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Wonderful Winter Season for KU Athletics

The Kutztown University men's basketball team had its best season in school history, while women's swimmer **Steph Jeppesen** set several school records en route to a silver medal finish at the NCAA Division II Championship.

Ben, Dennis lead KU to Sweet 16

The Golden Bears stormed through the 2008-09 season winning a school-record 28 games, including 13 in the PSAC East. Led by PSAC East Player of the Year **Dave Ben**, the school's new all-time leading scorer with 2,017 points, KU finished as the runner-up in both the PSAC and NCAA Division II Atlantic Region tournaments.

Stephen Dennis, a PSAC East first team selection, finished as the conference's leading scorer averaging 21.5 per game. He posted an average of 25.2 throughout the Golden Bears historic playoff run.

The four postseason wins, including two in the NCAA tournament, were the most in school history.

Ninth-year coach **Bernie Driscoll**, named the PSAC East Coach of the Year, set the school record for coaching wins with 142.

He broke the record with his 137th win on Feb. 25 against Cheyney. The 82-76 win clinched the PSAC East title for KU, the school's third title, second outright and second straight.

The Golden Bears set several records, finishing as the high scoring team with 2,893 points. Their 87.7 points per game was the best in the PSAC this season.

Ben, was third in the PSAC in scoring with 20.5 points per game, was a PSAC first team and D-II Bulletin All-America fourth team selection.

Andre Woodlin and **Ryan Washington** were named to the PSAC East second team. Woodlin finished the season ranked 18th in the PSAC in scoring with 14.3 points per game. Washington was sixth in the conference in rebounding with 8.5 per game and third in blocks with 65.

Jeppesen wins silver at NCAAs

Steph Jeppesen earned All-America honors in her final event of the NCAA Division II championships, while setting three KU school records she already owned. Her silver medal finish in the 200-yard breaststroke was her best performance during the four-day event, finishing in a school record time of 2:16.99.

Jeppesen also had ninth- and 12th-place finishes at the NCAAs. In the 100 breaststroke, Jeppesen broke the record in the finals, finishing ninth (1:03.94). Jeppesen set the KU record in the 200 individual medley (2:05.42), placing 12th.



Members of KU's men's basketball team celebrate with Golden Bear fans after winning the PSAC East regular-season title at Keystone Hall

The women's swim team set a school record with its 11 wins during the season. KU finished 11-3 overall and 7-3 in the PSAC.

KU finished in seventh place at the PSAC Championships and 21st out of 33 teams at the NCAA Championships. ❖

Senior Wrestler Kemmerer Wins Second NCAA Division II Title

Kutztown University senior wrestler **Joe Kemmerer** may have caught some luck two years ago, but now there is no doubt that he is truly a national champion.

After defeating a two-time national champion and knocking off the wrestler who beat him in this year's regional, Kemmerer claimed his second NCAA Division II title at 133 pounds on March 14 at the University of Houston.

"This one is better," said Kemmerer (28-1), KU's only national champion in wrestling and who also was awarded the Outstanding Wrestler Award. "This was a little vindication. The first time I won the



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title, there were two national champions in the bracket, but I missed them on my way to the title."

He defeated Pitt-Johnstown's Shane Valko 2-1 in the NCAA final. Kemmerer's quarterfinal match, however, topped coach **Robert Fisher's**.

"His quarterfinal matchup against Cody Garcia was the greatest match of my coaching career," Fisher said.

Garcia, a two-time national champion at 125 pounds from Nebraska-Omaha, fell 4-2 to Kemmerer. Both wrestlers were tied heading into the final period, but a take-down by Kemmerer was the difference.

The senior wrestler closes out his two-year career at KU with a 60-4 record, two

national titles, one regional title and one PSAC title. He is tied for 10th on KU's all-time wins list.

"It's been a great time," Kemmerer said. "The coaches are great, my teammates have been awesome and it's been an amazing experience."

The team finished the season with a 10-7-1 record, the fourth time in five seasons that KU has won 10 or more dual meets under coach Fisher. **Scott Snyder**, at 197 pounds, was among four wrestlers to win 20-plus bouts. He also went to nationals.

John Paukovits, at 141, and **David Zeek**, at 165, were the other 20-plus win wrestlers for KU. ❖

2009 Winter Sports Review: Women's Basketball, Women's Bowling, Men's Swimming, Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field

The achievements of the men's basketball, women's swimming and wrestling teams detailed on page one were not the only Kutztown sports in action this winter. Below is how the rest of KU's winter sports teams fared.

Women's Basketball

Head Coach: Janet Malouf

2008-09 Results: 20-8, 10-4 PSAC East

The women's basketball team made a return to the PSAC playoffs and notched the school's third 20-win season in program history en route to coach **Janet Malouf** being named the PSAC East Coach of the Year.

KU finished 20-8 overall and 10-4 in the PSAC East. The 10 wins were a school record for the Golden Bears.

Melissa McQuade finished third in the PSAC with 10.0 rebounds per game, while averaging a double-double with 15.9 points per game — eighth in the PSAC. **Rachel Wisemiller** was ninth in the PSAC with 15.8 points per game. She finished atop the PSAC in made 3-pointers with a single-season school record 81. **Meredith Starr** had 4.8 assists per game, tied for second in the PSAC.

Women's Bowling

Head Coach: Joe Ambrose

2008-09 Results: 98-54, 15-3 NEC

The women's bowling team finished as the runner-up in the Northeast Conference tournament. KU was the regular-season champion, finishing with the conference's best record of 15-3. The Golden Bears finished 11th in the national poll. Freshman **Kayla Jones** led the Golden Bears with a 193.7 average. Her high game of 275 is a school record. She was named the NCAA Division II Bowler and Rookie of the Year, and the NEC Rookie of the Year.

Steph Ray was second on the team with a 191.7 average in 72 games. **Jacquelyn Heimbach** was named the NEC



Kayla Jones was named the 2008-09 NCAA Division II Rookie and Bowler of the Year.

Bowler of the Year. Jones and Heimbach were selected to the NEC first team and Ray was named to the second team. Second-year head coach **Joe Ambrose** was honored as the NEC Coach of the Year.

Men's Swimming

Head Coach: Tim Flannery

2008-09 Dual Record: 6-3, 8th/8 PSACs

The men's swimming team finished eighth out of eight teams at the PSAC meet. KU was 6-3 overall and 2-3 in the

PSAC. **Scott Thomas** picked up the Golden Bears' best finish, sixth in the 200 backstroke, with a time of 1:56.44. **Joe Lahovski** earned two top-10 finishes and another top-15 finish. Lahovski was ninth in the 1,650 freestyle and 10th in the 1,000 free. He added a 15th-place finish in the 500 free.

Men's Indoor Track and Field

Head Coach: Ray Hoffman

2008-09 Results: 6th/12 PSACs

The men's team finished sixth at the PSAC championships, led by a second-place showing in the high jump by **Cody Hartzler**, who jumped 6-6.

Women's Indoor Track and Field

Head Coach: Ray Hoffman

2008-09 Results: 5th/13 PSACs

Ashley Pinter and **Kelly Strickland** won PSAC titles, while **Joanna Horstmann** and **Cheryl Dingman** broke KU school records at the PSAC meet at East Stroudsburg. The women's team finished in fifth place. Pinter got her first-place finish in the shot put with a throw of 42-11. She also claimed fourth-place in the weight throw. **Strickland** finished first in the pole vault (10-11 3/4). Horstmann's record breaking performance of 5:03.42 got her a fourth-place finish. Dingman placed fifth, setting the new KU record in the 3,000 with a time of 10:12.21. ❖

KU Discontinues Men's Soccer, Men's Swimming Programs

Kutztown University President **Dr. F. Javier Cevallos** announced March 31, 2009, the institution will discontinue its varsity men's soccer and men's swimming programs, effective immediately. The decision is expected to save the university up to \$150,000 long term.

"The current economic situation has forced us to make some difficult decisions," Cevallos said. "Our first priority is always to protect the core academic component of the campus. I believe this decision allows us to honor that priority while maintaining our athletic integrity and competitiveness. This move is ultimately a proactive attempt to reduce costs in the current economy based on the anticipated budget."

The KU Athletics Department contracted Alden & Associates, an executive search and consulting firm specializing in higher education, to conduct a funding study on the intercollegiate athletic program. KU's Athletic Programs and Policies Committee gathered, discussed and shared data with the consultant. Six elements were considered for each of KU's 23 NCAA Division II varsity sports programs, including athletic success, atten-

dance, academic success rate, fundraising, facilities and media coverage. As a result of the study and based on the data that was gathered, **Greg Bamberger**, director of athletics, and **Dr. Charles Woodard**, vice president for Student Services and Campus Life, recommended to Cevallos that discontinuing the sports of men's soccer and men's swimming present the right combination of financial savings, Title IX proportionality, and impact on the overall athletic program.

The university will honor current athletic scholarships for men's soccer players and men's swimmers who choose to continue their academic endeavors at KU.

"Our men's swimming and soccer programs have produced some successes over the past four decades both on and off the playing venues," Bamberger said. "We have had many outstanding student-athletes come through those programs over the years, and they will always be a part of the Golden Bear family."

For more information and frequently asked questions about this decision, go to **kubears.com**. ❖

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KU's 'Paint the Town Gold' Wins Award

Kutztown's community-engagement effort called "Paint the Town Gold" has been named as the 2009 winner of Division II's Community Engagement Award of Excellence.



schools were encouraged to submit their best community-engagement promotion from the "Ideas that Work" section on the Division II community-engagement Web

Division II conferences that submitted nominations. Each winner receives a \$500 grant that can be used for other community-engagement efforts.

Kutztown, which was recognized at the Division II community-engagement workshop April 15-16 in Philadelphia, was selected for its initiative that supported the school's Family Day activities at the home football game on Sept. 27, 2008. Paint the Town Gold 2009 is scheduled for October 1-4. ❖

Division II established the award last year to build momentum for the division's community-engagement initiative and reward institutions for their creativity in advancing the effort. Division II

site. Northern Michigan won the inaugural award last year.

In addition to Kutztown from the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, winners were selected from the other

Advancement News & Notes

Keystone: A treasury of memories is now on sale

The Keystone Yearbook is KU's only publication that captures the many memories and achievements during the past year. A popular feature of the book is the special section dedicated to all our athletic teams and student-athletes. All the action is depicted in full color with a summary of the team's accomplishments.

Yearbook sales are currently taking place and it is not too late to order a book for your student-athlete. It makes a great gift and it will be something they will treasure long after they leave the hallowed halls of KU. The cost for the book is \$67 plus shipping and handling. To order a copy for your student-athlete, please visit www.myyear.com. For further questions or concerns, contact the Keystone Yearbook at 610-683-4475 or e-mail at keystoneia@kutztown.edu.

Support Corporate Partners of KU Athletics

Golden Bear supporters are encouraged to patronize the corporate partners of KU athletics. Sixty-five corporate partners have been secured for the current academic year. More information on the corporate partners of KU athletics can be found by clicking the sponsor link at kubears.com or collecting a game program at home athletic events.

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If you are an alumnus of Golden Bear athletics, let us know what you're doing so we can update our records with your current information. Please forward your information to alumni@kutztown.edu.

11th Annual Great Golden Bear Golf Scramble

The 11th Annual Great Golden Bear Golf Scramble returns on **Monday, June 15** at **Berkleigh Golf Club** in Kutztown. Shotgun start is set for 1:30 p.m.

The scramble will now be \$440 per four-some and \$225 per two-some and is limited to the first 36 four-somes. The entry fee includes the following for each four-some: a tee prize; a pre-scramble lunch; driving range opportunities at Sitler Golf; a post-scramble barbeque and awards ceremony; the Golden Avalanche Brewing Company on-course beverage stop; golf cart and green fees; a chance to win a new car or golf vacation in the Kutztown Buick/Pontiac/GMC Hole-in-One contest; special contests (included with entry fee: long drive, closest to the pin, putting competition); prizes for place-winners – open and co-ed; and chance to win great prizes by participating in the Pot-of-Gold contest and raffle.

To obtain a player registration and/or



sponsorship form, please contact the athletic advancement office.

The scramble benefits Kutztown University student-athlete scholarships. ❖

More Golf Outings

3rd Annual Maroon & Gold Football Golf Outing Friday, July 31, 2009

Woodbridge Golf Club, Kutztown, Pa.

Shotgun Start: 1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$400 per four-some/\$100 per person

All proceeds for the outing will support football scholarships. For a brochure or for additional information, please contact Dennis Iezzi at (610) 683-1358 or via e-mail at iezzi@kutztown.edu.

The Inaugural Dr. Dorothy Moyer Memorial Golf Outing Sunday, October 4, 2009

Woodbridge Golf Club, Kutztown, Pa.

Shotgun Start: 1 p.m.

Cost: \$260 per four-some

Proceeds from the event will be directed to the **Dorothy Clause Moyer '59 Scholarship Fund**, designed to benefit KU female student athletes majoring in education. For more information contact Denny Moyer at onceevenpar@yahoo.com. ❖

Golden Bear Academic News



Field Hockey is Top Academic Team in Division II

The KU field hockey team earned the 2008 National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division II National Academic Team Award, finishing with the best GPA in Division II.

Kutztown has finished in the top five in Division II for six straight seasons.

The Golden Bears, who went 13-6 in 2008, recorded a 3.51 team GPA. Last season, KU was second in the nation with a 3.38 GPA.

Individually, 18 Golden Bears earned a spot on the NFHCA Academic Squad.

In order to be recognized for this honor, the student-athletes must achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or higher in the fall 2008 semester.

Named to the team were **Jennifer Belfatti, Lyndsay Butler, Katie Colburn, Kathleen Deliman, Courtney Geibel, Carrie Healey, Jacque Healey, Kelley Healey, Abby Rhone, Rachel Richardson, Julie Rosenkaimer, Megan Schwar, Abbey Sheeler, Kelly Simmons, Whitney Stum, Anne Waapu, Madison Weary** and **Courtney Zook**.

Women's Swimmers Earn Team Academic Award

The Kutztown University women's swimming team was recognized by the College Swim Coaches Association of America for their display of excellence in the classroom.

The team maintained an average GPA of 3.12, meeting the 3.0 minimum requirement to receive the CSCAA Team Academic Award. The KU women were one of just 18 Division II schools to be honored by the CSCAA.

Healey, Nye win PSAC Fall Top 10 awards

Kutztown field hockey forward **Kelley Healey (sr. Toms River, N.J./Toms River North)** and football punter **Ryan Nye (sr. Bernville/Holy Name)** each were named to the Fall Top 10 list.

The Fall Top 10 list, selected by the PSAC's Sports Information Directors, is awarded to five male and five female student-athletes that excel on the field and in the classroom.

In order to be recognized for the award, the student-athlete must achieve a minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA and must

be a starter or key contributor off the bench.

Healey has received the honor for the second consecutive year. She had a cumulative GPA of 3.81 while majoring in biology. Nye had a cumulative GPA of 3.69 as an elementary education major.

Cross Country Teams Named All-Academic Squads

The KU women's cross country team was named a Division II All-Academic Team for the 11th consecutive season by the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA). The women's team finished the 2008 fall semester with a 3.38 GPA. The men's team also was named an All-Academic team with a 3.10 GPA.

For schools to qualify, the student-athletes must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher.

Individually, KU had seven runners - **Kristin Cupido, Hailey Dell, Cheryl Dingman, Joanna Horstmann, Ben Loht, Ryan Reich** and **Maureen Watson** - named to All-Academic Honors. To qualify, students need a 3.25 GPA and a top 30 percent finish at regionals. ❖

For more information on KU Athletics:

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610-683-1515

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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