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## to our readers



THIS SPRING WE WERE HONORED TO HAVE GENERAL Colin L. Powell (Ret.), USA, return to Kutztown University as the featured speaker for the 17th Annual Decision Makers Forum. He last visited campus as a featured forum speaker in 1996.

During his presentation, Gen. Powell spoke about the importance of our nation maintaining its role as an international leader and urged universities to welcome and attract international students. He voiced the sentiment that the world is becoming a smaller place, and that modern industry no longer looks to a single country in which to do business. This reflects the university's own focus and is illustrated in the many new international opportunities now available to students.

Over the years, faculty and administration members have worked hard to strengthen KU's ties with institutions of higher learning throughout the world. Many new alliances have been formed, most recently with Punjabi University in Patiala, India and Reutlingen University in Germany.

Our continued outreach efforts reflect a commitment made more than 20 years ago with the creation of the International Studies program.

Last year we renewed this commitment with the formation of the Department of International Initiatives and Student Services.

As our state and national business communities continue to advance new economic partnerships around the globe, an understanding of the vast diversity of world culture has become an essential part of every university degree.

This issue of the Tower touches on the many opportunities available at KU for students to study in other countries. Whether they leave campus to spend a summer in the United Kingdom, or come to the U.S. to receive their degree, students are embracing international travel as a way to open doors and find unique learning experiences.

With these initiatives, Kutztown University is working hard to provide leadership, promote mutual understanding and exchange, and guide our students toward a balanced and holistic world view.

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## Kutztown expands its international horizons

BY CRAIG WILLIAMS

WITHIN THE LAST 20 YEARS, OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDY IN ANOTHER COUNTRY WHILE ATTENDING KU HAVE GREATLY INCREASED. TODAY, IT TRULY CAN BE SAID THE CAMPUS NOW SPANS THE ENTIRE GLOBE.

**T**hrough mutual exchange arrangements with other schools established by the university, study abroad programs which include coursework taught by KU professors in the United Kingdom, and various affiliations with world-wide study programs through other U.S. universities, cultural exchange and international learning opportunities are now available to every major.

Just as students visit other countries, the university invites and hosts students from around the world.

Some international students are part of a mutual exchange program, others choose to study at the university while their families work in the U.S., and still others are drawn to the beauty and high academic standing of Kutztown after researching their options through the Internet.

For many years, field trips to other countries were only sought by language or anthropology students. In the 21st century business majors, political science students, teacher candidates, and art students looking to expand their horizons are benefiting from the global ties that provide learning opportunities both on campus and abroad.

Faculty members are on the move too. Exchange agreements with other universities have taken KU professors to Moscow, Kenya, and China, while artists, teachers and professionals from other countries come to campus to offer workshops and lectures in the fine arts, music, social studies, and other disciplines.

To date, Kutztown University has established formal ties with 10 universities outside the United States. And through the College Consortium for International Studies, which allows students to select specific educational experiences, there are learning and cultural exchanges available in almost every nation.

To top off an already huge menu of travel selections, there are dozens of independent programs like Australia-Learn which provide coursework in Australia and New Zealand.

"It all really depends on the student's needs," said Roberta Crisson, director of the International Studies Program.

"A student wishing to complete Spanish studies could opt for one of our Ecuador, Costa Rica, or Spain programs. The ceramics artist might want to study

raku firing in Japan through a special arrangement we have with the University of Georgia. A political science major might choose to go to New Zealand through CCIS and take courses in Maori history, cultural anthropology, and New Zealand literature, along with a course in international politics," she said.

New agreements inked in 2005 include: Buckinghamshire Chilterns College in the U.K., Montpellier University in France, Punjabi University in Patiala in India, and Reutlingen University in Germany.

Part of a mutually reciprocating exchange program, this spring KU hosted a group of business MBA students from India for an intense immersion in the industry and commerce of the region which included numerous tours and visits to local factories.

**P**erhaps the first experience many students have with international travel is through the KU to UK Program. Every year faculty members travel to the United Kingdom with a group of students to conduct classes in the field. Based out of the modern Newland Park Campus of Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College, 30 miles northwest of London, some of the coursework planned for the 2006 summer visit includes British literature, the contemporary Harry Potter series of children's books, and the British arts and crafts movement.

"Instead of just learning about Stonehenge we went to Stonehenge," said Katie Panamarenko, a senior majoring in speech communication, of the 2005 trip. "Most people just get to walk around the outer edge, but our group got to touch the rocks."

In 2005, the university established a totally new Department of International Initiatives and Student Services to provide a one-stop shop for international and domestic students who want to prepare for the emerging global economy and named James Hubbard as the director. A native of England, Hubbard believes it is important for KU students to prepare themselves for a world that is growing smaller every day.

"Right now there are approximately 500,000 international students in the U.S. seeking that same advantage. In the future, we will find that our graduates are going to have interactions with other countries almost on a daily basis," he said.



## Opportunities abound for students seeking to find their place in the world

BY RITA GARWOOD '06

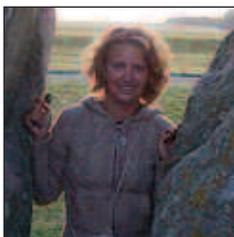
PICK A CONTINENT, ANY CONTINENT. GOT ONE? UNLESS YOU CHOSE ANTARCTICA, MOST CURRENT KU STUDENTS COULD STUDY THERE.

**T**oday's students have more study abroad options than any class before them. Through university programs, consortiums and other partnerships, the International Studies Office helps students explore our world.

"KU's International Studies Office is there to help students every step of the way," said Chris McGuire, a senior who studied in Australia last summer. "They can help students study just about anywhere."

Students who have studied abroad are different when they come home. They've met people from around the world, experienced new cultures, or even learned a new language. These students return to Kutztown driven to achieve, more outgoing, and better prepared for life after graduation.

### Katie Panamarenko – KU to UK



Katie Panamarenko, a senior majoring in speech communication, always talked about traveling, but she wasn't fluent in a second language. The KU to UK program, housed at the Newland Park Campus of Buckinghamshire Chilterns

University College, which is only 30 miles from London, was a perfect fit for her.

"Traveling to England changed my life. I can't imagine who I would be if I hadn't gone. The experience made me realize what our country looks like to the rest of the world," Panamarenko said.

The KU to UK Program is a way for students to study abroad with all the comforts of an English-speaking country. KU faculty members design coursework that incorporates the history and culture of Britain into the classes, giving students opportunities for hands-on learning in the original environment.

Panamarenko says this is a real motivator for learning about the world. "I've become extremely ambitious. I picked up an 18-credit semester for the first time in my life, and I've joined two organizations on campus since I've been back. I've also decided to visit Costa Rica this summer."

After her KU to UK experience, Panamarenko believes every student should seek a learning opportunity in another country.

"I can't even explain how important it is to travel. The world is changing drastically. There is more freedom of speech and thought than ever before. We all need to step outside our bubble and see what the world is like."



## Kathleen Bittner - Ecuador



One of the newest study abroad programs offers students a five-week immersion in the Spanish language and Ecuadorian culture. Students live with a host family and study at the Universidad Del Azuay in Cuenca, Ecuador's

third largest city.

"Last year, the program attracted 11 students," said Roberta Crisson, director of the Office of International Studies. "And student interest has doubled for this summer."

Kathleen Bittner, a junior studying professional writing, was one of the first students to participate.

"It was one of the greatest trips of my life. I think it heightened my sense of independence, and it also made me realize that I can accomplish a lot of things on my own."

In addition to their studies, Bittner and other KU students were given opportunities to interact with the Ecuadorian community.

"We volunteered at a children's school where we would play with them and help them to speak English as they helped us to speak Spanish," said Bittner. "They were going to perform a play in a couple months, and we helped them to learn their lines and to pronounce the English words correctly."

While completing her foreign language requirements, Bittner better prepared herself for her future career.

"There are more and more Latin American people in the work force today. I believe my time in Ecuador will help me communicate with Spanish speakers in our community."

## Chris McGuire - Australia



Chris McGuire, a senior majoring in business with a concentration in marketing, made his dream of studying in Australia a reality through the College Consortium for International Studies, an association of colleges and univer-

sities sponsoring more than 80 study abroad programs in 32 countries.

"My time abroad definitely improved my social skills," McGuire said, "I am more outgoing and a better listener and communicator."

During his time at Australia's Macquarie University, McGuire had the opportunity to meet students from around the globe.

"All the international students were housed together, and 25 percent of the students at the university were international," he said. "Now whenever I want to travel, I have friends all over the world."

McGuire believes his experience in Australia will benefit him for years to come.

"When I'm applying to graduate school, my study abroad experience will definitely help me. Graduate schools and employers look for students who have studied internationally," he explained. "Studying abroad is a perfect way for students to increase their marketability while learning a lot about the world and its cultures."

## Anna Farrell - France



Anna Farrell, a senior double majoring in art education and secondary education with a concentration in French, wanted to experience French culture when she boarded a plane for Montpellier University's Institut D'Études

Françaises pour Étrangers program last summer, but she was also given a chance to hone her language skills.

"I've taken classes here, and I thought I knew French. When I got there, I realized how much I didn't know," said Farrell. "Now my spoken French has improved, because I've developed a genuine accent."

During her three-week visit, Farrell stayed with a host family in Montpellier.

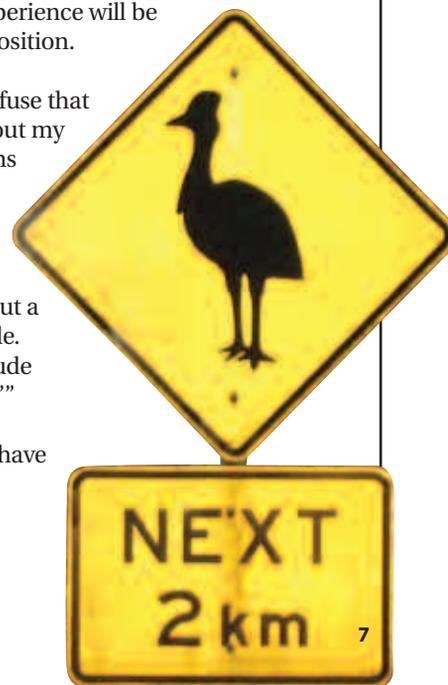
"I really lucked out," she said. "I stayed with a mother and her two sons. Getting to know my host family really helped me see what life is like there. We tend to idealize it, because we're tourists, but we don't see what everyday French life is like."

Farrell believes her study abroad experience will be helpful when she secures a teaching position.

"I have the knowledge of French culture, history, and literature. I can infuse that into my teaching. And little stories about my experiences will definitely make lessons more interesting for my students," she explained.

All the students said KU's Office of International Studies has worked to provide not only a global experience but a chance to see America from the outside.

"Before my visit to the UK, my attitude was 'If it doesn't affect me, I don't care.'" said Panamarenko. "Now I realize the actions of every member of the world have an effect on someone else."



# Where language and cultures combine: International students seek out KU

BY RITA GARWOOD '06

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO ATTEND KU? ASK MANY ALUMNI OR STUDENTS THAT QUESTION AND YOU ARE BOUND TO HEAR A VARIETY OF RESPONSES: "THE SCHOOL HAS GREAT ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, IT WAS CLOSE TO HOME," OR MAYBE "ALL MY FRIENDS WERE GOING THERE." BUT WHAT ATTRACTED INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TO KUTZTOWN? SURELY IT WAS NOT THE COMMUTE.

As students from countries around the world continue to come to study here, the diversity of campus life has increased. The International Students Organization [ISO] provides a way for international students to connect with each other and to share their cultures with the campus and the community.

ISO students also volunteer in local elementary and middle schools, giving presentations about their native lands. The ISO's international student banquet, held in April, is open to the entire university, and features international foods, music, and a fashion show of traditional international dress.

A hard-working and dedicated group, these students bring a taste of global culture to the campus, inspiring American students to travel, to learn a second language, and to find a new appreciation of different cultures.

## Rhym Guisse – Algeria



Rhym Guisse was born in Algeria, grew up in Mali, the Ivory Coast, and France. When she and her family immigrated to Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1999, they did not speak English.

"We were living in the Ivory Coast, and there was political unrest, so it wasn't safe anymore," Guisse explained. "My father chose the U.S. because of the potential job opportunities for his children."

Guisse decided to attend KU after her father, Dr. Amadou Guisse, was assigned a teaching position in the Mathematics Department. Currently a senior majoring in professional writing, Guisse is now fluent in French, Arabic, and English. She says studying in America has given her a wealth of internship opportunities.

"This summer I will be interning for the Bangladesh Mission to the United Nations. This fall I will be interning at the Washington D.C. Center and volunteering at the Smithsonian Museum," she said.

Guisse sees many differences between Algerian students and American students.

"In my country it is important to learn more than two languages and to learn about the history and background of other countries," Guisse explained. "It is rare to find an American who can speak three languages. I find that sad because languages open so many doors mentally and career-wise."

Former president of the ISO, Guisse also believes that American students need to be more culturally aware.

"I wish American students would travel more and gain a perspective on how the world views them. It is important to be respected anywhere you are in the world: it asserts a sort of dignity in who you are."

## Trang Ho – Vietnam



Trang Ho, a freshman from Vietnam studying pre-medicine, hopes to become a family physician.

"I am learning much more at KU than I would in my country," she said. "U.S. education has higher standards, so I will be better prepared for medical school."

Ho says she is grateful to the many caring members of the Kutztown faculty. "Dr. [Francis] Vasko taught me calculus. He gives students more useful information than most teachers. I really appreciate his teaching style."

## Stefka Yordanova – Bulgaria



Stefka Yordanova began college in her native Bulgaria, but she wasn't satisfied with the quality of her education, so she decided to come to KU.

"In Bulgaria, each class had about 200 students, so you could never ask questions in person with the teacher. Over here you can go during faculty office hours, and if



you don't understand something, you can ask," she explained.

Spring 2006 student commencement speaker and winner of the 2006 Bronze Academic Achievement Award Medal, Yordanova values the quality of a KU education as she graduates this spring with a degree in computer science.

"The computer science program is really strong in the way it prepares students," she said. "I also like that the university provides many opportunities for international students. I was able to find a job on campus that was related to my major."

If Kutztown offered a master's degree in mathematics, Yordanova would gladly continue her education here.

"I see the way KU cares about its students, and that is very important to me. Now I feel like Kutztown is my home."

## Emmanuel Tabiri – Ghana



Emmanuel Tabiri was frustrated with his general arts major, but he could not study something new.

"In Ghana, you choose your major in high school," he explained. "So changing my major was impossible, unless I wanted to repeat high school."

Now a senior majoring in communication design, Tabiri knows his KU education will give him an advantage.

"Technology in the U.S. is cutting edge," he explained. "Friends of mine studying graphic design in Ghana are using very dated software. When I return to my country, I will dominate the market because I'm familiar with modern technology."

## Anri Iwasaki – Japan



Anri Iwasaki wanted to improve her English skills, so she decided on KU for its professional writing program.

"I've learned a lot about communication. How you interact with people here is very different from how we interact in Japan," she explained.

Iwasaki appreciates the cultural knowledge that KU has given her.

"Studying at KU has given me a true international experience because there are very few Japanese students here," she explained.

Now a senior, Iwasaki sees the many ways her time at Kutztown has helped her to grow.

"I've become very independent because my parents are still in Japan," she said. "I plan to attend graduate school in the U.K. I want to study comparative literature, because I love learning about cultures."

## Umar Muhammad – Pakistan



Umar Muhammad, a senior from Pakistan majoring in political science, has been an active ISO member during his time at KU.

"The ISO introduced me to many wonderful people from different backgrounds. Through my friends, I've learned a lot about African cultures," he said.

Muhammad also appreciates the personal attention President Cevallos gives to each student.

"The president listens to what I have to say. He always stops me to see how I am doing here," he said. "It's nice having a president who was an international student. He knows how hard it can be to adjust to a new culture."

## Lorraine Roberts – Ghana



Lorraine Roberts wanted to attend college in her native Ghana, but the three state-owned universities in her country were full.

"It's a privilege to be able to get into a university in Ghana. There are back logs of students who have graduated from high school just waiting to get in," she explained.

Fortunately, Roberts found KU and discovered the benefits of studying business in America.

"In certain disciplines, such as business, a U.S. education is more valuable," she said. "My access to academic resources is also far greater at KU. And to be taught how to use software as part of a regular class is definitely a bonus."

Roberts has been very active at Kutztown. She belongs to the American Marketing Association, the International Business Club and is the current president of the International Students Organization. She recently joined the Presidential Ambassadors, so she could give back to the university before she graduates.

"There are some really good people at KU: faculty, staff and students," she explained. "I've found people who truly care, people who see something in you and steer you in the right direction."

International students provide the KU community an opportunity to sample another culture, learn about its geography, history, and political climate. These students show how the world is growing smaller each day.

"One of the things that thrills me is the rich dynamics in the heritage of the average American," said Roberts. "We all need to appreciate where we are coming from in order to move forward."

# International travel often begins on campus simply by sharing experiences

BY CRAIG WILLIAMS

THROUGH THE SIMPLE ACT OF TUTORING EXCHANGE STUDENTS, OR THE CHALLENGE OF SPENDING AN ENTIRE SEMESTER IN ANOTHER COUNTRY, KUTZTOWN GRADUATES HAVE FOUND THAT WHEN ONE REACHES OUT TO THE WORLD, CULTURAL BARRIERS DIMINISH AND A HAND OF FRIENDSHIP IS RETURNED. OFTEN, NEW CAREER PATHS OPEN ALONG THE WAY.



## Michelle N. Palmer '95

In 1993 and 1994, Russian major Michelle N. Palmer (pictured above with a friend), became one of the first students from the university to participate in the semester abroad program at the Diplomatic Academy in Moscow. Studying for two semesters and one intensive short summer course, Palmer established enough contacts in Russia to land a job in Moscow after graduation.

She also spent a year traveling through Europe and lived in Amsterdam for four years. Today she is living in England and working as the marketing officer for the faculty of computing and information technology at the University of Wolverhampton.

Palmer said the first step in finding a career with an international scope is always the biggest.

"When I started at KU, I had never spent more than two weeks away from home. I came from Massachusetts, so even Kutztown was a long way from home. I certainly never imagined that I would live and work abroad, but I did want the experience of studying abroad."

Now a seasoned globe-trotter, Palmer said those first impressions of the trip to Russia will stay with her forever.

"I met some amazing people and was continually inspired by the strength of character, warmth, hospitality and tenacity of the Russians. Because of the trip, my world was opened completely, and I have a better understanding of humanity."

## Erwin Woodye, Jr. '01

Erwin Woodye, Jr. left Belize to study library science at KU. Along the way he found many friendships and opportunities to share stories of his homeland.

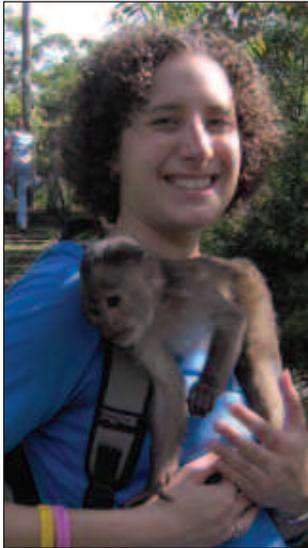
"I visited one of the elementary schools and did a presentation about my country and culture. I also had the opportunity to serve as a tour guide, which in addition to providing information about Kutztown University, allowed me to interact with prospective students and their families. During our interaction, it was interesting to learn that some people had visited my country in the past. And I played soccer in intramural competitions and made many friends with both the international and national students."

Woodye is currently the chief librarian for the University of Belize, which he says is a fascinating, interesting and often challenging career made possible through KU.

## Maria Haverovich '05

Taking full advantage of KU's international exchange programs, Maria Haverovich set out on a career path that would bring her in direct contact with other cultures. A dual major in speech pathology and Spanish, Haverovich will go to Spain on a Fulbright grant for a year to teach English beginning this fall.

"There were two KU study-abroad programs which led me to look into traveling abroad again. They were the month-long experiences in Valladolid, Spain and Cuenca, Ecuador."



Haverovich (picture left) said both trips took her to the heart of the culture, living with Spanish and Ecuadorian families, and taking classes at local universities.

“It really opens your eyes to so much more, whether it is different foods, different clothing, different beliefs, different languages, or different ways of living. Here’s a little example. While I was

studying in Spain, I took a nap almost every afternoon, just like everyone there. I had never felt more relaxed or healthy!”

While travel can be a valuable experience, it also requires a little participation, Haverovich said.

“Spending time in a different culture can make you uncomfortable, but in a good way, because it forces you to learn.”

## Kirk H. Moyer ‘81

Kirk H. Moyer (pictured right with friends) came to KSC with an eye on a degree in business administration. It was the late 1970s. During that time Kutztown’s international affiliations were less expansive. But through various on-campus activities and solid academic preparation, Moyer parlayed his experience into a career which has taken him to jobs sites throughout Europe and Asia.

Living in Asia for the last three years, today he is the assistant plant manager for Rohm and Haas Singapore Chemical. And it all started by volunteering to tutor international students. “I tutored students in business management and introductory geography courses,” he said. “I tutored a variety of students from different backgrounds and found most of their views of the world were very different from mine.

“Working in Europe and Asia, you need to understand the cultural background and differing views. This is the key to building a good business relationship. I did not realize it at the time, but my tutoring sessions helped to shape the way I approached my international business relationships later in life.”

## Valeria Hymas ‘94

“I have always loved to travel,” says Valeria Hymas who majored in speech communication, minored in international studies, and was a member of the International Students Organization. Today she works as the program director of the U.S. - U.K. Fulbright Commission and credits KU’s study abroad programs with giving her a head start in life.

“I participated in the program in Moscow learning the Russian language as well as taking courses in the history, politics and culture of the country. I did have some problems adjusting to a culture where I couldn’t even read any of the signs. Still, the overall experience changed my life, and I soon decided to make a career out of working with other cultures.”

After KU, she received a master’s degree in international and intercultural communications from the University of Denver, and currently helps others with their dreams of studying and teaching in another country.

“International education provides an invaluable opportunity to meet, work, and live with people of another country, sharing daily experiences and promoting mutual understanding,” she said. “The best way to appreciate another culture is to work with the people, live with them, learn with them and learn from them.”





## KU faculty members travel to distant lands in search of discovery

BY CRAIG WILLIAMS

**T**his summer and throughout the coming months, KU faculty members will fly the friendly skies and bring the best the university has to offer to students around the globe through several exchange programs that take them to unique locales and cultures. As the global economy continues to integrate, these programs have become a vital resource and serve to create new relationships between universities often oceans apart.

Within recent years, the university has shared expertise with institutions in Russia, Kenya, Puerto Rico, the United Kingdom, China, and many others.

A visit from KU professors benefits students here and abroad. And the free flow of ideas becomes a valuable classroom resource for returning faculty members who integrate their first-hand accounts and cultural experiences into daily lessons.

Often taking on multiple roles as teacher, reporter and researcher, the traveling faculty members are also university ambassadors who share their enthusiasm for Kutztown with the participating universities.

Dr. Andrea Mitnick, speech communication and theatre, has been to Russia three times through the university's exchange program with the Moscow Diplomatic Institute.

Teaching research, public relations, public speaking, and crisis management, she has spoken with students who come to Moscow from many European countries to study diplomacy. Mitnick said she enjoys sharing the current trends in American popular culture with the students and is impressed with their professionalism, eagerness to learn, and discipline.

"They all stand up to speak, dress well, take copious notes, and are attentive. When I come back to campus,

I share that with my students so they may understand and appreciate the opportunities they have at KU."

Globetrotting KU faculty members also teach in Nairobi at the Kenyatta University in Kenya. Considered the Harvard of East Africa, Kenyatta is emerging as a center of new political ideas, said Dr. Kristin J. Bremer, political science.

Visiting the huge continent for six weeks last summer, Bremer assisted with Kenyatta's mission to establish a doctoral program in the history department.

In the classroom, she taught comparative politics and international relations to graduate students. Throughout her visit, Bremer said she enjoyed a very high level of intellectual exchange.

"I have traveled extensively, but I had never been to Africa before."

The economic and environmental contrasts of the growing country made a lasting impression, and Bremer called the trip a life-altering experience. But what impressed her most was the openness of people.

"They are just incredibly friendly," she said.

Dr. Arifeen Daneshyar, economics, (pictured above teaching class) is a student of the world. Throughout his extensive career, he has traveled to dozens of countries and believes there is no better way to learn about a culture than to meet the people.

"I started traveling when I was 16 [years old]. So far, I have visited 46 countries and lived in six of them. Travel introduces you to the changing world."

Last year, he visited Yantai University, in Yantai, Shandong, China and took away a wealth of information about the culture, politics and the emerging class of young professionals.

"Travel makes you realize there is no one way of



## A special look at KU to UK program: A trip into history

BY NICOLE ZABOHONSKI '07 AND CRAIG WILLIAMS

Last July, 26 students and five professors departed on a journey of a lifetime.

Their destination, Buckinghamshire, England, was only a seven-hour flight away and excitement had filled the air. Once they arrived, they were directed to their “flats” where they would be living for the next three weeks. Each “flat” had five private bedrooms and bathrooms, with a community kitchen and living area.

As was required by the course outlines, from 8 to 9:15 a.m., Monday through Thursday, students participated in class lectures provided by their accompanying KU professors. Among the many topics covered were: British arts and crafts, elementary education, reading strategies and British literature, journalism, communication design, and British history.

After the lectures, each class visited a site that corresponded with that day's lecture. The students, along with their professors, visited several sites during the trip including St. Albans, Stonehenge, Windsor Castle, the Roald Dahl Museum, and Verulamium, which is considered the “Roman Britain.”

For many students, their first experience traveling to another country is through the KU to UK program offered every year. And for Dr. Theresa Stahler, secondary education, last year's trip marked her first visit to the United Kingdom. She found the supervised itinerary to be a “nice mix of theory and practice.”

Stahler said there was a “real camaraderie between the students and the professors.”

When asked about her favorite memory from the trip, she responded “Stonehenge at Sunset.” There were no other tours at the time and the group was even allowed to walk behind the barriers protecting the site.

“There was an aura about it; eeriness; very magical,” she said.

Dr. John Delaney, history, also joined the group teaching a course about Britain's response to the Holocaust. Visiting the Imperial War Museum, the largest permanent holocaust exhibit in Europe, Delaney said travel is an important part of a balanced education.

“Life is richer, more rewarding and satisfying the deeper and more you are able to tap into humanity at home and abroad,” he said. “It's the variety and richness of various cultures that make the world such a fascinating place.”

For many students seeking to gain course credits and experience another land and culture, a summer trip guided by KU professors to the United Kingdom is not only language-accessible but often becomes the first stop on a road to greater awareness and understanding of the world around them.



# deans' corner



## College of Education • Dr. Regis G. Bernhardt

For the last 22 years, Kutztown University students have visited the United Kingdom as student teachers. The College of Education has an established partnership with the University College of St. Mark and St. John [MARJON] in the city of Plymouth in southwest England.

Each semester, for eight to 12 weeks, students travel to the U.K. for a week of orientation and then seven weeks to practice-teach under the supervision of a certified cooperating teacher and college tutor. This experience is open to students in art education, elementary education, library science, secondary education and special education.

Students wishing to student-teach in the U.K. must complete an application and then go through an evaluation, application, and interview process. The process attempts to identify students who will benefit greatly from the experience and represent the university and the

United States. Students are rated on scholarship, adaptability and citizenship.

Wanda Mercado-Arroyo, director of Field Experiences and Outreach at KU, coordinates the program. She holds a video conference four times a year to introduce the students to their cooperating teacher and supervisor in the U.K. Bernice Wilmshurst visited KU in early March prior to the spring session to meet with students. Wilmshurst is the International Student Teaching Program coordinator at MARJON.

Bethann Molinari '05 participated in the program this past fall semester. She said the program is a “wonderful opportunity for students who are interested in exploring other cultures and their own unique education system.”

Molinari applied for the program because she was interested in discovering how another country viewed education and how it differed from the U.S.

“I learned how to adapt to different cultures and styles of teaching,” Molinari said. “I believe that every country has their own unique system to meet the needs of their students and implements a curriculum that they feel works for them. In my classroom, I taught 29 students ranging from seven to nine years old with academic levels of learning support to accelerated learners.”

Not only did she have an opportunity to teach in the English school system, but she also lived and worked with students in England. Molinari said the American and English students enjoyed learning about their different cultures and along the way many new friendships developed.



## College of Business • Dr. Eileen Hogan

This semester, the college initiated an exciting exchange program with Punjabi University in Patalia, India. During a visit there in January, President Cevallos and other KU representatives discovered a wonderful group of MBA students who wanted to learn first-hand about American business. Since they were scheduled to graduate in May, a program was designed in a very short period to meet their needs.

Nine of the students arrived at KU in late March to begin a three-week intensive American Business Immersion program developed by Dr. Okan Akcay, marketing; Dr. Dan Benson, management; Dr. Keshav Gupta, finance; and Dr. David Haas, management. During the course of study, the students worked closely with faculty members, took part in lectures and case study discussions, and traveled to 10 business sites to tour facilities and speak with company executives. They also visited the New York Stock Exchange and spent time in Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

As a result, the students developed a new appreciation for how American businesses function. Plans are under way for new groups of students from Punjabi to spend full-semester exchanges in our MBA program, as well as create opportunities for KU MBA and undergraduate students to complete exchanges in India.



### **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences • Dr. Bashar Hanna**

As the region's center for excellence in academics, cultural enrichment and public engagement, our university has a great responsibility to our students and our immediate community. As we prepare our students to take an active role in their society and world, we must expand our institution's role to include a greater responsibility to the global community.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences seeks to fulfill this role by exploring new global opportunities. One example is our recent trip to India to investigate an exciting new international project for our Department of Nursing.

Hospitals and health care facilities in the United States face a chronic shortage of highly qualified nurses. If current trends continue, the shortage is projected to worsen in the coming years, reaching up to 20 percent below requirements by 2020.

The week of Jan. 28 to Feb. 4, President Cevallos, Provost Linda Rinker, Dr. Suzanne Prestoy of the Department of Nursing and I traveled to Bangalore, India, to explore how Kutztown University can channel the resources of its accredited nursing education program toward the overseas recruiting and training of already practicing registered nurses. In this way, our institution will be doing its part to help alleviate the shortage.

We had the pleasure to visit St. John's Medical Center, a 1200-bed hospital, and we all came away very impressed with the level of care they provide their patients. A partnership between Kutztown University and nursing educational facilities in India would allow us to use the curriculum of our Department of Nursing to enroll registered nurses in our bachelor of science in nursing program. The nurses would make a commitment to come work in a U.S. health care facility upon completion of the nursing program.

In May, Kutztown University hosted a group of nurse educators from India who worked with us to coordinate the program. Global collaboration through programs like this holds vast amounts of promising potential. By beginning to tap into this potential, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences seeks to display our continued leadership on issues of regional, national and global importance.



### **College of Visual and Performing Arts • Dr. William Mowder**

The College of Visual and Performing Arts is on the move! In keeping with the university's goal of expanding opportunities for international exchange and learning, the college continues a tradition of introducing our students to the world beyond KU.

In January, 10 of the College's Dean's Scholars traveled to Paris on a study trip. The students were accompanied by Roberta Crisson, chair, speech communication & theatre, and director of international studies; Dr. John White, chair, art education & crafts; and myself. While in Paris, the students toured the Musee D'Orsay, the Louvre, Versailles, Notre Dame, Ste. Chappelle and other significant sites. What is most exciting about this program is that many of the students said this was their first trip outside the United States.

Beyond the rich and wonderful experiences in a new country, the college also invites guest lecturers and artists from other countries to come to KU to share their talents. Last fall the Department of Art Education and Crafts hosted two artists from University of Azuay in Cuenca, Ecuador for a two-week workshop in metals and ceramics. Salvador Castro, professor of design, and Juan Pacheco Paredes, professor of ceramics, provided students with demonstrations and instruction in their respective art forms.

In the summer of 2005, the university hosted the International Percussion Music Festival, a week of workshops and performances which attracted 50 percussion students from Brazil, Hungary, Germany, Ghana, Uruguay and the United States. The festival was organized by Dr. Frank Kumor, assistant professor of music, and provided both a performance venue for the international line-up of artists and an opportunity to exchange musical ideas.

We live in a richly varied world which is becoming more available to our students. Though there are economic factors to consider, the college continues to work to provide these experiences through fund raising efforts, donations of time and talent, and other generous contributions. Today, more than ever before, the experiences gained through cultural exchange and travel reveal a direct benefit to the development of our future leaders, artists, politicians, and business professionals.

# alumni weekend

MAY 6, 2006



**Class of 1931:** President Cevallos with Josephine Laubach Tuttle.



**Class of 1941:** Shirley Lengel Dieffenbach and Kathryn Evans Hanscom with President Cevallos.



**Class of 1936 reunion:** (Seated, left to right) Sara Jane Charles Donio, Mary Heseltine Becker, Janet Pawling Hassler. (Standing) Chester Rohrbach, President Cevallos, William Bartholomew.



**2006 Alumni Award Recipients:** (left to right) Glenn Godshall, director of KU Alumni Relations, accepting awards on behalf of William "Chet" Schreiber '72, owner of several environmentally safe cleaning companies and Mt. Chet vineyards, and Robert Gable '66, author, professor, and one of the nation's most highly regarded special educators; J.R. Aquila '82, event director, Comcast SportsNet in Philadelphia, and winner of regional Emmy Awards; Robert A. Eckert, Jr. '95, State Department Diplomatic Security Service, provides security and protective services for U.S. interests and dignitaries at home and abroad; President Cevallos; Susan Daigle-Leach '83, color art director for the Carl Barks Disney Collection, and nominated for prestigious industry awards; Lt. Col. Steve E. Howell '00, ammunition planner, strategist, and purchaser for the U.S. Marine Corps, Bronze Star and Meritorious Service Medal recipient; Frederick D. Hafer, Jr. '86, owner, Omnitech Automation Inc., and tireless volunteer for local service projects and KU; Thomas F. Kauffman CPA '92, partner-in-charge, Reinsel Kuntz Leshner LLP, and also a committed volunteer for KU and local service projects. Congratulations to all!



**Class of 1946 reunion:** (Seated, left to right) Marie Deach, Margenett Hartzell Roth, Hilda Troutman Jentsch, Lorraine Nippert Brosious. (Standing) Joyce Kutz Wehr, Arlene Lamm Gross, President Cevallos, Grace Trimmer Lefever, Arlene Desch Kaslik.



**Class of 1951 reunion:** (Seated, left to right) Doris Harvey Weaver, Nancy Burdan French, Elizabeth Yerkes Wisnosky, Elaine Steinmetz Matthews, Miriam Harwick Lapp. (Standing) Shirley Stoner Derr, Jeanne Snyder Miller, Peter Wisnosky, President Cevallos, Marvin Davis, Ralph Folcarelli, Romaine Bollinger Burnhauser, Leighton LeClair.



**Class of 1961 reunion:** (1st row, left to right) Susan Allport-Schneider, Shirley Kistler Huber, Elaine Schlegel Cruse, Harriet Hixson Robinson, Martha Zimmerman Stauffer, Margaret Apostolos-Peters. (2nd row) Dan Krzywicki, Richard Stine, Wade Cruse, Joseph Altieri, Marilyn Riu Fox, Dick Powell. (3rd row) Donald Fleming, Harold Huber, Ronald Marburger, John Frank, President Cevallos.



**Class of 1966 reunion:** (1st row, left to right) Carolyn Mutter Dillon, Ruth Long, Judy Von Steuben Godshalk, Melissa Sell Horn, Chloe Angstadt Urland, President Cevallos. (2nd row) Lois Very Gardner, Floyd "Bud" Godshalk, Larry Sell, Willam Feichtl, Joe Foster. (3rd row) Sam Westmoreland, Louis Durante, Charles Young, George Weida.



**Class of 1971 reunion:** (1st row, left to right) Ron Miller, Patricia Gontar, Nancy Reszetar Haseltine, Anne Marie Maguire, David Schaeffer, President Cevallos. (2nd row) John Wagner, Howard Gribben, R.Terry Galle, Barry Dubbs.



**Class of 1976 reunion:** (1st row, left to right) Marcia Rich, Carol Parsons, Patty Niemeier, Cecelia Gross Kukuchka. (2nd row) Karen Kosman Schoch, Lona Kay Beitler, Karen Lechler Favinger, Estelle Kositz Gimbar, Elaine Horan, Sally Shenk Ullman. (3rd row) Mary Beth Emmerling Shenk, Stephanie Steely, Loys Barden Allabaugh, Gail Luria Smith, Bonnie Reagle Waring, Gwenn Hnath Sawchuk. (4th row) Tom Heffner, Mike Gumpert, President Cevallos, Jeff Gumpert.

# the sporting life

## KU Tennis demonstrates the importance of teamwork on an international scale

BY JAMIE A. RAUB '06

Over the past seven seasons Suresh Ramamurthi, head coach of the Kutztown University men's and women's tennis teams, has moved the program from the bottom of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference to one of the best in the country. • What is the key to his success? Ramamurthi has been able draw from a talented pool of international student athletes since he came to the university in 1999. Currently, KU's tennis teams boast players from Germany, India, and Austria, among many others.

**R**amamurthi has relied on alternative means of bringing players to KU, and the university's international exchange program has provided more than a few gifted athletes in past seasons. In the beginning, the recruiting process was slow, and Ramamurthi looked to friends and neighbors to help supply the athletes he needed.

"We relied heavily on word of mouth," said Ramamurthi, a graduate of the University of Poona in Maharashtra, India. "Friends of mine would send their children here because they knew me from previous places I had worked."

Somdeep Appineni, a pre-engineering major, came to KU from his home town of Hyderabad, India. Now a junior, Appineni has been playing for the Golden Bears for three seasons.

"I knew I wanted to play in the United States. That's when my coach suggested that I contact coach Ramamurthi," Appineni said, "He's not only a great coach by reputation, but he also brings in talented players from all over the world."

Prospective athletes are also able to use the Internet as a tool for their college search, making it easier for KU to attract international players to the program.

Lukas Labitsch is a freshman marketing major from Bruck an der Mur, Austria. In his home country, he searched for an American university that matched his needs in academics and sports.

"Academically, KU is a good school. The university also had a national ranking, so I knew the tennis team was going to be a good one," Labitsch said.

Ramamurthi says this reaction is not

unique. This year the Golden Bear men made the top 30 national ranking. In the past seven seasons, the men have ranked as high as 17th in the country in Division II.

KU's women's tennis has also enjoyed a resurgence. The women's team had never been ranked in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference or the region, but for the past two seasons the Golden Bear women have held the top slots in both venues.

"Recruiting is now almost effortless for us," Ramamurthi said, "The students e-mail when they are interested."

Ramamurthi also cites Kutztown's location as a major draw for international students to the university. The relative closeness to major metropolitan cities such as New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. makes it easier for students to fly back and forth to their homes and families.

Radoslav Hlubinski, a senior mathematics and computer science major from Warsaw, Poland, said KU's location was a perfect fit for him and his family who now live in Connecticut.

"That way, I could still visit them on holidays and breaks," Hlubinski said.

He credits the university for putting him on the right path four years ago. Courted by several Division I schools, he found that Kutztown was the better choice.



Jharna Nansi, India



Radoslav Hlubinski,  
Poland



Kerstin Kloeffer,  
Germany



Lukas Labitsch,  
Austria



Lauren Losoncy,  
USA



Somdeep Appineni,  
India

“There were other schools, but I think if I didn’t come here, I would have stopped playing tennis four years ago,” Hlubinski said, “Coming [to Kutztown] has helped me figure out what I want to do after graduation. It gave me a great deal of confidence.”

A high number of student athletes come to the program through the university’s international exchange program which has branched out to include universities throughout Europe.

“Our academic programs are beginning to be recognized all over Europe,” Ramamurthi said.

Over the past seven seasons, the Golden Bears have had five German exchange players and look forward to hosting a Spanish exchange player this fall.

Kerstin Kloeffler, a graduate business major from Ludwigshafen, Germany is one exchange student who came to Kutztown University and decided to stay. Currently in her third season playing for the Golden Bears, Kloeffler wanted the opportunity to study in the United States and learn English.

“I originally planned on playing only one semester. But decided I wanted to come back and graduate from KU because it was a good opportunity for me to play tennis and to study the language.”

**L**aura Losoncy, a senior psychology major from Shillington, Pa., came to Kutztown to play tennis and will leave with a broader life experience.

“I have enjoyed every interaction I have had with my teammates,” Lasoncy said, “And I have forged friendships that will last a lifetime.”

As can be expected on a team of 19 players from 10 countries, there is a multitude of languages used on the court.

“We all speak English to one another, but sometimes it’s too automatic. A mistake will happen, and you’ll slip back into your own language,” said Labitsch.

Jharna Nansi came from Mumbai, India to study speech communication and public relations. In her junior year at KU, Nansi admits she is careful about what she says.



The KU women’s and men’s tennis teams are flanked by assistant coach Brian Zansitis [left] and head coach Suresh Ramamurthi.

“More than a few players on the team speak the language, so it’s nice to be able to talk to others,” Nansi said. “But we never discuss the coach in our language.”

Appineni sees their common language as an edge in competition.

“It’s an advantage to be able to speak the same language as the coach. During matches, he’ll tell me things to do without my opponent knowing what we are saying to each other,” Appineni said.

To unite a team of international players, Ramamurthi has developed the skills of a diplomat. Along with training in the proper forehand or serve, Ramamurthi works to share these human relations skills with his players.

“On the court, he treats everyone the same. There are no favorites, and I wouldn’t want it any other way,” Appineni said, “But off the court it’s different. He’s become sort of a mentor to me. He keeps us all on the right path.”

In Ramamurthi’s office, newspaper clippings and photos are pinned into a cork board. He runs a finger over a team photo from the 2001 season and notes that most of them are now successful business professionals.

“I have a leg up in my country if I speak English and have an American education,” Kloeffler said, “I’m going to stand out when I graduate.”

# UNDER THE tower



## Roger J. Schmidt receives President's Award

Roger J. Schmidt received the President's Award from KU's Small Business Development Center in March. He has served on the university's Council of Trustees since 1999 and as a member of the Kutztown University Student Services Board from 2000 to 2001. He was appointed to the KU Foundation Board in 2002.

A partner of E.J. Breneman Inc. in Sinking Spring, Pa., Schmidt has been active in the Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce, the Berks Economic Partnership, the Leukemia Society, and the Schuylkill Valley Community Library.

President Cevallos nominated Schmidt for the award, citing his success as a business person and his high ethical standards. Cevallos said Schmidt has always been committed to youth in his community.

"His long time involvement in organizations like the Olivet's Boys and Girls Club and the Boy Scouts has made a difference and touched many lives," Cevallos said.



## General Colin L. Powell delivers uplifting message

Gen. Colin L. Powell (Ret.), USA returned to KU in March as the featured speaker for the 17th Annual Decision Makers Forum. He last visited the campus as the featured 1996 forum speaker. During his keynote address, Gen. Powell encouraged Americans to maintain open relationships with our global neighbors and said universities throughout the nation should work hard to attract international students, noting that students who learn about other cultures take these lessons with them throughout life.

On a lighter note, Gen. Powell got more than a few laughs while discussing recent magazine articles that highlighted him. He was voted one of the top 10 sexiest grandparents in America by *Grand* magazine, while *Time* magazine named him one of the top five American men who are aging gracefully.



## Hometown artist Keith Haring featured in banner and exhibit

This spring, the campus of KU became the site of one of the few official outdoor displays of a 90-foot banner by modern artist and Kutztown native Keith Haring. Known for his graffiti-inspired art, Haring is the featured artist in an exhibit at the Reading Museum. At one point during his short career, Haring worked with 1,000 children from the New York-based CityKids Foundation to create the 90-foot mural of the statue of liberty. The mural was hung on the south water tower as part of a month-long exhibit. The showing was a cooperative art project between the museum, KU, and the borough of Kutztown and was funded through private contributions.



## Trustee completes first year on Board of Governors

Guido M. Pichini '74 has completed his first year on the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Board of Governors where he serves on the finance committee. A member of the KU Council of Trustees since 1997 and former chair, he also serves on the KU Foundation Board. He is former chair of the Business and Industry Campaign, and in April 2005 he received the President's Award from the KU Small Business Development Center. In 1995, he was presented with the Kutztown University Alumni Citation Award.

A four-term mayor of Wyomissing Hills and president of Security Guards, Inc. and its subsidiaries, WSK and Associates Consulting Group and Vigilant Security Services of Wyomissing, Pichini has been very active in the community. He has served on the Reading Symphony Board, the Berks Visiting Nurses Board, the Presidential Council of Alvernia College, the Berks Career and Technology Advisory Board, the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Board, the Western Berks Ambulance Board, and the Gethsemane Cemetery Advisory Board, among many other service projects. He has also served as chair of the Berks County Mayor's Association and the American Society for Industrial Security.

Pichini lettered during the four years he was a member of Kutztown's tennis team.



KU Equestrian Team rider Shari Seidman '06 in the winner's circle with coach Bruce Lachiusa at the IHSA National Championships.

## KU Equestrian Team places in Top 10 at IHSA National

The Kutztown University Equestrian Team placed five riders in the top 10 of four events at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association's national championships held this spring in Harrisburg, Pa.

A club sport open to students and alumni, riders from Kutztown competed in events designed to showcase the individual rider's talents. The association, with 370 colleges and universities, invited more than 300 riders who qualified for the event.

KUET individual winners were: freshman Molly Lowman, who placed in the intermediate jumping event; Chrystal Coffelt '05 and Shari Seidman '06 both placed in the individual alumni rail event; sophomore Christine Geib placed in the individual intermediate rail western; and freshman Lauren Casale in the individual open rail.



## KU introduces a new head football coach

Raymond Monica began his duties as KU's head football coach on March 20 after being appointed to the position by Greg Bamberger, director of athletics. Monica replaced Dave Keeny, and is the 14th head football coach since 1927.

Monica comes to Kutztown after serving as defensive coordinator at Division I-A Temple University for the past eight seasons, including the last seven as assistant head coach. During his tenure at Temple, he also guided the inside linebackers and the defensive line.

Prior to Temple, Monica coached nine seasons at the University of North Alabama, during which time the Lions won three NCAA Division II national championships from 1993-95.



## Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament

The KU chapter of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity held their Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament in March which supported the second annual LCA scholarship, a \$1,000 award. All scholarship recipients exemplify the ideals of the fraternity, are in good academic standing, demonstrate a financial need, and are involved with on- and off-campus activities.

# class notes

## 1960s

1962

**Mary Ann (Schlegel) Fichthorn (&'76)** was recently elected to a second four-year term as Mayor of the borough of Denver, Pa.

1964

**Helen (Kerr) Quillen** retired from the Indian River School District in southern Delaware after 34 years of teaching, the last 29 of which she was a kindergarten teacher.

1965

**Caroline (Deisher) Anderson** retired in May 2004 after 35 years as a professor of mathematics at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She enjoys attending her grandchildren's gymnastics meets and soccer games, being an AARP volunteer, and traveling with her husband.

1968

**K. Alan Mills** is currently in his 35th year as a Science Department chair and teaches biology at Boiling Springs High School near Carlisle, Pa. He and wife Jennie have been married for 32 years and have two children, Amanda (26), mother to their grandson Cassidy (5), and Tony (24) who is currently serving with the 101st Airborne Division Rakkasans.

1969

**Priscilla (Hertsch) Loeben (&'91)** recently retired after 31 years of teaching and moved to Hilton Head Island, S.C., with her husband. She spent 26 years at Boyertown School District teaching physical science, honors biology, honors physical science, coaching the Science Olympiad and Knowledge Master Open competitions, and was honored as Boyertown Teacher of the Year in 1992. She was also selected as Who's Who Among America's Teachers in 1996, 2003, and 2005. Loeben served on the district strategic planning committee, district safety committee,

Boyertown Professional Development Council, and was the service learning coordinator and recycling coordinator. She has two children, three grandchildren, and now spends her time traveling, golfing, bird watching, and occasionally tutoring math and science.

**Dennis Pearson (&'78)** is president of the east Allentown Rittersville Neighborhood Association and treasurer of Steelworkers Archives Candidate 133rd District State Representative.

**John Stoffa** took office as County Executive of Northampton County at the beginning of 2006.

## 1970s

1971

**Helen (Olivia) Steinmetz** has three grandchildren: Matthew, Gregory, and Bryana, and two great grandchildren: Marissa and Mahkayla.

1975

**Marietta (Brazell) Dantonio-Fryer** recently had her art work from her indigenous peoples series televised on the show "White House Chronicles." She is a professor of art at Cheyney University.

1976

**Connie (Williams) Malafarina** is currently pursuing an M.A. in counseling psychology- marital and family therapy at KU.

1978

**Linda Kauffman** is retiring after 21 years as executive director of the parking authority in Allentown. She has been active in economic development and state, national, and international parking symposiums, workshops, and conferences. She will be moving to Rehoboth Beach, Del.

**Wendy (Kline) Hoffman** is the proud grandmother of Madi Anne and Deacon Weigel.

1979

**Rick Imes** has written and published eight books.

## 1980s

1980

**Jeff Dietrich (&'92)** is a high school art teacher and recently had an exhibition of his pottery at Reading Area Community College.



**Greta Eichlin-Bell and Janet (Gallois) McClintic ('80)**, above, recently traveled to England with McClintic's daughters Maggie (16) and Carey (13). The friends are former KU roommates.

1981

**Daryl Land** was recently named to the board of directors of Balsley Losco Realtors, which is one of the top 500 realty companies in America. He resides near Atlantic City with his sons Eric (14) and Steve (11).

1982

**Elissa (Rich) Outtrim** earned a law degree in 1990. She and husband David have two daughters ages 5 and 8.

**Rebecca (Hartman) Manley** is a freelance graphic designer. She has two sons, Christopher, who is in high school, and Wes, who will be attending KU this fall as a Communication Design major.

**Bonnie Lee Strunk** recently published a children's book titled "They Call Me Mommy: The Tale of an Eastern Gray Squirrel." Husband **James Brasted**, a retired KU political science professor, illustrated the book. She works as a newspaper columnist and freelance writer based in Allentown.

1983

**Monica Tomosky** is chief of the United States Geological Survey Bird Banding Laboratory. She

recently spoke at the 11th annual Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Benefit for Birds dinner and auction.

1984

**Susan (Smith) Klinger** had two pastel paintings included in the Maryland Pastel Society Members' Exhibition at the Chestertown Arts League. She exhibits regularly at Hardcastle Gallery in Centreville, Del. and The Studio in Swarthmore, Pa. She has an online gallery at [www.susanklinger.com](http://www.susanklinger.com).

**Joseph Scott McKeon** recently retired from the New York City police department and relocated to Florida.

**Tracy (Wozniak) Perriello** has been married for 6 years and has a 2-year-old son.

1985

**Steve West** is living in Allentown with his wife, two children, and his sheepdog.

1986

**Cynthia Bibic** was recently promoted from floating member service representative to floating member service officer.

**Frank Shimandle** has returned to Pennsylvania after 20 years of traveling the world while serving in the Army. He is the chair of the Military Science Department at Shippensburg University.

1987

**Luba (Kanor) Abrams** lives in Maryland with her husband and 3-year-old twins.

**AnnMarie Effinger** was selected as Who's Who of American Educators 2005-2006. She will be married in June and moving to Indiana. Effinger currently sings with the Nature Coast Professional Singers and has three children: Emily (13), Ben (11), and Abby (9).

1988

**Kevin Byrne** recently accepted a three-year position as director of broadcast operations with QVC Japan.

A special offer to KU alumni and their families

## ALUMNI DAY AT THE KUTZTOWN PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN FESTIVAL



### July 5, 2006

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**Jennifer Sweeney** has launched her own company, Ink Effect Publishing. Her first product is a unique gift book called "The Signature Birthday Book," which challenges its readers to find someone to sign the book in the date that corresponds with their birthday. The reader's goal is to obtain a signature for every day of the year.

### 1989

**Linda (Klimkowski) Flynn** is currently on sabbatical from teaching to pursue a master's degree in special education.



**Matthew Houser** recently returned from the war in Iraq. He has 3 children: Jake, Alex, and Lauren Olivia.

**Christine Query Van Bloem** has been married to husband John since 1993 and has two children. She recently opened The Kitchen Studio Cooking School in Frederick, Md.

### 1990s

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**George DeMartyn III** and wife **Kyle (Dicker '91)** have a son, George IV.

**Jackie Gottlieb** has a 5-year-old son and graduated from North Carolina State University with a master's degree in training and development.

**Vicki (Reynolds) Harris** and husband Brian have a 2-year-old daughter Noelle and were expecting another baby at press time.

**Anthony Milbut** (above) is currently serving in the Maryland National Guard and is deployed for one year to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He is the J-1 NCOIC. He previously served in Baghdad, Iraq in 2003.

### 1991

**Jill (Franceski) Lagarenne** is a full-time mother of Zach (10), Sam (8), and Zoe (15-months). She keeps a small farm running smoothly while her husband practices law in N.J.

**Angela Gulick** realized her dream of living in Florida when she moved there last September. She is a systems specialist at Flagler Hospital in St. Augustine.

**Trina Johnson-Brady (&'95)** and husband **Patrick Brady ('95)** visited England last year and toured sites associated with the poet Lord Byron. She has studied Byron for more than 15 years and even shares his birthday on January 22. She wanted to visit the sites when she was 36-years-old, the age the poet was when he died.

**Kathy (Reinhart) Goff** and husband Jim welcomed their new baby Jenna Maria in August 2005. They also have a son Nicholas. The family lives in Queens, N.Y., but is building a house in Pennsylvania.

**Lynn Richardson** is an international admissions counselor at The American University of Paris. She works on graduate programs and with students from the Middle East where she travels often for college visits.

### 1993

**Amy (Lavelle) Belet** has been teaching kindergarten for four years in N.J. She and husband Tim have a 3-year-old daughter, Emelia.

**Daniel Donaghy's** first book of poems, "Streetfighting," was recently published. He is currently an assistant professor of English at Eastern Connecticut University and has earned an M.A. in English from Hollins College, an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from Cornell University, and a Ph.D. in English from the University of Rochester. He currently lives in eastern Connecticut with wife **Karen (Schneller '94)** and their daughter Abigail.

**Domenic Martelli** has two children: Alexandria and Luke.

**Kellie (Scheer) Matullo** has a 1-year-old daughter named Hudson.

**Lori Schwab** was listed in the Who's Who Among American Teachers for 2005.

### 1994

**Jeff Halikman** and wife Karin had a son Charles Jeffrey in September 2005. Halikman was recently named producer of Phillies baseball.

**Marla (Knowles) David** and husband Mike have two children: Abigail and Austin. David teaches second grade.

### 1995

**Gwen (McGee) Potero** is married with two kids and a third on the way.

**Lisa (Daniele) McMaster** is in her third year as head field hockey coach at Delone Catholic High School. She is also the head coach of the RAM field hockey team, which is a club team based in Central Pennsylvania.

**Denise (DuBree) Montano** has two children, Griffin Andrew and Logan Christopher who was born in March 2005.

**Patrick Hughes** is married and has been a police officer for 10 years. He is an adjunct professor at Central Pennsylvania College in the administration of justice program.

### 1996

**Melissa (Anderson) Kirk** creates and sells handmade jewelry under the name "designs by melissa."

**Karen (Halowich) Hearn** and husband **Brian ('98)** have a baby girl.

**CrystalRae Lugo-Shearer (&'01)** and husband Douglas welcomed their daughter Caitlyn Ivana in June 2005. The family lives in southern California.

**Steven McMaster** earned a master's degree in counseling from McDaniel College in 2005. He is in his seventh year of coaching varsity football at his *alma mater* Delone Catholic High School.

**Michael Titus** was recently promoted to the rank of major in the Army. He is an instructor with 10 years of military service and is assigned to the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.

## 1997

**Rickey Hummer** has been married for more than six years. He has two sons: Connor (3) and Caden (7 mos).

**Colleen (McGee) Hand** taught first grade for three years, then earned her master's degree in reading. She has been a reading specialist for Upper Darby School District for the last four years. In 2002, she married Jeffrey Hand and the couple had daughter Chloe in 2005.

**Lisbeth (Montella) Bucci** recently traveled to China as an art education delegate for the U.S.-China Joint Education Conference held at Beijing Normal University. She was one of 56 art educators from North America and one of five from Pennsylvania.

**Anthony J. Buss** has become licensed as a certified public accountant and has accepted a position with Concannon, Miller, & Col, P.C., a large regional CPA firm.

**Lindsay Ketterer Rais** was awarded a Pennsylvania Council on the Arts Crafts Fellowship for 2006. She also exhibited in the International Fiber Biennial at Snyderman-Works Gallery in Philadelphia.

## 1998

**Karen (Beacham) Picciotti** teaches second and third grade autistic children in Egg Harbor Township, N.J. She recently received Teacher of the Year honors from her school district. She and husband Jeff were expecting their first child at press time.

**Sarah (Burns) Finn** is married and has four sons.

**Deanne (Carr) Fields** is married and lives in Lutz, Fla. She and husband Vincent have two children: Vincent Jr. and Maya.

**Heather (Doyle) Harrison** and her husband recently bought a home.

**Amy Gance** has been living in Mexico for nearly five years. She is studying for a master's degree in education and traveling as much as possible.

**Brian Hearn** and wife **Karen (Halowich '96)** have a baby girl.

**Tammy Jandrasitz** has worked at Hawk Mountain since 1998 and has been the instructor of the Brandywine Heights Indoor Twirlers since 2000. She led the team to championships from 2001 through 2005. She is also KU's colorguard instructor.

**James Leahy** has been named operations coordinator at Turner Investment Partners, an investment-management firm based in Berwyn, Pa. He currently resides in Philadelphia.

**Shannon Marcus** is a compliance attorney with Morgan Stanley. She and husband Douglas reside in Hillsdale, N.J.

**Todd Miller** recently became a father and was named vice president of Creative Services for the Archer Group of Wilmington, Del., where he has designed award-winning Internet campaigns for popular brands such as Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, and Disney.

**Susan Zeigler** moved to New Jersey in 1999 and is planning to be married in October.

## 1999

**Dawn (Gitler) Leeson** and husband **Matt Leeson ('99)** were expecting their first child at press time.

**Kimberly Levin** received her M.Ed in education leadership from Lehigh University in May 2003. She is currently finishing her principal's certification through Lehigh and plans to earn a supervisor's certification soon.

**Yorel Pressley** was promoted to senior consultant at Booz Allen & Hamilton. She also purchased her family home and is raising 8-year-old Kevin in Philadelphia.

**Heather (Smith) Borger** married husband Greg in 2000 and had daughter Jillian in June 2004.

## 2000s

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**Dana Cianfrani** is currently living in Southern California where she is working on a master's degree in biology, focusing on behavior and conservation biology. She is particularly interested in the conservation of marine and fresh water turtles.

**Timothy Sommer (&'02)** had a baby boy, Gregory James born in August 2005.

## 2001

**Jennifer Bozzone** recently received a promotion as director of admissions for Deep Muscle Therapy School in Wilmington, Del. She is engaged to Joseph Danford and plans to marry in October 2007.

**Katie Cashdollar** teaches first grade in Henderson, N.C.

**Kimberly (Snyder) Eckenroth** is the assistant nurse manager at the Beginnings Maternity Center at Reading Hospital and Medical Center. In 2005, the center had 3,452 births.

**Sarah Fennimore** will be getting married in October.

**Michael Ganter** graduated from Widener University School of Law in May 2005 and recently passed the New York bar exam.

**Michael Kelly (&'04)** and wife Courtney were expecting their first son at press time.

**Janna Carrozza** and **Kathy Weber** are sharing a weaving studio at the Goggleworks Center for the Arts in Reading.

## 2002

**Kasey George** has been working with Ecount for three years doing bilingual customer service.

**Dennis Hancock's** fourth child, Johnathon William Hancock, was born in September 2005.

**James Williamson** enjoys his new career as a mortgage lender.

**Jared Grace** recently earned a master's degree in education from Temple University, specializing in elementary/early childhood. He teaches first grade in Central Bucks School District and is married to **Aimee Campbell ('03)**.

## 2003

**Aaron Harvey** married **Meghan Bradley ('04)** in July 2005.

**Anna Morrell** is working on a master of science degree in clinical art therapy and mental health counseling. She has been specializing in socialization and communication of children diagnosed within the autistic spectrum. She is also preparing for art exhibits in Springfield College, Mass., and Hartford, Conn.

**Teresa Schmitt** is engaged to Victor DelCampo. The couple is planning a wedding in August.

**Melissa Turner** was married in 2003 and gave birth to daughter Mikayla Louise Turner in December 2005.

### The Rohrbach Library is celebrating the 140th anniversary of the university with special displays of memorabilia from the KU archives.

If you have mementos from Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown State Teachers College, or Kutztown University that you would be willing to loan to the library for the displays or donate to the archives, please contact Susan Czerny at (610) 683-4174 or [czerny@kutztown.edu](mailto:czerny@kutztown.edu).



## 2004

**Meghan (Bradley) Harvey** married **Aaron Harvey ('03)** in July 2005.

**Amy (Hess) Pavlick** was married in November and bought a new home.

**Rachel Chambers** exhibited textiles in the Niche Awards exhibit in Philadelphia where she received the Niche Student Award for Decorative Fiber Art. She also exhibited in the national juried show, A Tribute to Fiber Art, at APEX Gallery in Washington, D.C. and the Reading Museum Craft Market.

## 2005

**Heather Meadows** recently moved to West Reading.

**Travis Martin** participated in the juried online exhibit: [www.projekt30.com](http://www.projekt30.com).

## Marriages

### 1940's

Phyllis (Best Romig) '48 to John Keat 6/18/2005

### 1990's

Kimberly (Chasar) '98 to David Heidle 9/17/2005

Christina (Schock) '99 to Harrison Finney 7/31/2005

Stephanie (Storch) '98 to Woodie McNemar 3/25/2006

### 2000's

Meghan (Bradley) '04 to Aaron Harvey '03 7/2005

Melissa (Clark) '04 to Matthew Mecouch '02 6/18/2005

Tiffany (Ressler) '00 to Shawn Herb 5/21/2005

Angela (Schiaffo) '01 to Jason Kidd 6/18/2005

Rachael (Tabor) '04 to Noah Rehm 6/26/2005

Jennifer (Tomes) '00 to Matthew Crouch '99 6/2/01

## Births

### 1990's

Kristin (Fuko) '96 & Anthony Pisch '97, a daughter, Lindsay Audra 6/1/2005

Karin & Jeffrey Halikman '94, a son, Charles Jeffrey 9/2005

Ann (Kratzer) '96 & Chris Leese '95, a daughter, Emma 10/12/2005



Julie & Ravin Patten '97, a son, Owen Andrew (left) 2/8/2006

Heather (Smith) '99 & Greg Borger, a daughter, Jillian 6/2004

Kathleen (Whalen) '96 & John McGill, a daughter, Kathleen Mary 4/29/2005

## Deaths

### 1926

Frances (Silliman) Ziegenfus 1/13/2006

### 1929

Anna (Fenstermaker) Peters 1/26/2006

### 1930

Marie Hoppes '30&'38 1/11/2006  
Elizabeth (Pickel) Niece 4/1/2006

### 1931

Ruth (Veit) Metzger 5/3/2004

### 1933

Anna (Guth) Leon 2/22/2006  
Margaret (Jacobs) Peterson 1/25/2006  
Elizabeth (Millard) Norris 8/18/2004

### 1935

Grace (Kline) Stahler '35&'39 1/12/2006

### 1936

Grace (Steigerwalt) Henze 3/13/2006

### 1938

Lawrence Leon 12/20/2005  
Richard Wolfe 2/13/2006

### 1939

Richard Sharman 2/13/2006

### 1940

Tobias Scarpino 12/17/2005

### 1941

Mary (Gingrich) Scarpino 9/30/2005

Irving Merrin 2/23/2006

### 1942

Jeanne (Cole) Weida 1/12/2006

## 1943

Alexandra (Micio) Maleskey '43&'71 12/18/2005

## 1944

Jean (Hetherington) Mantz 1/23/2005

## 1953

Gloria Haines 1/13/2006

Joan (Telliho) Hartranft '53&'63 12/25/2005

## 1956

John Waelchli 2/19/2006

## 1957

Richard Hale '57&'68 12/2/2005

## 1959

Harlan Rettew 9/24/2005

## 1961

June (Rathje) Shade '61&'66 8/13/2005

## 1962

Kerry Goodhart 9/18/2005

## 1963

Althea Harting 11/29/2005

## 1964

Ida Keller 4/5/2006

## 1965

Mary Jane (Bittner) Quier 1/17/2006

## 1967

Carrie Conrad 11/24/2005

## 1968

Gerald Wise 3/11/2006

## 1970

Dianne (Troxell) Mimm '70&'73 2/4/2006

## 1971

Loretta Rapp 2/4/2005

## 1972

Linda (Martin) Lovell 12/31/05

## 1974

Linda (Epp) Tsilioudis 2/6/2006  
Carole (Kopfer) Mills 10/4/2005

## 1975

Jeffrey Ritter 2/15/2006

## 1977

Danny Griffith 3/16/2004

George Hafner 10/27/2005

## TOWER WINTER 2006 UPDATES AND CORRECTIONS:

In the Family Traditions article in the Tower 2006 winter issue, Kathy Fridirici's correct KU graduation dates are 1978 and 1987.

In the same article, the Greek organizations listed under the Davis family should have shown that KU is home to Chi Upsilon Sigma, the university's first minority sorority; the Latino fraternity Lambda Sigma Upsilon; the multicultural sorority Mu Sigma Upsilon; and the African American sorority Zeta Phi Beta.

In the Cultural Changes at KU quiz, a question asked which former Kutztown players went on to play in the NFL. Included in the answer were the well-known Golden Bears who played in the NFL: Doug Dennison, Bruce Harper, Andre Reed and John Mobley. A few more players should also have been included. Bob DiRico '88 and the late Mike Kullman '91 played in regular-season NFL games during the 1987 strike season. Additionally, Jasen Esposito '03 has spent the past two seasons on the Buffalo Bills' practice squad.

1981

Karl Lotz 12/12/2003

1987

William Dale III 1/22/2006

1992

Steven Debany 10/12/2005

1999

Holly Palentchar 11/6/2005

2003

Neal Conway 12/10/2005

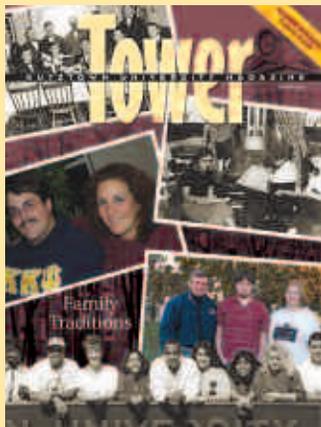
## SAVE THE DATE: Homecoming 2006 on October 21!

### Would you like to be featured in an upcoming Tower article?

The Tower editorial team is currently looking for alumni who began a life-long commitment to volunteering and community service while they were at Kutztown and have continued to share their time and talents with local and national non-profit organizations.

If you would like to be contacted for a possible interview, please contact Tower editor Craig Williams at 610-683-4841 or [cwilliam@kutztown.edu](mailto:cwilliam@kutztown.edu)

# letters TO THE EDITOR



Hobbes of the Calvin and Hobbes cartoon once said: "if good things lasted forever, would we appreciate how precious they are?" Memories fall into that category. I remember Kutztown in 1957. Miss Ruth E. Bonner was an English professor and responsible for the Drama Club. Miss Bonner was a wonderful person who often invited small groups of students to her home to talk and listen to her large collection of show tunes. I often thought she considered the students a part of her extended family.

In February of 1957, Miss Bonner coordinated, with the help of my wife, a trip from Kutztown to Perkasie, Pa. to visit Pearl Buck at her home in Bucks County. It was

early evening and a light snow was falling when our bus arrived.

We walked down a snow-covered lane to the barn Ms. Buck had converted into a theater complete with stage, lighting and a sound system. A fireplace in the corner provided heat, and we sat on folding chairs to spend the evening listening to Pearl Buck.

She spoke for almost an hour, telling us about her childhood in China and her experiences there before World War II. Then she answered our questions about her life, her books, and the world in general. It was a wonderful moment in time. Later that night on our ride back to Kutztown, we all talked about how great the evening had been.

It makes me think of the final Calvin and Hobbes' Sunday cartoon that showed them riding off on their sled into a clean, white sheet of paper, just full of infinite possibilities. Thank you, Miss Bonner, for that wonderful ride.

James Peterson '57

#### Hindsight Revealed

Thanks to the memories of several alumni, we have identified the four individuals pictured in the Hindsight photo featured in the



winter 2006 issue of the Tower. According to a set of photos donated to the library archives, all team members played during the 1970 season.

The names of the individuals are from left to right: Phillip Anthony '71, Robert Henderson '71, Larry Kendall, and Harry Wallaesea, Jr. '72.

"Phil [Anthony] was a friend of mine who lived a couple of doors down from me on the top floor of Deatrick Hall during the fall of 1967," writes Robert "Terry" Galle '71. "That was the first semester that Deatrick Hall was in operation."

While the team members were easily identified, the mascot's name

remains elusive. "I remember the bear, but we always just called him the Golden Bear," writes Patricia McManus '76. "I still have a charm bracelet with a tiny replica of the Golden Bear and it always brings back fond memories of KSC."

*Thanks to the many alumni who wrote in to confirm our identification. Letters to the editor are welcome and may be addressed to: Tower, University Relations Office, 213 Stratton Administration Center, Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA 19530 or e-mailed to [cwilliam@kutztown.edu](mailto:cwilliam@kutztown.edu)*

# hindsight

SCENES FROM THE PAST

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Here is a group of budding professionals during their fraternity days. One of them has recently donated \$1 million to the KU Foundation. Can you guess who he is, the name of the fraternity, and its members? Submissions for Hindsight are always welcome. Send photos and corresponding details to Craig Williams, Tower editor, Kutztown University, P.O. Box 730, Kutztown, PA 19530 or [cwilliam@kutztown.edu](mailto:cwilliam@kutztown.edu). For the answer to the Winter '06 Hindsight photo, please turn to page 27.

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