



**KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY  
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# Family Ties

**Important News  
for Families of  
Kutztown University  
Students**

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## New Student Recreation Center Promotes Healthy Minds & Bodies

The Student Recreation Center, a beautiful new addition to campus devoted to health, fitness and fun, will make its grand opening on Family Day, Sept. 30.

Located between University Field and Keystone Field House on the corner of South Campus Drive and Baldy Street, the facility is open to all students and features a fitness center/weight room, three fitness studios, two racquetball courts, an indoor rock climbing wall, two gymnasiums, a suspended jogging track, snack bar, whirlpools, locker rooms and more.

A \$13.8 million project, the new center is the ideal location for meeting people and burning off a few calories.

“Life-long physical fitness activities have become an important part of our modern culture. Throughout the nation, fitness centers are

springing up everywhere to serve the needs of the community,” said Ray Ignosh, director of recreational services.

“At KU, the new Student Recreation Center promises to become a popular gathering place where students can share

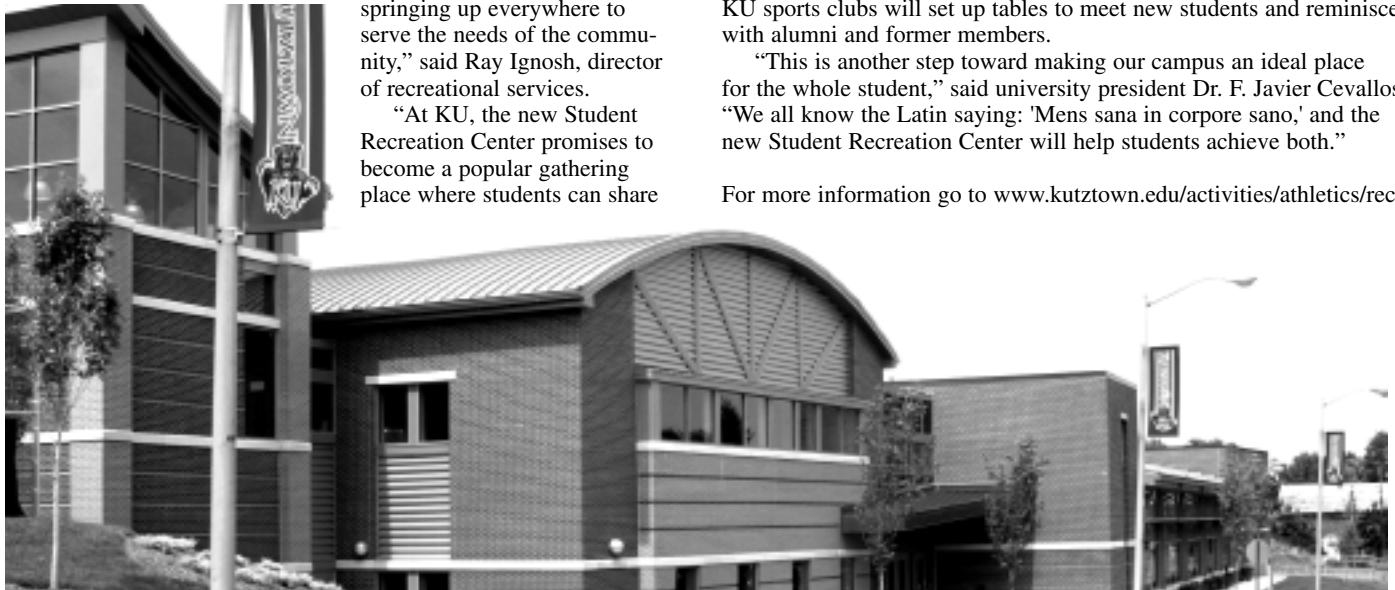
a friendly game of racquet ball, challenge themselves on the climbing wall, jog, shoot baskets, or just release stress in the whirlpool. The facility's amenities, coupled with the intramurals, group exercise, and recreational and sports club programs now available on campus encourage students to maintain a healthy lifestyle while working toward their academic goals.”

During the grand opening, alumni, parents and students are invited to tour the facility and participate in the Lifetime Fitness Expo from 2 to 5 p.m.

At the expo, experts will be on hand to help find the proper fit for athletic footwear, talk about bicycle safety, canoeing and kayaking, rock climbing, and even demonstrate the proper techniques for stretching and injury prevention, among many other activities. In addition, KU sports clubs will set up tables to meet new students and reminisce with alumni and former members.

“This is another step toward making our campus an ideal place for the whole student,” said university president Dr. F. Javier Cevallos. “We all know the Latin saying: 'Mens sana in corpore sano,' and the new Student Recreation Center will help students achieve both.”

For more information go to [www.kutztown.edu/activities/athletics/rec](http://www.kutztown.edu/activities/athletics/rec)



## Pandemic Influenza Preparation

Almost everyone is familiar with the seasonal flu that is a common human respiratory illness caused by an influenza virus. There are two types of influenza virus, type A and type B. Since the strains differ only slightly from year to year, many people have some level of immunity to the seasonal flu.

An influenza pandemic is different from the seasonal flu. A pandemic is a worldwide outbreak of disease that occurs when a new strain of type A influenza virus appears in the human population. When a new, or novel, strain of the virus occurs, it is different enough that few people have any immunity to it. A flu pandemic can spread rapidly before a vaccine can be developed, and a pandemic affects a larger population with much more illness and death than a seasonal flu.

Bird flu, or avian flu, is mainly an animal disease at this point and is not found generally in humans. There have been a number of cases of avian flu in poultry and wild birds in Asia, Europe, and Africa. A few humans have been infected with the virus as a result of close contact with sick poultry. At this time there is no immediate risk of an avian influenza pandemic as human-to-human transmission is almost non-existent.

Kutztown University personnel are actively engaged in planning and preparing measures for a potential pandemic event. University staff members are working closely with the Department of Health and local agencies in developing a response plan for our community. For more information about the pandemic influenza visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

## FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

The fall 2006 semester is just around the corner! To ensure financial aid for the upcoming academic year, please review this checklist:

- Be sure to file the 2006-2007 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Remember that Kutztown University's priority FAFSA filing deadline to be considered for all forms of financial aid is Feb. 15 each year. Even though the deadlines for scholarships, campus-based aid (Perkins loan, SEOG grant) and the PHEAA state grant have closed, students can still be considered for the Pell grant, as well as the Stafford loan. If the FAFSA has not yet been filed, but a student wants a Stafford loan, be sure to mark "YES" to question #27 ("Are you interested in student loans?") on the FAFSA. First-time aid applicants need to file an original FAFSA, while prior applicants may file the renewal FAFSA. Students may also file the FAFSA electronically on the Internet. The website is: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

The U.S. Department of Education requires students to sign their FAFSA either on paper or by submitting a PIN, which serves as their electronic signature. Parents of dependent students will also need a PIN. Students and parents can apply for a PIN at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)

- At the completion of summer courses taken at another institution, make sure the credits transfer back to Kutztown University. The registrar at the other institution needs to send an official academic transcript to KU's Registrar's Office.
- Students selected for the verification process should provide copies of their 2005 federal tax forms, and dependent students also need copies of their parents' federal tax forms. Also include the verification form that was mailed with the initial request. This process must be completed before any federal financial aid can be awarded. Information may be faxed to Financial Aid Services at 610-683-1380.
- Please note that any financial aid that appears on an award letter is tentative pending verification that the student meets all eligibility requirements.
- Students interested in an on-campus job can check out the new student employment website at <https://secure.kutztown.edu/finaidapp>. Students will first need to provide two proofs of citizenship to the Human Resources Office. Acceptable forms of identification are: driver's license, social security card, KU ID card, birth certificate, and U.S. passport.
- Financial Aid Services is open during the summer from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday. Please call 610-683-4077 with any concerns or questions about the status of your financial aid.

## New Student Housing Options

### Sacony Commons Housing for Students 21 and Older

Graduate and undergraduate students now have the opportunity to secure an apartment at Sacony Commons Phase II which is being leased by the Housing and Residential Services Office for the 2006/2007 academic year.

Students living in Sacony Commons will enjoy their own private bedroom while sharing a kitchen, living/dining area room, and bathroom with two roommates. Each apartment also includes a washer and dryer, microwave, dishwasher, and off-street parking.

Although Sacony Commons is within walking distance of campus, the KU shuttle system will make frequent stops at the apartment complex. For more information about living in Sacony Commons Apartments, contact the Housing and Residential Services Office at 610-683-4027.

### Honors Building Opens Fall 2006

Kutztown University's Housing and Residential Services Office is proud to announce the addition of a 46-bed apartment building designated for honors students. Located at 181 College Boulevard, students will have the best of both worlds; the amenities of on-campus living in comfortable 4-person apartments with close access to the Honors Office, the McFarland Student Union, and academic buildings. If you are a current Kutztown University honors student or an incoming honors freshman and are interested in more information about securing an assignment in the Honors Building, please contact the Honors Office at 610-683-1391 or e-mail [follweil@kutztown.edu](mailto:follweil@kutztown.edu) or [mitnick@kutztown.edu](mailto:mitnick@kutztown.edu)

## Find Your Treasure: Family Day 2006

Friends and family of KU students are invited to join the festivities on Sept. 30. Events include:

9-3 p.m. Family Day Welcome Station – On the DMZ

8 -10 a.m. Bear Tracks for Life Walk/Run (registration required)

10-11 a.m. Residence Hall Receptions – On the DMZ

1-3 p.m. Partake in fun activities at our Caribbean/Pirate Carnival – On the DMZ

11:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch in the South Dining Hall

1 p.m. Football Game vs. Millersville Marauders – "Kick for Free Tuition" at Half Time

2-5 p.m. New Student Recreation Center – Tours and Lifetime Fitness Expo

3 p.m. Afternoon Movie: "Over the Hedge" – McFarland Student Union

5-7 p.m. Pirate's Booty Buffet Dinner [reservations required] – McFarland Student Union

7 p.m. Evening Entertainment – Family Feud Game Show. YOU could be a contestant! – McFarland Student Union

For more information on Family Day contact New Student Programs and Services at 610-683-4088 or go to [connections@kutztown.edu](mailto:connections@kutztown.edu)



# Residence Hall Move In: Saturday August 26, 2006

Time is fast approaching for fall semester 2006 to begin along with residence hall move in. All new freshman and transfer students will move in to their assigned residence hall on Saturday, Aug. 26. Move-in information will be available on the Kutztown University website beginning Tuesday, Aug. 1 at [www.kutztown.edu](http://www.kutztown.edu)

A Move In Day brochure, with pertinent information, check-in times, and parking permits will be mailed to each freshman and transfer student who will be living on campus. Mailings will be sent by Friday, Aug. 11. If you do not receive the information by this date, please contact Public Safety and Police Services at 610-683-4002 and one will be sent to you.

All returning students will move in Aug. 24-28 at their assigned time and hall. Returning students will not be sent a brochure or parking permits for move in. Please check the Housing and Residential Services link on the KU website for assigned check-in times. For more information about Move In Day parking, call 610-683-4002.



## Top Tips for Check-In

- Check your assignment for roommate and residence hall address information at [www.kutztown.edu/admin/harlo](http://www.kutztown.edu/admin/harlo). Click on the "View housing assignment" link.
- Contact your roommate(s) before move-in day.
- Obtain your appropriate check-in time and directions to your residence hall, on-campus apartment or satellite apartment at [www.kutztown.edu](http://www.kutztown.edu)
- Public Safety will be mailing additional information to you in early August.
- Consider bringing a moving dolly or handcart for boxes and heavier items.
- Do not over pack. Family Day is right around the corner on Sept. 30, and this is a good opportunity for parents to bring extra clothing for colder weather and other items that are not necessary the first few weeks of the semester.

## Everything Old is New Again: Homecoming 2006

At Homecoming on Saturday, October 21, everything old is new again. KU will keep the tradition alive beginning with the third-annual pep rally and fireworks display the night before game day from 7-9 p.m. on Alumni Plaza.

During the hours before the football game against West Chester, Student Involvement Services will join the Alumni Association to present Tailgate City, a gathering of student clubs and organizations under tents next to University Field.

After the game, the Residence Hall Association will host a barbeque and block party on the DMZ for current students featuring music, food, and other fun activities.

Parents are invited to the "Fifth Quarter" party, offering food and refreshments, which will take place in the tent behind the Alumni Center.

In addition to the established traditions, Homecoming 2006 will feature an event that will hopefully become a new tradition. ACE, sponsored through SGA and KUSS, will host a Top-40, mainstream performer (to be announced at a later date) at 8 p.m. General admission tickets will be available for purchase. Hope to see you at Homecoming 2006! Call 610-683-4110 or 610-683-1383 for more information.

## Meningococcal Vaccination

The Pennsylvania Meningococcal Act requires all colleges and universities to alert incoming first-year students planning to live on campus to the increased risk of contracting meningitis. The act further mandates that college personnel alert students to the risk of the disease and the availability of a meningococcal vaccination.

Students are required to produce evidence of having had the vaccine or to submit a signed waiver stating their awareness of the potential risk of disease and of vaccine availability.

In January 2005, a new vaccine, MCV4 Menactra was licensed for use among persons aged 11-55 years. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends routine vaccination with MCV4 of college freshmen living in dormitories. The manufacturer anticipates that MCV4 demand will outpace supply at least through the summer of 2006. A recommendation has been made to continue to vaccinate adolescents at high school entry who have not previously received the vaccine and college freshmen living in dormitories.

For vaccination, MCV4 Menactra is preferable to MPSV4 Menomune. However, availability of Menomune is also limited. Students are encouraged to consult with their primary healthcare providers or contact the Pennsylvania State Health Department for vaccine availability.

Periodic updates of vaccine supply will be available at [www.cdc.gov/nip/nes/shortages/default.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nip/nes/shortages/default.htm)

Kutztown University's clinic does not stock either vaccine, but students may schedule vaccine administration by:

- Requesting a prescription from their primary care provider;
- Obtaining the vaccine from a pharmacy;
- Calling the clinic at 610-683-4082 to schedule an appointment; and
- Bringing the vaccine to the clinic for vaccine administration, as scheduled.

There is no fee for administering this vaccine to currently enrolled students.

# Check Us Out The Division of Student Services and Campus Life Website has Improved!

The division's website is now easier to navigate and includes links to many on-campus services which will help to enrich the college experience for all students. Useful information on a variety of campus topics is just one click away from [www.kutztown.edu/admin/studaff](http://www.kutztown.edu/admin/studaff)



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday, August 24	Even-numbered rooms in Golden Bear Village apartments and University Place open for incumbent students.
Friday, August 25	Odd-numbered rooms in Golden Bear Village apartments and University Place open for incumbent students.
Saturday, August 26	Residence halls open for new students. For a schedule and map go to <a href="http://www.kutztown.edu">www.kutztown.edu</a>
Sunday, August 27	Residence halls open for incumbent students 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Monday, August 28	Residence halls open for incumbent students 10 a.m. Fall classes start at 6 p.m.
Monday, September 4	Labor Day - university closed (residence halls remain open)
Tuesday, September 5	Day and evening classes follow the Monday class schedule.
Monday, September 18	Constitution Week activities begin ( <a href="http://www.kutztown.edu/admin/studact">www.kutztown.edu/admin/studact</a> )
Saturday, September 30	Family Day ( <a href="http://www.kutztown.edu/admin/orientation/familyday">www.kutztown.edu/admin/orientation/familyday</a> )
Monday, October 9	Columbus Day - no classes, (administrative offices and residence halls open)
Monday, October 9	Community Assistant application, interview, and selection day
Saturday, October 21	Homecoming ( <a href="http://www.kutztown.edu/alumni/wiesenberger/calendar">www.kutztown.edu/alumni/wiesenberger/calendar</a> )
Saturday, November 4	President's Scholarship Ball ( <a href="http://www.kutztown.edu/foundation">www.kutztown.edu/foundation</a> )

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