

Stadium to be ready for season football opener

This summer, Kutztown University embarked upon major renovations to University Stadium, the home of the Golden Bear football and track & field teams, and future home of the field hockey team.

For parents and new students coming to campus during move-in day on Aug. 27, it should be noted construction will be completed in time for the Golden Bears' 2005 football opener against Shippensburg with a 3:05 p.m. kick-off scheduled that day. Free tickets will be distributed at residence hall check-in. New students and their families are encouraged to make KU home games a family affair.

The project represents a step up in the maximum utilization of the stadium complex. In May, construction began to replace the natural grass field with new, state-of-the-art, synthetic athletic turf which will accommodate football and field hockey. In addition, the track surrounding the field will be re-surfaced and lights will be installed. Student intramurals and recreation will also be able to use the facility.

In the past, the grass field required almost daily maintenance to be ready for major football games, thus limiting the use of the stadium by other athletic programs. The new turf will permit virtually continuous use of the field, thus expanding the usable hours of the stadium.

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Mark Your Calendar...

Thursday, Aug. 25	Odd numbered rooms in Golden Bear Village Apartments and University Place open for incumbent students
Friday, Aug. 26	Even numbered rooms in Golden Bear Village Apartments and University place open for incumbent students
Saturday, Aug. 27	Residence halls open for new students (go to www.kutztown.edu for schedule and map) and KU football season opens at 3:05 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 28	Residence halls open for incumbent students: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 29	Residence halls open for incumbent students: 10 a.m. Fall classes start: 6 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 5	Labor Day - university closed (residence halls remain open)
Tuesday, Sept. 6	Day and evening classes follow Monday class schedule
Saturday, Oct. 1	Family Day
Monday, Oct. 10	Columbus Day - no classes (administrative offices and residence halls open)
Saturday, Oct. 22	Homecoming
Saturday, Nov. 5	President's Scholarship Ball

The fall edition of Family Ties will provide important information about housing renewal for the 2006-07 academic year.

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Important News for Families of Kutztown University Students
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TRIPLE ROOM OCCUPANCY A GROWING TREND

For the past several years Kutztown University has been experiencing an explosion in enrollment. The university is proud that our academic program has proved to be a very popular choice when deciding on where to prepare for a career. Our success means there are some challenges on the horizon when it comes to housing.

To help address an unprecedented 6 percent growth rate, a housing master plan has been developed which is expected to provide additional on-campus housing units by 2007. Until then, triple occupancy rooms will continue to be a part of the housing outlook.

"The practice of housing three students in one room goes back a long way at KU, and was part of the original design process for some of our residence halls," said Apryle Carney, assistant director of housing.

"Originally, our premium triple rooms were created from a bigger room and offered to students who wanted to attend Kutztown with two other friends. The next selection, our standard triple room, is larger than a normal double room, but smaller than a premium. And our reduced-rate triples are offered at a significant reduction in cost."

Within the last decade our enrollment has increased from 6,000 to now nearly 10,000 making it an exciting time to go to Kutztown. Though this increase certainly presents challenges, it also offers opportunities to meet new friends and learn about those from different backgrounds. As with anything in life, a little planning, a dose of perseverance, and a full measure of understanding go a long way to creating a successful experience.

Family Day • October 1, 2005 "The Greatest Day on Earth"

9:30 a.m.-noon	Breast Cancer Walk-A-Thon (includes registration for walk)
10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Welcome Station
11 a.m.-3 p.m.	Outdoor Activities: Carnival Style! (tent on DMZ)
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1 p.m.	Football Game(with halftime's 'Kick for Free Tuition' and the introduction of KU's new mascot)
3 p.m.	Movie: "Madagascar"
5-7 p.m.	Dinner
7 p.m.	Evening Entertainment: Robert Channi, "The World's Foremost Mind Reader"

Top Tips for Check-in:

- Check your assignment for roommate and residence hall address information by logging onto www.kutztown.edu/admin/harlo and clicking on the "View housing assignment" link.
- While you are on the Internet, you can prepare directions and appropriate time for check-in based on your assignment by clicking on the "Map and directions for Check-in" link at the same web address.
- Consider bringing a moving dolly or hand cart for boxes and heavier items.
- Make contact with your roommate(s) before move-in day.
- Do not over pack. Family Day is right around the corner on October 1, and this is a good opportunity for parents to bring extra clothing for colder weather and other items that are not necessary for the first few weeks of the semester.



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www.kutztown.edu/familyties/

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Parents play an important role in career decisions

Did you know students say guidance from their parents is one of the most helpful factors when it comes to choosing a career?

Career planning is an ongoing process which is constantly evolving. It can shape a student's future and their passion for life. As parents, it is always best to have a game plan ready to help coach them on to future success.

This is where the Office of Career and Community Services comes in handy.

The office offers a comprehensive array of programs and services such as personality, vocational and interest evaluations and tests; a complete career library; individual consultation with career advisors; internships and job fairs to complete the resume; mentoring and networking opportunities; and a comprehensive web-based resume, job and internship database.

Larry Sechney, Career Services director, said the most successful students combine a part-time job with community service activities and an internship to compliment their career aspirations. "On average, it takes four years of active involvement in and out of the classroom to prepare a student for a career," he said.

As parents, this is what you can do to help:

- Listen and learn.
- Initiate conversations on career plans.
- Be patient - every student has their own timetable.
- Be supportive.
- Emphasize the importance of grades, related experience, and marketable skills.
- Encourage them to take advantage of KU career resources and services.
- Stress the value of networking - help them develop contacts for information and advice.
- Help your son or daughter to become knowledgeable about different careers.

Career planning is not something that occurs overnight. It is a process that requires cultivation, shaping, constant attention and lots of hard work in order to succeed.

For more information, visit the Office of Career and Community Services' website: www.kutztown.edu/admin/careers.

New vaccine for Meningitis hits the market

By Jharna Nansi '05

Pennsylvania law requires all colleges and universities to inform its students of the increased risk of meningococcal disease for those living in a campus setting, and the availability of a vaccine to prevent two of the three important types of the disease.

A new meningococcal vaccine was licensed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on January 14, 2005 for use by individuals 11 to 55 years of age. Manufactured by Sanofi Pasteur, the new vaccine is marketed under the brand name of Menactra.

The vaccine is highly effective. However, it does not protect people against meningococcal disease caused by "type B" bacteria. This type of bacteria causes one-third of meningococcal cases, for which no vaccine is available in the United States.

The following two options are available to incoming students prior to move in day:

- Submit verification of having received the vaccine with the completed health record, or
- If planning to receive the vaccine at a later date, submit the signed

waiver form with the completed health record. Upon providing proof of receipt of the vaccine, the administrative staff will update the health record.

Please note that the move-in process will be delayed unless this requirement is met.

Since the vaccine is sometimes difficult to obtain, students may have a doctor's prescription filled at a local pharmacy and bring the vaccine to the clinic for administration.

Students must call 610-683-4082 ext. 2 to schedule an appointment. Any student younger than 18 years old must have parental consent to receive the vaccine.

Additional information about the disease, health record requirements, waiver form, and consent form can be downloaded from our website at www.kutztown.edu/admin/healthcenter or obtained by calling 610-683-4082 ext. 2.

FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

The fall 2005 semester is just around the corner! To ensure students' financial aid for the upcoming academic year, review this checklist:

- Be sure to file the 2005-2006 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 February 15th 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. 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. Students and parents can apply for a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov. Parents of dependent students will also need a PIN.

- 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 **2004 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**: <https://secure.kutztown.edu/finaid-app/>. 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, or a 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 about any concerns or questions concerning the status of your financial aid.

NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR JOINS KU TEAM

Greg Bamberger hit the ground running when he stepped into the role of Kutztown University's director of Intercollegiate Athletics Services in May. Bamberger arrived at the school in the midst of one of the Golden Bears' most successful sports seasons.

"In my short time at KU, I've had the opportunity to meet a number of people, including a good deal of athletics alumni and supporters," Bamberger said. "I can already tell that we have very strong support from our alumni, and I hope it continues to grow. That support, whether it's financial or a simple positive word about what we're trying to accomplish, is the backbone of what we do."

Bamberger, was selected after a national search and comes to Kutztown from Glenville State College in West Virginia, where he served as director of athletics, and previously as assistant football coach and lecturer. Before coming to Glenville, he was an assistant football coach at Virginia Military Institute and Southeast Missouri State.

Born in Abington, Pa., Bamberger graduated from Phoenixville High School. He went to Duke University, where he was a three-year starter in football, graduating in 1982 with a degree in management sciences. He went on to earn a master's degree in sports administration from Temple.

"I hope we can continue to produce an athletics program that makes our university and alumni proud," Bamberger said. "Our goals are to put a competitive product on the field; graduate a high rate of students; represent Kutztown in a positive fashion within the rules of the NCAA, PSAC and KU; teach student-athletes good values; enhance their educational experience and produce positive contributors to society. We want our student-athletes to look back on their experience at Kutztown as a key catalyst to their success."



Recreation Center Update

Backhoes, cement mixers, and dump trucks continue to roll in and out of the field just behind University Stadium as construction on the \$13.8 million Recreation Center continues.

Designed to provide greater space for physical fitness activities, sports clubs and training facilities, the new two-story center is scheduled to open in the fall of 2006.

The hustle and bustle of construction should have no effect on students checking into residence halls for the upcoming fall semester, said Ray Ignosh, coordinator of Recreational Services.

The building project, which is funded through a student recreation fee, also includes the expansion of recreational activities all across campus and has already provided additional hours of service for those who wish to keep fit.

According to recent surveys, more than 80 percent of students exercise regularly. Ignosh said more than 50 percent of the students use the KU recreational facilities to keep fit. To address the growing utilization needs, the Recreation Services Department has been able to expand the availability of group exercise programs, intramural sports, and pool hours.

When finished, the new recreation complex will add even more variety and spice to the daily workout. Expanded space for weight training and aerobic conditioning equipment, new racquetball courts, an indoor track and general purpose rooms are just some of the amenities to come. And for those who like to mix a little excitement

Important Housing Assignment, Vehicle Registration, and Residence Hall Check-In Information

Housing assignments are available online at www.kutztown.edu/admin/harlo. Most assignments were completed by August 1.

Please follow these instructions to view your assignment:

- click on 'view assignment'
- enter your ID (Social Security) and PIN numbers and click on 'login'
- select 'Housing'

Questions concerning PIN numbers should be directed to the Registrar's Office, 115 Stratton Administration Center, 610-683-4485.

Assignments may change due to cancellations. This site will be available until the first day of fall classes so that students may check assignments periodically for any changes.

You can obtain information on the residence hall or on-campus apartment you have been assigned to from www.kutztown.edu/admin/harlo, on the pull-down menu 'go to hall'. All available details regarding general room sizes and facts about a building can be found at this web page as well.

If you do not have access to the Internet, please send a written request for a hard copy of your assignment to KU Housing and Residential Services, PO Box 730, Kutztown, PA 19530. Please include your full name and Social Security number.

The Department of Public Safety & Police Services registers vehicles online.

Therefore, a student can simply go to www.kutztown.edu:

- click on 'for Current Students,' 'Online Student Services'
- enter your ID (Social Security) and PIN numbers
- click on 'Vehicle Registration'
- click on 'Add a Vehicle' and follow the instructions

If all required information is included, you will receive an acknowledgment screen advising you to pick up your decal, after showing proof of driver's license and vehicle registration, the first week of class.

A student needs to have acquired 48 credits at the beginning of a fall semester in order to park a car on campus, other than on the fairgrounds parking lot off of College Blvd.

On move-in day, after unloading at the residence hall – for a maximum of 30 minutes – we ask that your vehicle be moved to parking lot A2 next to Beekey Education Building. A shuttle bus will be provided for your return to south campus. Parking information will also be viewable from the Housing and Residential Services website listed above.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact the assistant director of Parking & Security Services at ctaylor@kutztown.edu or phone 610-683-4002.

into their workout, a two-and-a-half story climbing wall will make its debut when the center opens.

Pictured below: President Cevallos (holding shovel) and students participated in the official groundbreaking for the center in April.

