is to have a consistently higher GPA than that of the rest of the university."

Two areas in which KU's student athletes continue to out-perform their cohort is among females and freshmen.

Kutztown's female student-athletes had a GPA of 3.07, which was .04 higher than that of all undergraduate females. All freshmen student-athletes were significantly more successful academically, with a 2.54 GPA, compared to a 2.44 for all

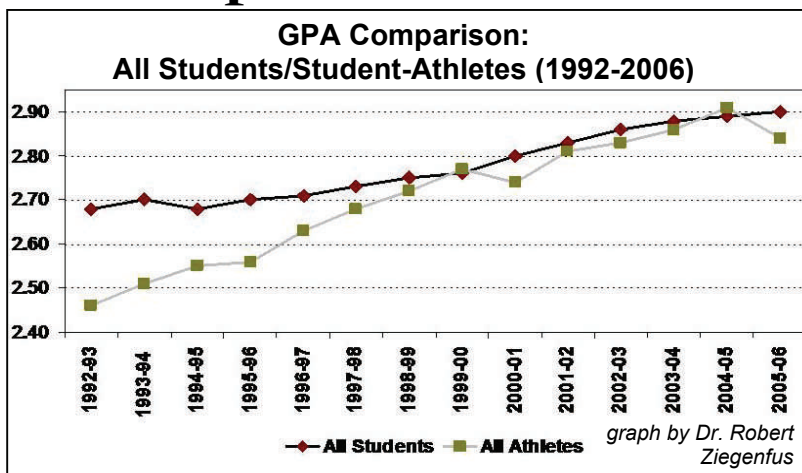
freshmen.

"Getting off to a solid academic start is extremely important for students, including athletes," said Dr. **Robert Ziegenfus**,

faculty athletic representative. "Our new student-athletes have done a good job of

laying the groundwork for success in the classroom, which leads to success athletically."

The Golden Bears' success is evident in the individual honors KU's student-athletes have received. In the 2005-06 school year, KU's student-athletes garnered 66 dean's list recognitions in the fall, followed by 76 in the spring. Of those, 47 achieved a perfect 4.0 for the semester. The 76 honorees fell just short of the department record of 81 set in the fall/spring of 2004/2005. A student must achieve a



3.60 GPA for the semester to be included on the dean's list.

A total of 94 Golden Bears were honored as Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Scholar-Athletes (*see graph, page 4*). That is the second-most for KU since the awards were first presented in 1994-95. The most came in 2004-05, when 103 students from KU were among the honorees. To be a PSAC scholar-athlete, a student must maintain a 3.25 grade-point average while competing in an intercollegiate varsity sport. ❖

Tau Kappa welcomes New Members in 2006

Alumnae of Tau Kappa, Kutztown's honorary sorority for female athletes, were on hand in April for the fourth induction ceremony of the re-established group. Alumnae both from the era of prior to intercollegiate athletics for women and the more recent inductees took part in the ceremony. New inductees included Talia McKinney, Desiree Bower, Trista Hershey, Stacey Denlinger, Jeannine Bria, Erin Gallagher, Joanna Horstmann, Julie Karaszkiwicz, Cheryl Dingman, Renee Marchand, Colleen Brady, Beth Reasoner, Laura Belfatti, Kelley Healey, Kim Kelty, Ashley Smith, Kelly Murdock, Priya Pachkawde, Lauren Losoney, Kerstin Kloeffler and Jharna Nansi. ❖



Kutztown Athletics Welcomes New Staff Members

Several new staff members have joined the Kutztown University Athletics Department in recent months.

Alex Ogeka replaces **Matt Santos** as Director of Athletic Advancement. Ogeka comes to Kutztown from Mansfield University, where he was the director of development for Athletics since 2004. Santos stepped down from his post to assume the role of Assistant Director of University Relations at KU. Santos remains active with Golden Bear athletics as the executive producer of Kutztown football radio broadcasts on WEEU.

Ray Hoffman has added the role of head track & field coach to his resume, as he takes over for **Brian Mondschein**. Hoffman has spent the past eight years as Kutztown's head cross country and assistant track & field coach. Mondschein resigned following the 2006 season.

Hoffman named **Keith White** as his full-time assistant track & field coach. White was most recently head track & field and cross country coach at Millersville. Hoffman also welcomed former Golden Bear athletes **Dave Tidey** and **Steve Winters** as assistant coaches.

KU football coach **Raymond Monica** announced several additions to his coaching staff. **Jeff Chillot** and **Mike Silecchia** join the staff as offensive and defensive coordinators, respectively. Chillot came to KU from nearby Al-



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bright, while **Silecchia** came from Frostburg State, and previously served as head coach at Lebanon Valley and assistant at Mansfield. Other new assistants include KU graduate **Michael Baldwin** (running backs), **Jarrad Brennan** (defensive line) and **Tim Tobin** (defensive tackles).

Erin Goodhart joins head coach **Tim Flannery's** swimming staff. A Shippensburg University graduate, Goodhart comes to Kutztown from Texas Christian University. Goodhart replaces **Cindy Zack**, who accepted an assistant swim coach position at Rutgers University.

Amanda Schultz is the new cheer team coach. She brings over 10 years of cheer coaching experience. Schultz replaces **Abby Steinmeyer**, who stepped down over the summer.

Colleen Healey has joined **Betty Wesner's** field hockey staff as a student assistant. Healey was a two-time All-America performer for the Golden Bears.

Rachel Napoli has joined the Golden Bear women's soccer staff as a graduate assistant. Napoli completed a stellar playing career at Wheeling Jesuit last season.

Cheryl Brattley joined **John Gump's** volleyball staff last spring as an assistant coach.

Wrestling coach **Rob Fisher's** former graduate assistant **Justin Kast** has taken over for **Morgan Esser** as assistant coach. The new graduate assistant in wrestling is **Seth Lisa**. ❖

76 Golden Bears Named to Spring 2006 Dean's List

Kutztown University has announced its Dean's List for the Spring 2006 semester. Among those recognized were 76 Golden Bear student-athletes.

Students must have a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.60 and complete at least 12 credit hours for the semester to qualify for the Dean's List.

Kutztown's 76 student-athletes, including 29 with a 4.0, represent 20 sports. They are as follows:

Baseball: Steve Craig, Matt Dierolf, Matt Jones, Garrison Rausch; **Women's Basketball:** Lara Dellegrotti, Katie Harlor, Jennifer Loprete, Tricia McElmoyle, Amy Yutko; **Cheer Team:** Jennifer David, Brittany Stitz, Jessica Wert; **Men's Cross Country/Indoor, Outdoor Track & Field:** Tony Hegedus, John Pyne; **Women's Cross Country/Indoor, Outdoor Track & Field:** Michelle Celenza, Hailey Dell, Laura Deller, Cheryl Dingman, Kristen Green, Erica Kabbeko, Julie Karaszkiwicz, Katelyn Katzgrau, Megan Lacy, Molly Lare, Bevin Lustman, Renee Marchand, Alison Maurer, Stephanie Milinichik, Amy Schaeffer, Kathleen Snyder; **Field Hockey:** Amanda Behney, Jennifer Balfatti, Laura Belfatti, Courtney Geibel, Kelley Healey (*also Women's Basketball*), Heather Hoxter, Jaime Kennally, Laura Kline (*also Track & Field*), Lauren McCabe; **Football:** Larry Baumgardner, Tom Cressman, Jason Henley, Cory Porrino, Dustin Woodward; **Women's Golf:** Amy Miller; **Men's Soccer:** Nicholas Forte, Matt Kade, Luke Ott, Greg Sassaman; **Women's Soccer:** Maureen Bell, Julie Folsom, Lesley Freer, Erin Gallagher, Jenn Wylie; **Softball:** Lindsay Bennett, Caitlin Hague, Jackie Messina; **Women's Swimming:** Colleen Brady, Michele Ellis, Jill Pantelides, Erin Searl, Ashley Singer; **Men's Tennis:** Harsh Sharma; **Women's Tennis:** Kristen Bodalski, Ashley Clarke, Priya Pachkawde; **Volleyball:** Steph Biester, Sarah Brandon, Shelby Bunting, Krystalee George, Shannon Sullivan, Dani Witherite, Erin Waters (*also Track & Field*); **Wrestling:** Jarod Fisher, Andrew Freas, Charles Kolb. ❖

Andre Reed Helps KU Dedicate New Lights at University Field

Former Golden Bear and Buffalo Bill star Andre Reed was on hand Sept. 9, as Kutztown dedicated the new lights at University Field. Reed conducted the coin toss prior to KU's 27-10 win over Clarion that night, the first-ever night game at KU. ❖

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Athletic Department Awards Endowed Scholarships

The Kutztown University Athletic Department awarded several endowed scholarships for the 2006-07 school year. The endowed scholarships are established in memory or honor of Golden Bear alumni, friends or family to benefit current student-athletes. For additional information on the current scholarships, or to establish a new one, contact the Athletic Advancement office (610-683-4755).

This year's endowed scholarship recipients are:

Larry Baumgardner, of the football team, has been awarded the Joseph and Carol Patton Scholarship.

Laura Belfatti, of the field hockey team, is a recipient of the George Kruse Memorial Scholarship.

David Ben, of the men's basketball team, has been awarded the Director of Equal Opportunity in Sports (DEOS) Scholarship.

Sarah Brandon, of the volleyball team, is the recipient of the Stern/Mathias Tau Kappa Scholarship.

Chris Chambers, of the wrestling team, is the recipient of the Lloyd A. Moll/Jim McGovern Scholarship.

Dan Chominski, of the football team, is the Holmes-Burger King Scholarship recipient.

Tom Cressman, of the football team, is the recipient of the Lloyd A. Moll/Jim McGovern Scholarship.

Terrance Davis, of the men's basketball team, is the recipient of the Sam Smith Scholarship.

Laura Deller, is the recipient of the Women's Track & Field Alumnae Scholarship.

Stephan Dennis, of the men's basketball team, has been awarded the John W. Polischak Family Scholarship.

Matt Dierolf, of the baseball team, is the Walter Risley Memorial Scholarship recipient.

Sam Flowers, of the field hockey and softball teams, has been awarded the DEOS Scholarship.

Kevin Hafera, of the men's basketball team, has been awarded the Roger Cocivera Scholarship.

Katie Harlor, of the women's basketball team, has been awarded the Dr. Carl J. Daeufer Scholarship.

Tony Hegedus, of the track and field team, is the recipient of the Kenneth Meyer Track and Field/Cross Country Scholarship.

Jason Henley, of the football team, received the Nicholas Stevens Scholarship.

Erica Kabbeko, of the cross country and track and field teams, is the recipient of the Marguerite Marsch Shinsky Women's Cross Country Scholarship.

Kevin Kalbach, of the wrestling

team, has been awarded the Hinkel Family Scholarship and the George Kruse Memorial Scholarship.

Kim Kelty, of the women's soccer team, is this year's receiver of the Dennis Roth Memorial Scholarship.

Laura Kline, of the track and field team, is a recipient of the George Kruse Memorial Scholarship.

Ryan Loper, of the baseball team, has been awarded the Dennis Roth Memorial scholarship.

Corey Porrino, of the football team, is this year's winner of the Rodney Hancock Memorial Scholarship.

Greg Sassaman, of the men's soccer

team, has been awarded the Coach Lee Hill and Alumni soccer players from 1970-1985 scholarship.

Scott Smith, of the football team, has been awarded the Stephens-Burger King Scholarship.

Doofan Tor-Agbidye, of the track and field team, has been awarded the DEOS Scholarship.

Mandi Turner, of the field hockey team, has been awarded the Joshua Wentworth Wesner Scholarship.

Mercedes Van Wagner, of the women's basketball team, is the recipient of the Jennie Schwoyer/Sam Smith Scholarship. ❖

KU ATHLETIC ADVANCEMENT UPDATE

Alex Ogeka, Director / call 610-683-4755 or email ogeka@kutztown.edu for more information

Dear Golden Bear Supporters:

On September 18, I joined the KU family as the new Director of Athletic Advancement. I will be replacing Matt Santos who accepted the position of Assistant Director of University Relations at KU.

I come to KU from Mansfield University where I held the position as the Director of Development for Athletics for two years. Prior to my arrival at MU, I was the Director of Marketing and Ticket Operations at the University of Hartford from 2002-04.

In the short time that I have been here, it is clear to me that the common goal at Kutztown is to provide the best possible college experience, both on and off the court or field, for our student-athletes. I believe that speaks a lot about the athletic department and the institution as a whole. I am looking forward to working with the very dedicated and hard-working advancement and athletics staffs here at KU. Additionally, I am also excited about meeting and working with all of the Golden Bear alumni and corporate partners that have supported the program in the past.

As my wife Paula and I settle into the Kutztown area, we look forward to meeting all of you soon. Please introduce yourself at an upcoming event or game. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 610-683-4755 or email me at ogeka@kutztown.edu.

Alex Ogeka

Phonathon Begins

The annual Kutztown University athletic phonathon will be held Sunday, Oct. 29 through Sunday, Nov. 5. KU students will be trying to contact Golden Bear alumni to raise money for student-athlete scholarships and team operation expenses. Anyone not contacted during the phonathon dates will have the opportunity to give by mail in December.

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Support Corporate Partners of KU Athletics

Golden Bear supporters are encouraged to patronize the corporate partners of Kutztown Athletics. A total of 50 corporate partners have been secured for the current academic year. More information on the corporate partners of KU athletics can be found by clicking on the sponsor link at kubears.com or by picking up a game program at a home athletic event this year.

Hall of Fame Committee Volunteers Needed

Kutztown University athletics is currently seeking five new members to serve a two-year term on its Hall of Fame selection committee. Individuals who meet the following criteria and are interested in serving should contact Josh Leiboff in the sports information office (phone: 610-683-4182, email: leiboff@kutztown.edu) no later than December 1.

Hall of Fame Representatives (2 positions): Must be a current member of the KU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Golden Bear Fund Contributor (1 position): Must be a current donor to Golden Bear athletics.

At-Large Representatives (1-3 positions): Must be individuals with historical knowledge of/interest in Kutztown Athletics.

The permanent selection committee will select successful candidates.

The committee meets each March to review nominations and select new inductees for the following fall's induction ceremony.

Additionally, nominations for induction into the hall of fame are accepted at any time. Nomination forms available at kubears.com. ❖

2005-06 PSAC Scholar-Athletes



Golden Bears Place 94 Among PSAC Scholar-Athletes

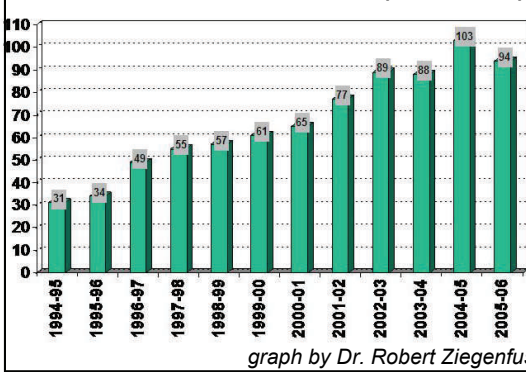
Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Commissioner Steve Murray has announced the 2005-06 PSAC Scholar-Athletes. There are a total of 1,579 student-athletes recognized in the league, with 94 from Kutztown University.

To be eligible for the scholar-athlete awards, student-athletes must attain at least a 3.25 cumulative grade point average while competing in an intercollegiate varsity sport. The 1,579 scholar-athletes account for approximately one quarter of the 5,300 + student-athletes in the PSAC. Commissioner Murray will award each scholar-athlete with a certificate of distinction.

Kutztown's 94 scholar-athletes, the second-highest total in school history to last year's 103, represent 20 sports. They are as follows:

Baseball: Steve Craig, Jeff Craig, Matt Dierolf, Matt Jones, Garrison Rausch; **Women's Basketball:** Lara Dellegrotti, Katie Harlor, Kelley Healey (*also field hockey*), Jenn Loprete, Tricia McElmoyle, Amy Yutko (*also track & field*); **Men's Cross Country/Indoor, Outdoor Track & Field:** John Pyne, Ryan Friedman, Tony Hegedus, Vonkurt Redley; **Women's Cross Country/Indoor, Outdoor Track & Field:** Michele Celenza, Hailey Dell, Cheryl Dingman, Kristin Green, Erica Kabbeko, Julie Karaszkiwicz, Katelyn

KU's PSAC Scholar-Athletes (1992-2006)



graph by Dr. Robert Ziegenfus

Katzgrau, Molly Lare, Laura Deller, Rebecca Griffin, Rebecca Kerchak, Laura Kline (*also field hockey*), Bevin Lustman, Alison Maurer, Jaci Pfeiffer, Amy Schaeffer, Kate Snyder (*also field hockey*), Corri Speakman, Christine Procopio, Erin Waters; **Field Hockey:** Amanda Behney, Laura Belfatti, Jennifer Belfatti, Courtney Geibel, Colleen Healey, Trista Hershey, Heather Hoxter, Jaime Kennally, Lauren McCabe, Laura Wieder, Kate Zelazny;

Football: Michael Baldwin, Larry Baumgardner, Tom Cressman, Chad Esposito, Brett Harbach, Jason Henley, Greg Mitchell, Ryan Nye, Cory Porri, Scott Smith, Drew Varano; **Women's Golf:** Lauren Foulke, Amy Miller; **Men's Soccer:** Nicholas Forte, Alan Hallman, Matt Kade, Greg Sasaman; **Women's Soccer:** Maureen Bell, Julie Folsom, Lesley Freer, Erin Gallagher, Mallary Kamen; **Softball:** Lindsay Bennett, Caitlin Hague, Jackie Messina; **Men's Swimming:** Ryan Sullivan, **Women's Swimming:** Colleen Brady, Carrie Lum, Jill Pantelides, Erin Searl, Ashley Singer, Kelsey Wiley; **Men's Tennis:** Somdeep Appineni, Santiago Baquerizo; **Women's Tennis:** Kristen Bodalski, Ashley Clark, Priya Pachkawde, Kerstin Kloeffer; **Volleyball:** Steph Bieker, Sarah Brandon, Shelby Bunting, Kimberly Cifuni, Krystalee George, Shannon Sullivan, Danielle Witherite; **Wrestling:** Jarod Fisher, Andrew Freas, Charles Kolb. ❖

Interested in supporting the Golden Bears through estate planning, annuities, gifts-in-kind or an endowed scholarship? The process is easy and the benefit is long-lasting. For more information, please contact Alex Ogeka in the KU Athletic Advancement Office at 610-683-4755 or via email at ogeka@kutztown.edu.

In accordance with the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act of 1994 (section 360B of Pub. L. 130-382), the Kutztown University Athletic Department has made information concerning its intercollegiate athletics programs available to the public. This information is on file at Rohrbach Library and the athletic department main office. Questions can be directed to the athletics office, (610) 683-4094. Kutztown University is committed to Affirmative Action, equal employment and educational opportunity in compliance with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, the Educational Amendments under Title IX of 1972, Sections 503/504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

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