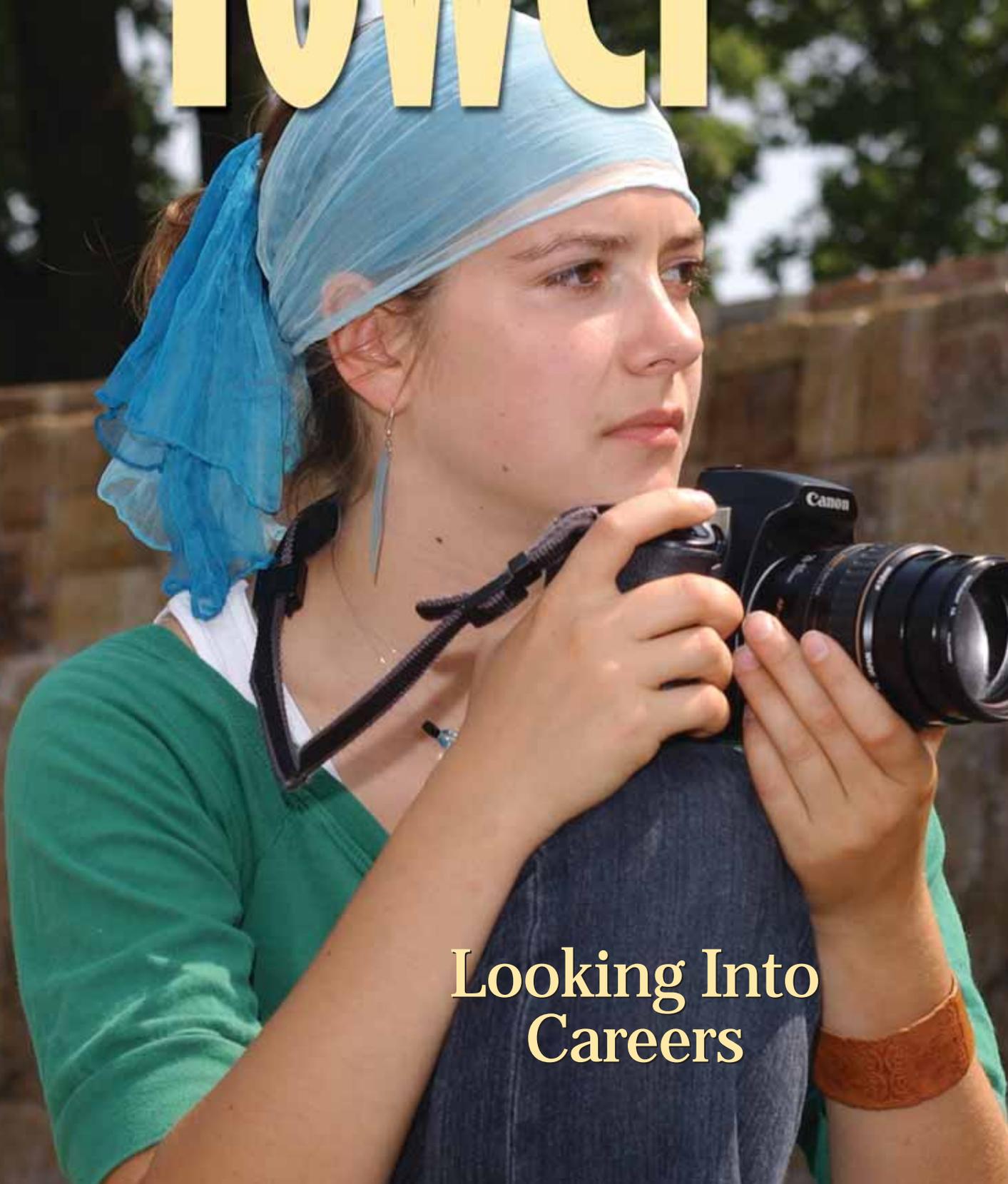


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to our readers



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CHOOSING A CAREER
track from the many programs available at KU know their decision requires careful consideration, research, and self-assessment.

Through the Office of Career and Community Services, a newly created Alumni Mentoring Program allows students direct access to professionals in the fields of education, science, business, law and more.

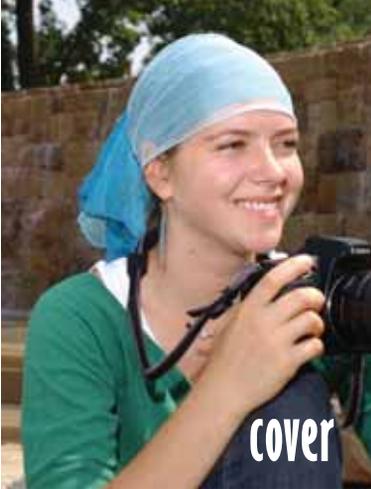
Simple and elegant in design, the program connects volunteer mentors with students seeking guidance along life's highway. To date, more than 30 alumni have signed up and are sharing the many lessons they have learned on the road to success with the next generation of leaders.

As the Alumni Mentoring Program builds, a network of support is created which further enhances the value of a KU education and solidifies the university's tradition of service to others. And the program is a wonderful way for members of the Kutztown family to keep in touch.

In addition to the mentoring program, this issue of the Tower celebrates outstanding alumni who have made a difference both on the job and in their communities. Honored through the KU Alumni Awards, these individuals' careers inspire everyone and are the true definition of professional success.

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Kutztown University of Pennsylvania will serve the Commonwealth as a dynamic, technologically advanced, collaborative, learning-centered public university. Kutztown University will be accessible to Pennsylvanians and others, sensitive to the need for diverse backgrounds in its faculty, staff, students and community, accountable to its many constituencies, and actively engaged in the continuous improvement of its programs and services. Above all, Kutztown University will prepare graduates to succeed in a global economy, to contribute to the economic and social well being of the state and nation, to assume active roles in their communities, and to lead productive and meaningful lives.



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Help Shape the Future

TO PARAPHRASE THE ENGLISH ESSAYIST AND POET JOSEPH ADDISON: THE WORLD STEPS ASIDE FOR THE PERSON WHO KNOWS WHERE THEY ARE GOING. BUT FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS SETTING SAIL ON THE OCEAN OF A NEW CAREER, THE JOURNEY MAY SEEM TO LIE IN UNCHARTED WATERS. WITH SO MANY DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES AND CAREER OPTIONS AT KU, IT IS NOT EASY TO DECIDE WHICH DIRECTION TO HEAD.

Fortunately for the students leaving the safe harbor of KU, there are those who have gone before. To help with the navigation is a new mentoring program set up by the Office of Career and Community Services which matches alumni volunteers with interested students.

Larry Sechney, director of Career and Community Services, said the program provides the kind of personal touch that often fosters lasting professional affiliations.

“There is a need to attract new employees to the workforce who can start a job immediately out of college with little or no additional training. To attract the best, companies are sending college alumni back to their

alma mater to recruit students before they graduate,” Sechney said.

Mentors are often the first contact young professionals make. Because they bring with them a lifetime of practical experience, mentors also highlight the various specialties within a career field. Sometimes it just comes down to offering good advice.

“Mentoring can also develop into a lasting personal relationship throughout one’s career,” Sechney said of the added value the program brings.

Alumni mentor/volunteer Jack Schonely, graduated in 1983 with a B.S. in criminal justice. Since then he has spent more than 25 years in law enforcement: first as a



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Jack Schonely '83, police helicopter command pilot

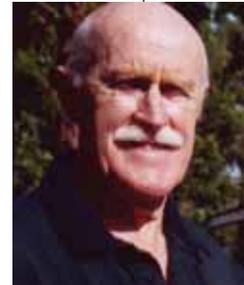
deputy sheriff in Berks County, then following a move to California, as a member of the Los Angeles Police Department. He is a nationally recognized expert and published author in the area of suspect tactics and perimeter containment. During his career with the LA police he has worked as a K-9 handler, a tactical flight officer, and is currently a police helicopter command pilot.

“Dr. John Meyer of the KU Criminal Justice Department was my mentor,” said Schonely. “I highly recommend locating a mentor and participating in an internship to any student. Mentors provide valuable guidance and motivation, and help a student avoid some wrong turns along the way.”

Sechney noted that today’s students now have the opportunity to prepare for the world of work with a

winning strategy of core academics, practical experience, and peer supported guidance.

“It is always good to touch base with those who have gone before. Within the program, we have teachers, business professionals, media experts, law enforcement officials, scientists, and many others signed up and waiting for eager young minds to call with questions,” Sechney said. “And because we live in a world of computers, career advice is as close as an e-mail away.”



Alphonsus “Nick” Novick ‘49, author & former district attorney

to locate people in the industry who will offer pointers as to how to make it in the world of television.

“Because of the competition within the industry, everyone needs to be on top of their game, and you can only get there through the assistance of your fellow professionals.” Working for a major news-gathering operation, Boulden, who is currently based in London, said internships and mentorships are vital.

“Anyone coming into a new job or field should

look early for someone willing to show them the ropes. Places like CNN are very complicated, and it takes time to understand how things work. But it is also important to know what you want from your career. Everyone has different goals, so you need to push your career in the direction you would like it to take.”

Dewitsky knows she must pursue internships in order to get ahead, but with three years left at KU, it is still early in the game.

“I haven’t found one yet, but I would like to start as soon as possible with a local magazine in writing or photography,” she said. “Education is what you make of it, but mentors can help you look over all your possibilities.”

One advantage of mentoring is that both the student and the mentor benefit from the process. For the career professional, the feeling of guiding a young and talented KU student through life’s



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THE STUDENTS AND THEIR MENTORS

For traditional career fields such as law and education, internships have become a standard part of the career track. But when an industry is traveling at the speed of an electron, finding that first job behind or in front of the lens of an expensive video camera can be a challenge.

To get a jump on the competition, sophomore Lauren Dewitsky (see cover photo) began researching the field of electronic journalism in her freshman year. So far, she has connected with two alumni mentors: Jim Boulden ‘86, a cameraman for CNN, and Bill Seiders ‘00, a photo journalist at Channel 69 News headquartered in Allentown.

“I tell students who are looking to get into television production to find as many internships as possible,” Seiders said. “It is important

challenges can be rewarding. For the student, having an important point of contact for questions or when things seem to go wrong is priceless.

Cely De Jesus is a senior psychology major with a minor in paralegal studies. She has her eye on law school and an ultimate career goal of becoming a district attorney. Her mentor is Alphonsus "Nick" Novick '49 who has more than 18 years of experience as a district attorney for Orange County, California.

Novick majored in history and political science at KSTC, and later received a law degree from Duke University in 1952. But he didn't begin his work in the legal profession until the second half of his career.

After spending 17 years working in international shipping and logistics, Novick decided to become a prosecutor. Looking back over his life, Novick said he could have benefited from the advice of a mentor.

"It is important to know what you want from your career. Everyone has different goals, so you need to push your career in the direction you would like it to take." – Jim

Boulden '86, CNN cameraman



know just how demanding the role of prosecutor is."

In order to add practical experience to her resume, this summer De Jesus interned with the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office and received a close-up look at the world of criminal prosecution.

Novick said first-hand experience is the best training for any career.

"When a person plans a career, they need to choose something they enjoy doing. You don't want to be miserable earning a million dollars a day."

Though many would take the million dollars, KU's alumni mentors tell a different story, one that is tempered with time and experience.

"I didn't have one, and I wish I did. I lost a great deal of time not having one," he said.

Today, Novick is filling that void by volunteering as a mentor.

Retired, Novick is well into his third career as a writer of crime novels and is currently working on his autobiography.

De Jesus said she is very appreciative of his guidance and has been able to narrow her focus as a result of the mentoring program.

"We discussed his experience in the field and things I should consider, such as the type of law I would like to practice," she said. "He gave me an in-depth look into the field of law and really let me



Cely De Jesus

TO BECOME AN ALUMNI MENTOR GO TO WWW.KUTZTOWN.EDU/ADMIN/CAREERS AND CLICK ON THE COLORFUL COLLEGE CENTRAL LOGO AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE. NEXT, CLICK ON THE ALUMNI ICON AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS.

Meet a KU Mentor

Elizabeth Lutz graduated in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in English with a concentration in public relations. She is currently the program coordinator for MedForce in Shrewsbury, N.J. and has worked as a meeting planner, public relations and educational seminar coordinator, and a radio promotions assistant since graduation.

Did you receive any help early in your career?

"Unfortunately, I did not have a mentor when I started. But if you try out new things on your own,

you will find something you enjoy along the way. Generally, it is not a good idea to jump from job to job in short periods of time, so if you're trying to find something you like, give it time."

Did you participate in an internship?

"Interning is priceless. When I was a junior at KU, I did an internship at

WRAT 95.9 FM in Belmar, N.J. I began assisting in the promotions department at concerts, fairs, and elsewhere. I enjoyed meeting people, and knew I wanted to be involved in putting these events together. The following summer I was hired as a full-time employee at the station in the promotions department."

What recommendations do you have for recent graduates and job seekers?

"I highly recommend an internship. You meet professionals in your field who can help you get to where you want to be and help you decide if that is the type of job you really want. Internships are the building blocks of your resume.

"Finding a mentor also is important. I think many graduates are lost when trying to develop a professional network to find jobs. Also a mentor can teach you how to handle interpersonal issues that arise in the work place. No class can teach you that. But if you have a mentor, who has been through the process of getting a job and dealing with those issues, you are ahead of the game!"



STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHER

finds an international audience

BY CRAIG WILLIAMS



Kyley Hellhake '07, a fine arts major with a concentration in photography, loves to combine images of nature with art. For most of her life she has been snapping pictures of the domestic farm animals and pets around her home in Downingtown, Pa. This summer, her passion for pictures, combined with a special insight into the farmyard's own unique characters, went on display in the Royal Ontario Museum.

The gallery showing was a part of the 2006 Adobe Design Achievement Awards competition which attracted 1,800 students from leading universities and schools worldwide.

Featuring her talents in digital photography and electronic photo editing, Hellhake's take on the secret lives of farm animals secured her a finalist position in one of nine highly competitive categories.

"I have always been fascinated by photo booths," Hellhake said of her entry in the digital photography category. Featuring a cow, goat, horse, and pig, the photo series was altered to look like it was taken in one of the self-portrait vending machines that dot the shopping malls of America.

Often filled with giggling teenagers, photo booths, with their drawn black curtains and automated cameras, are a chance to let down one's guard, she said.

"That little strip of paper with four tiny photos seems to exude so much of the personality of its subjects. I chose to push our familiarity with these conventional photos by inserting animals into the picture space."

Both humorous and fascinating, Hellhake's art puts the viewer face-to-face with the animals – or snout to camera in the case of the pig – revealing an anthropomorphized portrait gallery.

"Portraiture need not be limited to humans: why not give animals the chance to showcase their personalities through the means of photo booth art?"

"I am very excited that Kyley has earned such high level recognition through her success in Adobe's international student design competition," said Lisa Norris, chair of the Fine Arts Department. "What a commendation from the organization that wrote the book on digital photography."

Hellhake's ultimate career goal is to open her own custom framing shop and gallery. Through the guidance and support of her teachers, she has been able to develop her career in photography and find international acclaim along the way.

"Professor Leigh Kane [fine arts] encouraged me to seek an internship with a commercial photography studio," she said. "It really showed me what the profession was like. Out of that, I was able to refine my career goals."



Kane said KU offers a chance to learn from working artists who provide insight into the latest techniques and offer unique perspectives on market opportunities.

"Through the one-to-one contact with faculty members who are also working artists, our students are given a unique opportunity to receive advice and gain knowledge from those who know how to put their art and skills into practical application," Kane said of the program. "Kyley benefits from this relation because of her ability to move from the fine arts to the commercial world with ease."

The Adobe Design Achievement Awards, held in Toronto, was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to gain exposure to an international audience of top design, advertising, public relations, and marketing specialists. Many participants have later garnered top jobs within the industry, Hellhake said.

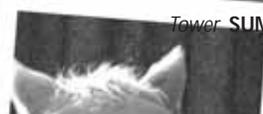
"I found that contestants from previous years were able to further their careers through the contacts they made during the contest," she said. "I also found that I still have a lot to learn."

Recently, Hellhake has found a way to expand her career options and hone artist skills while participating in her second love: equestrian sports. Traveling to several events each year, she finds a ready market full of her favorite subjects willing to pose for the camera.

"I definitely love animals and animal photography. So whenever I go to an event, I take pictures of the horses and riders, and sell my work there."

By showing students how to find that unique angle, the KU Fine Arts Department develops new creative and commercial opportunities for young artists, Hellhake said.

"Kyley has the wonderful ability to move between conceptual images and the fine arts," said Kane. "And this makes her well suited to today's market."



KU's Outstanding Alumni

BY V. MARIE COOK '01 '04, MARISSA GUIDARA '07, AND CRAIG WILLIAMS

Every year Kutztown University honors alumni for their outstanding service to the community and university through the Alumni Awards program. These alumni have achieved success in their professions and stand as excellent role models to future generations of KU graduates.

EARLY CAREER EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Early Career Excellence Award recognizes Kutztown University alumni who have graduated within the last 15 years. These graduates have achieved exceptional success in their chosen profession.



Robert A. Eckert, Jr. '95

As a member of the State Department Diplomatic Security Service, Robert A. Eckert, Jr. '95 has provided security for U.S. interests at home and abroad with assignments often taking him to hotspots around the world.

Eckert also has been called to provide protective services for many dignitaries including the Dalai Lama, Yassir Arafat, and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright during many of her international visits. As part of his overseas duties, Eckert was sent to Kosovo after the Serbs relinquished control in 1999. There he helped establish a U.S. Interest Office in the new capital of Pristina.

The next year he was assigned to security operations in Aden, Yemen following the USS Cole bombing. In 2001, Eckert arrived in Islamabad, Pakistan just two months prior to the 9/11 attacks which placed him front and center in the war on terrorism.

On a quieter note, 2005 found Eckert working at the U.S. Consulate in Hong Kong as the city prepared for a meeting of the World Trade Organization.

Last fall, he received his latest assignment as a protective liaison for all foreign consulates based in Philadelphia, among other duties. Through it all, Eckert says his experiences have given him a wonderful opportunity to explore diverse cultures and gain significant experience in real-time, real-world global security issues.



Thomas E. Kauffman '92

In today's business world, navigating the complex legal waters of corporate mergers and acquisitions, multi-state tax codes, and real estate law requires careful planning, knowledge and foresight.

All are qualities Thomas E. Kauffman '92 brings to the table as a certified public accountant. First rising through the ranks of Ernst & Young LLP, Kauffman is now partner-in-charge of the tax services group in the Wyomissing Office of Reinsel Kuntz Leshner LLP. He has been credited with possessing a dynamic drive and genuine care for others. This energy and focus is often translated into the many leadership roles he accepts within the community.

Despite the long hours that go with his line of work, Kauffman finds a way to give back to the community. Recent service projects include work with the Hawk Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Oley

Valley Community Fair Association, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the Alsace Lutheran Church.

He has made a special commitment to KU's Business & Industry Campaign for the Reading area serving as last year's division chair. Kauffman works to help the next generation of accountants come up through the ranks, and frequently donates his time with lectures and financial support to the university's Accounting Club.

THE ROTHERMEL AWARD

The Rothermel Award recognizes Kutztown University Alumni who graduated 16 or more years ago. This award recognizes the notable and distinguished achievements of an alumna or alumnus in her/his professional and personal life.



J.R. Aguila '82

Having won multiple mid-Atlantic regional Emmy Awards and nominated more than 40 times during his career, it is no question that J.R. Aguila '82 is at the top of his game as event director at Comcast SportsNet in Philadelphia.

Aguila directs more than 150 events a year, including Phillies baseball, 76ers basketball games, Flyers hockey, NCAA college basketball and football, professional boxing, professional wrestling, studio talk and news programs, and additional freelance work for other national and world networks.

Starting as an intern at PRISM/Sportschannel Philadelphia, Aguila quickly worked his way to assistant production manager in less than three years. Not one to forget his roots, he has given countless KU students and graduates internships and opportunities, teaching, assisting, and supporting them as they enter the workforce.

When Comcast SportsNet formed in 1997, Aguila was immediately hired for his expertise and professionalism. As the company expands to other cities, the network Aguila helped build in Philadelphia hasn't just set the bar in his field, but constantly raises it, serving as the model the rookie networks aspire to be.



Susan Daigle-Leach '83

Scrooge McDuck, Mickey Mouse, comic books...it's all in a day's work for color artist Susan Daigle-Leach '83.

For more than 20 years, Daigle-Leach has honed her craft pursuing the career she began with a degree in communication design. She served as a production manager for Another Rainbow/ Gladstone Publishing and Gemstone Comics and is a color art director for the Carl Barks Disney Collection.

Daigle-Leach may have found her dream job, but her workload supervising, managing, and coloring monthly comics is anything but child's play, so she adopts a work philosophy combining artistry with speed and efficiency.

Her talent and professionalism have earned Daigle-Leach the respect and accolades of her industry, including a 1995 nomination for the prestigious Eisner Award for Best Coloring. Daigle-Leach resides in Prescott, Arizona, an artist's Mecca.



Dr. Robert Gable '66

Calling his time at Kutztown a life-altering experience, Robert Gable '66 said the support and encouragement he received as an art education major gave him the confidence and motivation to pursue his goals.

Today, as one of the nation's most highly regarded special educators, Gable is doing the same for his own students, encouraging a new generation toward excellence.

After holding a teaching position at Allentown State Hospital, Gable was inspired to work toward subsequent graduate studies, attending Kutztown again, and earning a master's degree in special education from Maywood College, and a Ph.D. from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University.

Since receiving his doctorate in 1977, he served on the special education faculty at the University of Pittsburgh, and for the past 21 years has served at Old Dominion University. He is author or co-author of 250 journal articles,

book chapters, and monographs.

Gable has been elected president of the Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders, a division of the Council for Exceptional Children, occupies an endowed chair, holds the faculty rank of eminent scholar, has been honored as Outstanding University Researcher [1995], and has received the Rufus Tonelson Distinguished Faculty Award [2005].



Frederick D. Hafer Jr. '86

Following a 17-year career with Arrow International Inc. in which he moved from market researcher to director of global marketing, Frederick D. Hafer Jr. '86 has been able to realize his life-long dream of buying and owning a company.

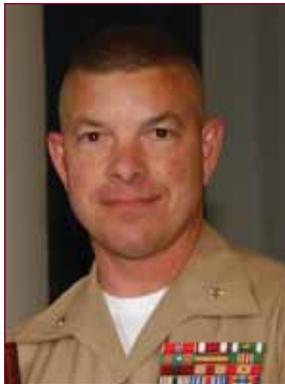
Last year, he purchased Omnitech Automation Inc., a maker of automation and robotics equipment. Hafer said his business plan is nothing short of growing OmniTech into one of the nation's foremost companies in the field.

Throughout his career, Hafer has been equally engaged in improving the quality of life in Berks County while supporting the regional employment base.

He is a tireless worker in many service projects including Junior Achievement, the United Way, the American Heart Association, Leadership Berks County, and Berks TALKLINE.

His work with the Kutztown University Foundation includes support of the university's Annual Fund and serving as a team captain in the Business and Industry Campaign for many years.

A results-oriented business executive and manager, Hafer brings strong marketing, organizational, leadership and strategic skills to the table when it comes to building winning teams.



Lieutenant Colonel Howell '00

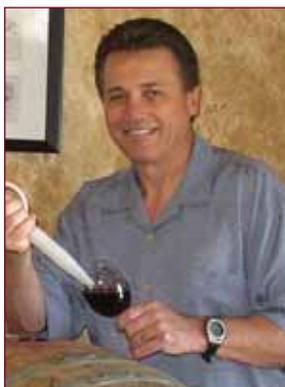
Lieutenant Colonel Steve E. Howell has spent most of his adult life in the United States Marine Corps having enlisted in 1979. However, since graduating from KU in 2000 with a degree in business, his responsibilities and achievements have skyrocketed.

He attained his current rank in March 2004 and is responsible for planning, budgeting, and acquiring all of the conventional ammunition for the entire U.S. Marine Corps.

He has been honored with many awards and decorations throughout his storied career. He received the Bronze Star for ensuring that all Marine Corps units deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom received and maintained combat ammunition readiness. The Meritorious Service Medal cited him as the chief architect of several unique and far-reaching initiatives that have influenced significant advances within the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force

and the Marine Corps ammunition planning and resourcing strategy.

Through it all, he has continued a tradition of innovation and improvement while operating in a swiftly-changing and international environment.



William "Chet" Schreiber '72

Whether he is developing environment-friendly cleaning products or producing a quality wine, Chet Schreiber '72 continues to use the skills in chemistry and biology that he gained at Kutztown more than 30 years ago.

Schreiber spent many years in the clinical laboratories of Upjohn Company and SmithKline Corporation before founding Equipment Sciences Inc. dedicated to providing the best environmentally safe cleaners for high tech electronics and labs.

In 1990, Schreiber built on his formula for success by introducing Smart Sonic Corporation and its innovative water-based system for cleaning circuit board stencils. Schreiber, his companies, and his products have received numerous industry honors, including an SMT Vision Award, the EPA's Presidential Green Technology Award, and the Global Technology Award for Best Cleaning Material.

Schreiber's latest ventures include a new company, SMT Detergent Corporation, and Mt. Chet vineyards.

As in his work with cleaning agents, Schreiber plans to channel his passion for winemaking into the best bottle he can produce. He has already received awards for his zinfandel, and dreams of expanding his 42-acre California vineyard into a brewery and wine-tasting restaurant. Despite the success of so many projects, Schreiber hasn't given much thought to slowing down. Like the fine wine he loves, it seems like Schreiber continues to improve with age.

alumni gatherings



Cleveland Rocks! Twenty alumni traveled to Cleveland, Ohio to visit the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on April 8-9, 2006.



Alumni gather for a tour of the **National Security Agency's National Cryptologic Museum at Fort Meade, MD** on May 20, 2006.



San Diego area alumni on April 20, 2006.



San Francisco area alumni on April 23, 2006.



Seattle area alumni on April 25, 2006.

If you would like to nominate someone for the 2007 Alumni Awards please go to: www.kutztown.edu/alumni/wiesenberger/awards

deans' corner



College of Education • Dr. Regis G. Bernhardt

Student teaching at Kutztown University has taken on a new name but the core concept and dispositions remain steadfast: providing a capstone experience for education majors as they prepare for the world of work in America's classrooms. Why the emphasis on "clinical experience" replacing "student teaching?" We believe the bedrock of teaching is life-long learning through standards-based instruction linked to solid content and assessment. The term clinical experience denotes a more robust and coached learning path than does student teaching.

A fundamental player in this clinical experience is the cooperating teacher. These school-based experts go the "extra mile" and agree to partner with KU students, faculty, and supervisors to provide the link between school, community, and university.

The College of Education recently asked cooperating teachers their advice and recommendations for our program. Here is a sample of what they had to say:

"I feel the students are well prepared to enter their student teaching assignment. They are well poised and mannered. Their content knowledge seems sufficient."

"Students know standards, basic teaching skills, and develop and implement rubrics."

"You prepare the student teachers well before they even come to me, but the eight weeks experience they have with me is far too brief. Have you considered a full year (two semesters) placement?"

"I have worked with 19 KU teacher interns, and 18 of them have been well-prepared and competent teachers. Most of them have been excellent teachers. I could not think of one thing you could do to improve on the people you have sent."

One area where we are focusing our efforts is enhancing our student's professional disposition as they enter the classroom. This year our freshman class will begin preparing for their clinical experiences by reading "Respect, An Exploration" by Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot, which shows our teacher candidates how respect, both in the classroom and out, creates symmetry, empathy, and connection in all kinds of relationships.

As we continue our work developing skilled, lifelong learners and teachers, we must remember that it is our students who will best represent KU's program for years.

As one cooperating teacher wrote: "I feel Kutztown University does an exceptional job overall. We had a few student teachers from other colleges and there was no comparison."



College of Business • Dr. Eileen Hogan

The College of Business has a long tradition of helping students obtain real-world experience through internships. During an internship, students enhance their academic education, test their skills and knowledge, and apply what they have learned in the classroom. Internships also provide a deeper appreciation of how a business actually operates and give the student insight into what they want in their own professional career.

Our juniors and seniors can participate in internships for credit during the summer or school year. The college works closely with many businesses in the region and in students' hometowns to structure internships that help a student grow and develop.

For example, the Accounting and Finance Department has established on-going internship relationships with a number of accounting firms ranging in size from Ernst & Young and

PricewaterhouseCoopers to regional companies such as Herbein & Company and Buckno, Lisicky & Company.

The best internships provide a variety of new experiences within the company. By rotating the intern through different segments of the business, the student gains an appreciation of the complete operation.

Almost without exception, students who participate in an internship receive an extremely valuable learning experience. Employers often speak of how much they gain from having the student's input and perspectives as well. Many times, the internship results in a great payoff for both parties – a job after graduation and a valued new employee.



College of Liberal Arts and Sciences • Dr. Bashar Hanna

A university has the responsibility to provide its students with support and guidance as they prepare for the transition from the classroom into the workforce. One important part of the university's mission and goals statement is to "prepare KU students to meet lifelong intellectual, ethical, social, and career challenges and responsibilities."

In the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences this preparation begins in the classroom, where more than 3,000 students work together with more than 250 full- and part-time faculty members in our 15 academic departments on a diverse assortment of course offerings.

Opportunities for intellectual development and career development do not begin and end in the classroom, however. Our students show their commitment to important values such as lifelong learning, cultural enrichment, public service and civic engagement in a number of exciting ways. The college is proud to host more than 20 student clubs and honor societies, which provide opportunities for social networking, community service and membership in professional organizations.

Our administration, faculty and students work diligently to present a wide-ranging assortment of speakers and other programming—faculty members from our own and other colleges and universities, successful professionals from all walks of life, local cultural groups, artists and writers.

And we constantly seek ways to connect our students in meaningful ways to the world outside our classroom walls. A well-rounded education in the liberal arts and sciences provides numerous avenues for continuing education and career choices.

This October's Homecoming Weekend offers us a wonderful chance for alumni and students to explore some of these possibilities. On Saturday, October 21, the college will host an alumni networking panel, "The Endless Career Possibilities for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Alumni: Where Do We Go from Here?" The panel will consist of alumni who have achieved success in various disciplines. Students and alumni will have the opportunity to meet and network with professionals in their field, ask questions about how to proceed in the job search after graduation and learn some insider tips about getting a foot in the door. The panel will take place in the Alumni Auditorium of the McFarland Student Union from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The college's commitment to our students does not end at graduation. Likewise we are proud of our large number of alumni who have remained committed to the university, setting up scholarship funds, serving on advisory boards, mentoring students and serving many other indispensable functions. If you are interested in serving on our upcoming alumni panel, please contact Christina Schoemaker, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences development director, at (610) 683-4882, or schoemak@kutztown.edu.

I look forward to meeting you at homecoming.



College of Visual and Performing Arts • Dr. William Mowder

The students from the College of Visual and Performing Arts are grateful for internship opportunities that invite them to participate as professionals. Between the relatively safe environment of the classroom to a position of responsibility for the finished product as a new professional, flows a deep sea of unknowns. Internships help our students discover and resolve the challenges within the business of art -- as a teacher, artisan, designer, communicator or musician.

The internship experience affects both the faculty and the university. Through our students' experiences, we see changes in industry, technology, and management. As those changes evolve, our preparations regarding the business of art, must also evolve. While our field is very much about the personal involvement, interpretation, or appreciation of the product, it too requires skills that produce.

As a college, we are also grateful to those internship sites that believe and value the expertise of our faculty, and standards of our various programs. Many KU alumni provide internship opportunities for our students, which is a wonderful way to build the quality of the program that they enjoyed. Those internship supervisors who assume a strong role as mentor not only provide inspiration, but feel a sense of satisfaction many years later. Through internships, we build a stronger foundation for future careers.

the sporting life

KU Wins 2005-06 PSAC Dixon Trophy BY JOSH LEIBOFF '98

"We're Number 1!"

For the first time ever, Kutztown University Golden Bear athletics can make that claim after the school won the 2005-06 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Dixon Trophy. The trophy is given on an annual basis to the league's most successful all-around program.

KU's Dixon Trophy victory caps not only its gradual climb in the standings of the 11-year-old trophy, but growth that spans decades of intercollegiate athletics at Kutztown.

"This honor is a true reflection of the hard work of many people over a sustained period of time," said Dr. Charles Woodard, who oversees the Athletics Department as vice president for Student Services and Campus Life. "It is not only an award for our current coaches, athletes and staff, but it is an award for everyone who has contributed to Golden Bear athletics over the years. From the vision of Presidents (David) McFarland and (Javier) Cevallos, to the leadership of athletic directors Clark Yeager and Greg Bamberger, to the efforts of student-athletes, coaches and support staff, this is an award for which the credit can be shared by all."

The Dixon Trophy is named after F. Eugene Dixon, Jr., former chair of the Board of Governors of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education. It is awarded annually to the PSAC member institution that accumulates the most points based on results of conference playoffs and/or regular-season records. Each institution's point total is calculated by adding its top six men's finishes and top six women's finishes in 21 conference sports.

The Golden Bears totaled 140 points, edging second-place Shippensburg by



From left: Dr. Robert Ziegenfus, faculty athletic representative for NCAA Division II; Gregory Bamberger, director of athletics; Chris Blum, head baseball coach; John Gump, head volleyball coach; Dr. Charles Woodward, vice president of Student Services and Campus Life; Josh Leiboff, sports information coordinator; and President Cevallos surround the PSAC Dixon Cup.

just one and a half points. Lock Haven University (135.5) finished three points behind Shippensburg for third place, while Slippery Rock University (134) and West Chester (132.5) rounded out a tightly bunched top five.

Kutztown, runner-up in each of the last two years, used an outstanding spring to vault its way to the top spot. Kutztown won PSAC Championships in baseball and men's tennis, along with third-place finishes in softball, men's and women's track and field, and women's tennis. KU also had third-place efforts in women's basketball, volleyball and field hockey, as well as men's indoor track & field.

"This award is many years in the making," said Bamberger, the current director

of athletics. "The groundwork was laid by the previous athletic administration, and everyone has worked very hard to keep building upon that foundation to get to this point."

For many years, Kutztown's athletics teams enjoyed limited success on their fields of competition, despite the presence of hard-working and dedicated coaches and athletes. Scholarships were almost non-existent. Championships were few and far between, such as the 1966 PSAC baseball title, which was the school's only championship of any kind between 1936 and 1980. Across the board success, which would be needed to finish in the upper echelon of the Dixon Trophy standings, just wasn't happening at KU.

KU to Induct Six to Athletics Hall of Fame Oct. 20

Kutztown University will add six new members into its Athletics Hall of Fame at the annual banquet on Friday, October 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the Old Main Georgian Room.

This year's induction class includes **Barbara (Bergstresser) Dietrich '86**, a record-setting forward for the field hockey team; **Lorie Erie '98**, an All-America short stop in softball; **John Gabriel '78**, a men's basketball player who went on to become a National Basketball Association (NBA) general manager; **Kevin Kelly '99**, a multiple All-America decathlete in men's track and field; the late **Dr. Dennis Roth**, a long time administrator and track and field and basketball coach; and the late **Clyde Rothenberger '31**; one of Kutztown's first champions in men's track & field.

The ceremony will be held in conjunction with the school's Homecoming weekend. In addition to the induction banquet, the Hall of Famers will be introduced at halftime of the Golden Bears' football game against West Chester on Saturday. Kickoff is at 1:05 p.m.

The six new inductees increase the membership to 143 since the Hall of Fame was formed in 1977. Reservations for the banquet can be made through the KU Athletic Advancement Office for \$25 per person. For information call (610) 683-4755.

"Had there been a Dixon Trophy prior to 1995, KU likely wouldn't have fared very well," said Yeager, who served as director of athletics from 1992-2004, during which time he championed the idea for a PSAC all-sports trophy to help the conference focus on broad-based athletics departments. "We did a mock up of where Kutztown would have finished in the standings in my first year, and we were 13 of 14."

All that started to change in the early to mid-1990s. Fund-raising for scholarships began to grow significantly. KU was able to start attracting better student-athletes. The athletic facilities were expanded and improved. A dedication to a broad-based athletic department was born.

Perhaps the most important factor in Kutztown's athletics renaissance has been the academic improvement of its student-athletes.

"Our student athletes were getting better every year based upon better coaching and recruiting," Yeager said. "But, what really made the difference was improved academic performance which led to continuously improving teams."

Kutztown's student-athlete grade-point average has risen each of the last 11 years to an all-time high of 2.91 in 2004-05, which was higher than that of the overall student population.

"This is the summation of what the term scholar-athlete means," said KU

President F. Javier Cevallos. "The KU Golden Bears are models of community involvement through their off-campus volunteer activities; they are often leaders in the classroom, with grade-point averages higher than their classmates; and earning the Dixon trophy is clearly the best recognition of their outstanding work."

Kutztown University's Year-By-Year Finish in the Dixon Trophy Standings

1995-96	9th/14
1996-97	9th
1997-98	5th
1998-99	4th
1999-2000	7th
2000-01	3rd
2001-02	3rd
2002-03	4th
2003-04	2nd
2004-05	2nd
2005-06	1st

With the results in the classroom improving, the payoff on the field began to show. In 1994, the softball team tied for the PSAC East regular-season title, the first of a remarkable 46 division, conference, and/or regional titles over the past 13 years.

As the championship banners that hang in Keystone Arena started to multiply, KU's climb to the top of the Dixon Trophy standings began (see graphic, left). By the time the Dixon Trophy was first presented following the 1995-96

academic year, Kutztown had already improved to ninth place in the standings.

Now that the Golden Bears have won the trophy, what's next?

"We're hoping to hang onto it," Bamberger said. "We will continue to work hard and to improve. Hopefully, we'll be able to win it again."

The Dixon Trophy will be on display in Keystone Hall until the end of the 2006-07 school year, at which time the traveling trophy will be presented to the next winner. If the Golden Bears have their way, it will stay right where it is.

UNDER THE tower



This skeletal reproduction of a Cretaceous-era elasmosaurus, or marine reptile, has just taken up residence in the Boehm Science Center as a permanent exhibition. Draped over four stories, the original specimen from which the casting was made is in the Academy of Natural Science in Philadelphia. Edward Cope, the famous paleontologist of the 1800s, originally reconstructed this reptile backwards and put the skull on the tail.

"The study of paleontology has come long way since then," said Dr. Edward Simpson, chair of the Department of Physical Science. "And it is a pleasure to be able to bring such a fine reproduction onto campus both as an education piece for all who visit Boehm and as a beautiful addition to campus."



As part of the Prom Angels, senior social work major Kelly Buckley helped to collect and deliver more than 2,000 gifts of prom dresses to high school students in the storm-damaged regions of Mississippi.

KU Student Works to Bring Prom to Victims of Katrina

This spring Kelly Buckley, a senior social work major, took the advice of KU social work instructor Hope Horowitz and stepped in to apply lessons learned in the classroom to those in need. By joining with four other caring volunteers, the group created a regional drive to collect prom dresses for high school students whose lives were disrupted by the ravages of Hurricane Katrina.

The group, which became known as the Prom Angels, were guided by Sally Whittaker, a South Whitehall Township teacher's assistant. Working together, they sent out fliers, contacted local media, borrowed dress racks from the KU Theatre Department, storage space from Top Hat Formal Wear in Allentown, and a delivery van and driver from LimoVan Express of Orefield.

Through a tireless campaign, Buckley and the angels rounded up new and used gowns from throughout Lehigh and Berks counties. Following a 25-hour drive to Mississippi's Gulf Coast, the dresses were donated to four high schools in areas hardest hit by the storm.

Overall, the Prom Angels delivered 2,200 gowns and brought a little normalcy back into the lives of high school students in the Gulf Coast.



Student Rec Center Grand Opening Set

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

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

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

"Life-long physical fitness activities have become an important part of our modern culture. Throughout the nation, fitness centers are springing up everywhere to serve the needs of the community," said Ray Ignosh, coordinator of recreational services.

"At KU, the new center promises to become a popular gathering place where students can share a friendly game of racquet ball, challenge themselves on the climbing wall, jog, shoot baskets, or just release stress in the whirlpool. The facility's amenities, coupled with the intramurals, group exercise, recreational and sports club programs now available on campus, encourage students to maintain a healthy lifestyle while working toward their academic goals."

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

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

For more information go to www.kutztown.edu/activities/athletics/rec

New provost and vice president for Academic Affairs

Dr. Carlos Vargas-Aburto has been named provost and vice-president for Academic Affairs and succeeds Dr. Linda Rinker, who has accepted the position of provost at the University of Western Connecticut.

Vargas-Aburto will be responsible for all academic programs and academic administration at KU.

"We are pleased to have Dr. Vargas-Aburto join the administrative team at

Kutztown University," said President Cevallos. "We are extremely fortunate to attract an individual with Dr. Vargas-Aburto's qualifications. He brings a wealth of experience to the position, as well as a commitment to diversity. He will be a strong asset to the academic mission of the university, as we strive to continue to uphold the standard of excellence that we have achieved in recent years."

Vargas-Aburto comes to KU from Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, where he served as provost and vice-president for Academic Affairs since November 2003. His accomplishments at CSU include increasing the full-time faculty by more than 20 percent, conceiving the Strategic Academic and Enrollment Management initiative, successfully co-directing the negotiations of a new faculty contract, and expanding collaborative relationships with other educational, research, and government institutions.

"I am thrilled about the opportunity to be a part of the senior leadership team at Kutztown University," Vargas-Aburto said. "The university is well known for its high academic standards and the delivery of quality education. KU is located in a vibrant area and has a talented faculty. I am looking forward to achieving new heights in the years ahead."

Prior to Central State, Vargas-Aburto served in several roles at Kent State University in Ohio for a total of 18 years.

He was Kent's Associate Dean for research from 2001 until 2002. He served as interim assistant dean for research from 1998 until 2000. His primary responsibilities in research administration included promoting extramural funding throughout the university. From 1996 until 1998, Vargas-Aburto was appointed interim assistant dean for the School of Technology.

Vargas-Aburto earned his Ph.D. in physics and aerospace science from the University of Michigan in 1978. He has master of science degrees from Michigan in physics (1975) and aerospace science (1974).





Vanessa Wanshop (left), development associate for Opportunity House, accepts a finely-crafted bowl from Katie Watts, a junior ceramics major, who was a contributing artist to this year's Souper Bowl.

Art students create hand-crafted pottery for charity

Seven students, under the direction of Jim Chaney, professor of art education and crafts, set their hands to the pottery wheel and created dozens of bowls for sale in this year's Souper Bowl, an annual fundraiser benefiting Opportunity House in Reading which provides clients with the skills needed to be productive in society.

More than 700 hand-crafted bowls from schools, artists, and amateurs from around the region were donated for the spring event. Nearly 600 supporters attended the event taking home the bowl of their choice.

Kutztown students' beautifully crafted and glazed bowls became the first choice of many. Cobalt blue, earthen browns, brick reds, and sunset yellows reflected the care and creativity endowed in each unique and highly collectible piece.

"Kutztown is very important to our effort," said Vanessa Wanshop, development associate for Opportunity House. "The bowls are great quality, and they are very popular among those attending the event."

Opportunity House, an integral part of the area's shelter services, also provides a family daycare center, job readiness training, and oversees the Children's Alliance Center.

"Helping this cause is a good thing to do," said Theo Uliano, a senior crafts major with a concentration in ceramics. "It is also nice to know that people are taking home something with your name on it."



Brian Mondschein, joined by his father Irv, stand in front of a case holding many of the trophies they helped KU win as track and field coaches.

Mondschein Leaves Legacy of Success

On July 31, Kutztown University said good-bye to its most successful coach in school history when Brian Mondschein stepped down from his head track and field post.

Mondschein joined his wife Lauri, KU's former associate athletics director, in Louisiana. Lauri became the assistant athletics director at University of Louisiana-Monroe in December.

Prior to coach Mondschein's arrival in 1992, the landscape of the KU Athletic Department was much different. In the first 100 years of existence dating back to 1890, athletics (all sports combined) at Kutztown had captured a total of 10 championships — six of those 10 titles were conference championships.

Since 1994, the KU athletic program has captured 52 championships at the conference, divisional and regional levels. Twenty-eight of those championships have been conference championships and 18 of those titles were won by Brian Mondschein's track and field teams — a school record.

"Brian helped raise the bar for the track and field programs in the league during his tenure at KU," Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference commissioner Steve Murray said. "He really embraced the full-program concept. There was never a weakness in the team, which requires great recruiting and excellent coaching. Kutztown was always a title contender on both the men's and women's side and capitalized on the broad scope of the sport for its success in the Dixon Trophy competition."

Mondschein was named PSAC Coach of the Year 11 times and KU Coach of the Year six times during his 14-year tenure with the Golden Bears. He has trained 90 PSAC champions, 38 All-Americans, four Academic All-Americans, and two PSAC Scholar-Athletes of the Year. His athletes appeared in droves on the PSAC scholar-athlete and dean's lists.

"Coach Mondschein always gave everyone a chance and made you better," said Brad Fichthorn '00, one of Mondschein's former throwers and current head track and field coach at SUNY Cobleskill. "He started the program at ground zero, and took it to a level where it is known nationally. He is going to be a hard act to follow."

Brian's father, Irv, a long-time assistant coach with the Golden Bears and a legend in the track and field world, also stepped down from his post at KU. A member of the 1948 U.S. Olympic Team, he won 15-straight Ivy League titles at the University of Pennsylvania. He was primarily responsible for the throwers, and helped KU Hall of Fame member Tara Crozier win the national title in the hammer in 1997.

As far as the younger Mondschein's coaching future down south, the picture is not very clear.

"I feel I will coach again," Mondschein said. "I am not tired of coaching and feel I can do it all over again. But if I don't, I'm okay with that too."



James Schwoyer, Council of Trustees; Bob Unger PASSHE director of Construction Management; Guido Pichini, PASSHE Board of Governors; James Creedon, Pennsylvania Department of General Services Secretary; Senator Michael O'Pake; and Dr. Cevallos break ground for a new heating plant.

Energy for the Future

This spring, KU broke ground on a new central heating plant to be built on South Campus near the quarry area. Designed by Entech Engineering of Reading, Pa., the new plant will be significantly more efficient than the current plant which has provided the university with uninterrupted heat for the past 70 years. The anticipated completion date of the project is the summer of 2007.



Team KU, organized by Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, puts their best foot forward in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race this spring. Pictured left to right in the background are: Michael Villare '08, Michael Kelly '01 & '04, Timothy Wuerfel '04, Sean McLaughlin '03, Matt Malloy, Kevin Reimer '06. In the foreground are Megan Hollkamp '06 and Kristin Mehr.

Race for the Cure

This May, Team KU, sponsored by Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity participated in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure in Philadelphia and raised a total of \$2,754 to support the foundation. Comprising students, alumni, and family members, this is the second consecutive year that the team has participated in the race. The fraternity also raised \$1,100 for the foundation during this spring's Ninth Annual Miss Kutztown University Pageant.

Coba wins chapter of the Year

The Coba Chapter [Kutztown] of Lambda Sigma Upsilon, Latino Fraternity Inc., has won the National Chapter of the Year award three years after its founding in 2003. The honor is calculated using a point system that tracks a chapter's academic, community, social and fraternal activity. The top five point-leading chapters are eligible for the honor. The Kutztown chapter competed with 42 other chapters nationwide and was the overall point leader 300 points ahead of second place. The chapter also received the Most Community Service Hours Award for the second straight year, having put in more community service hours than any other chapter.

KU opens pathways for students in nursing and sports leisure studies

This summer, the university joined with Reading Hospital to provide admission to KU for all graduates of the hospital's nursing program. The new agreement provides nursing students an opportunity to expand their education into a four-year degree. In addition to providing a direct path to a bachelor's degree, all KU services, including the library, are open to nursing students. For about 15 years, the university has been affiliated with the nursing program, with Kutztown professors teaching general education classes at the hospital.

This spring, the university signed an articulation agreement with Lehigh Carbon Community College that permits students of that college with an associate's degree in science to continue at Kutztown and receive a Bachelor of Science in Leisure and Sport Studies.

class notes



1940s

1949

The **Class of 1949** (above) held a luncheon reunion at the Inn at Moselem Springs in April. They try to meet twice a year.

Joe Todak displayed a retrospective of his work at Connexions in Easton, Pa.

1950s

1950

E. Margaret Gabel was named Woman of the Year by The Elizabethtown Business & Professional Women's Club. She is active within the local library community, the Elizabethtown Historical Society, volunteers at the Winters Heritage House Museum, and is a member of her church choir.

1957

Marlene (Rapsek) Whitaker lives in Denver, Colo., and has three grandchildren.

Sandra (Shade) McClure and husband **Jim ('57)** joined **Dan and Marlene (Rapsek) Whitaker ('57)** on the Alumni Association's Alaskan Cruise.

1959

Vasileki (Chianos) Birrell had an art piece accepted into the New Jersey Arts Annual: Crafts Arts exhibition, which opens in October 2006 at the Morris Museum.

1960s

1961

James T. Ponticelli is enjoying his retirement. He volunteers

with his neighborhood association and with the "neighborhood watch."

1965

Suzanne (Remaly) Smith (& '68) taught in the Allentown School District for more than 32 years and retired in 1999. She and husband James, a music teacher, have two children: Alicia and Melissa.

Nicholas Troilo and his family formed a corporation called Turning Wine Into Water, which raises money to build water wells in third world countries. So far they have funded the building of a well in Zambia. He also has a website at www.nicholasrobert-slttd.com.

Kathy Wotring (& '70) teaches drawing and watercolor painting at Brevard Community College in Palm Bay, Fla.

1966

Floyd ("Bud") Godshalk retired from the Allentown School District after 33 years of teaching. He served as the district's mathematics curriculum coordinator for nine years.

1968

Peter W. Riffle was recently honored as a 2006 Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year. He is co-chair of a fundraising event for the Make-a-Wish Foundation that also honors veterans. His recent publication, "The Cloud Chaser," brings together stories of students and their challenges and accomplishments. More information can be found at his website: www.the-cloudchaser.net.

1969

Veronica D'Annibale recently started law school.

1970s

1970

David Sestak's photography series "Bushkill Park: Ride Not Over" appeared at Connexions in Easton, Pa. The series showed the park from 1999 to its post-Hurricane Ivan damage. A portion of the proceeds from the show went to benefit the restoration of Bushkill Park.

1971

Janet (Fasching) Kern has been at Northern Lehigh Middle School for 34 years. She has been union president for five years, a former academic team coach, and is now a moderator of Academic Challenge. Her children Andrew and Kate attended KU.

1972

Carol A. (Lehr) Little's son Nicholas was president of the Student Government Board at KU in 2005-2006.

Bill Kochenderfer is retiring after 34 1/2 years of teaching special education; the last 33 years with Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. He has worked in five different teaching assignments in three divisions with MCIU, and was an adjunct professor at Cabrini College for several years. He is also retiring from church music having been an organist for more than 37 years. He is moving to Phoenix, Ariz., in the fall.

1973

Raymond Melcher, Jr. recently co-founded Marathon Business Group, LLC, a merger and acquisition advisory and business brokerage firm headquartered in Wyomissing, Pa.

Tana (Reiff) Sodano was named the 2006 Outstanding Adult Educator by the Pennsylvania Association for Adult Continuing Education (PAACE). She edits and designs print and web



communications for the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Adult Basic and Literacy Education

through Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13. Sodano is nationally known as the author of hi-lo fiction and folktale retellings for older new readers.

Steve Spencer lives in Vermont but works in Boston building scale models for an architectural firm. He also builds models of old New England inns and other historic buildings. He is currently working on 25 models for the Vermont Preservation Trust.

Richard Tomasko retired after 32 years in elementary education. He currently works for Wilkes University.

1974

Wanda (Gehret) Shirk says that the biggest adventure of her life was being a contestant on "Survivor 10: Palau," on CBS in spring 2005.

1975

George Halkias and wife Toni have three children Anne, Laura, and Katie, all of whom are in college.

1976

Carol (Woroniak-Musselman) Cannon recently relocated back to her hometown of Allentown after 25 years in Florida. She has formed the Carol Cannon Group, providing Feng Shui and healthy building consulting for commercial buildings, serving the Lehigh Valley and Northeastern states.

1978

Lisa (Moser) Tiger was recently honored with a Centurion Award and a quality Service Award from Century 21 for being one of the national organization's top producing sales agents during 2005. She is one of the top 15 real estate agents in Eastern Pennsylvania.

Peter Redden was recently named general manager of Asia sales at Ultrasonix Medical Corporation. He has more than 20 years experience working in the Asia Pacific region, including acting as general manager for Cooper Surgical and as managing director of Pacific Marketing Company where he's assisted companies like Johnson & Johnson and Siemens Medical Devices.

1980s

1980



Mark Noon (& '89) recently published the book, "Yuengling: A History of America's Oldest Brewery." It chronicles the struggles and triumphs of the brewery's German immigrant founder, and continues into the 175th anniversary of the company in 2004 when it was recognized by federal and state agencies as the nation's oldest brewery in continuous operation. The Mid-Atlantic Brewing News has called it "an important contribution to brewing history." He also works as a composition instructor at Bloomsburg University.

1981

Kathryn (Burak) Makishima has published a composition text book titled "Writing in the Works," published by Houghton Mifflin. She currently teaches in the College of Communications at Boston University.

John Christie has been married to wife Sue for almost 25 years and has three sons: Michael (20), Daniel (16), and Nathan (12). He teaches in Allentown, plays in the KU Alumni Jazz Band, and a 22 piece gospel big band called The Grace Notes.

Elizabeth (DuBois) Habermehl's daughter Lori graduated from KU in December 2005 with a B.S. in criminal justice/paralegal studies.

Camille DeMarco (& '01) married John F. McCormack in May. The couple resides in Sinking Spring, Pa.

1982

Margaret Bradshaw is living and working in Scotland.

In January 2005, **Shawne Diaz** joined Manchester Counseling Service, a private group mental health practice. She was recently appointed to "dean's list" for exemplary service to patients.

Jeanne (Rosewarne) Meikrantz is director of mental retardation and early intervention services for the Chester County Department of Mental Health/Mental Retardation.

Debora "Debi" Short recently showcased her silk screened greeting cards, prints, and jewelry at Artisan Touch Co-Op in Emmaus, Pa.

1983

Jill (Reifinger) Bernhard is currently an advertising speculative artist at The Morning Call newspaper in Allentown, where she has been employed for 21 years. She lives in Kempton, Pa., with husband Mark and son Dale.

1984

Catherine (Serena) Davidavage received a master's of social work degree from Temple University in May.

Eric Schaeffer was recently featured in the Washington Post for his direction of the musical revival of "Mame," a \$5 million production playing at The Kennedy Center. He's directing Broadway veteran Christine Baranski in the title role and was recently surprised by former "Mame" star Angela Lansbury who stopped by the theater during a rehearsal.

Patti Tinsman-Schaffer (& '93) had her mixed-media collages shown at Artisan Touch Co-Op in Emmaus, Pa.

1987

Darlene Berk's daughter Connie is finishing her second year at the University of Pittsburgh.

Renee (Cervasi) Troxell has been married for 17 years to her high school sweetheart, Mark.

They have two children, Natalie (12) and Eric (5).

1988

Kimberly Fahey is listed in the Who's Who of American Teachers for 2004, 2005, and 2006.

Anne (Schonbachler) Squadrito is VP, associate creative director at Carbon in Parsippany, N.J. She and husband Robert have a two-year-old daughter.

1989

Mike Shelby is program manager for the NOAA Ocean Explorer website (<http://oceanexplorer.noaa.gov>) and project manager for the Ocean News Kiosk opening in September 2008 in the Smithsonian Natural History Museum.

Jocelyn (Tate) McCafferty is a stay at home mom, busy with her two-year-old twin daughters Erin and Brynn. She also works as a social worker at Mercy Suburban Hospital.

1990

Wynton Butler just completed his first year as principal of Reading High School and was recently profiled in The Reading Eagle-Times for his accomplishments at the school.

In January 2006, **Deanna (McComsey) Clayton** started the business Custom-septions, which produces custom-made handbags and totes.

Bernie Wojcik was hired as director of finance and corporate controller for Franklin Fuel Cells, an early stage company that commercializes a unique patented solid oxide fuel cell technology. He will oversee all accounting, financial reporting and controls, tax, treasury, and investor relations for the company.

1990s

1991

Darren Donato and Candace (Kroninger) married recently. Darren is a systems analyst for VF Services in Wyomissing and Candace is a high school history teacher at Twin Valley.

1993

Shawn Cleary and wife Brooke have been married for five years. They have two children, Gracie and Finn.

Thomas Draper recently accepted a position at Fresh Express in Georgia so that he, wife Cinnamon, and their daughter Chloe Nevaeh, could be closer to their family.

Danielle (Garis) DeGerolamo has two children: Nicholas (9) and John Thomas (5).

David Knoble is married and has one son and a pet shih-tzu. He was named Governor's Teacher of the Year from his school district.

Alumni Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Alumni Board Meeting – 9/9
Family Day – 9/30

OCTOBER

Computer Class for Seniors – 10/9 & 10/10
Harvest Fescht – 10/14 & 10/15
Homecoming – 10/21

NOVEMBER

President's Scholarship Ball – 11/4
Veteran's Day Program – 11/10
Alumni Board Meeting – 11/11

DECEMBER

Ladies Tea – 12/6
Berks County Holiday Gathering – 12/8
Lehigh County Holiday Gathering – 12/9
Emeriti Luncheon – 12/15

William Speacht was recently named senior compliance officer at Turner Investment Partners in Berwyn, Pa.

Michelle (Lavoie) Stawowczyk and husband Paul celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary on July 27. The couple has two children: Kyle (11) and David (8).

Patricia (Tackenberg) McKechnie is married to **Glen McKechnie ('93)** and has worked for BMG Direct, PolyGram Records, and Doubleday Direct/Bookspan.

1994

Marygrace (McDowell) Anderson currently lives in Stroudsburg, Pa., with husband Eric and her two boys: Beck (5) and Jacob (3). She teaches at East Stroudsburg High School North.

Edward Pouch recently earned a master's degree in forensic science at George Washington University.

1995

Kimberly (Csapo) Taylor married husband Andy in November 2000. She has a daughter, Brooke (3), a son, Jake (15 months), and is expecting another baby in October.

Rebecca (Prince) Hersker married husband Steven in 1996 and has two sons, Jacob (5) and Ryan (3). She currently works as a paralegal in the environment enforcement section of the New Jersey Attorney General's office.

Jeff Ross recently won a Sports Emmy. He works for PGA Tour Productions.

Scott Williams had a baby, Jackson Boyd Williams, in October 2005. He also has a 10-year-old daughter.

1996

Gregory Campisi is director of product development working at Creative Strategy Group in Newtown, Pa. He develops products and toys from concept to 3D rendering to overseeing production and traveling to China. Some of his recent projects include wildlife banks in conjunction with WWF and Star Wars items for M&M Minis.

Stephanie (Holz) Ciampoli enjoys staying at home with her daughter after eight years of teaching middle school social studies.

Danny Moyer curated a juried show at projectBlue: Art Gallery and Workshop titled "Drawing Conclusions," 18 artists' renditions of how drawing, painting, photography and mixed media can be used to understand personal identity, political, and social issues.

1997

William Cherkasky was honored as Outstanding Educator of the Year by the 52nd Annual Greater Boyertown Area Citizen of the Year Awards. He has been teaching telecommunications at Boyertown Area Senior High School for seven years, teaching techniques of video editing, studio production, and the history of the television medium. Cherkasky also serves as an advisor to the high school's TV News Club.

Dawn (Harvitz) Owens (& '00) was married in May 2004 and bought a house in Hamilton, Ohio.

Danielle (Johnson) Bingaman received a master's degree in

education, specializing in elementary school counseling, from Shippensburg University and works as an elementary school counselor for Big Spring School District in Newville, Pa. She married husband Jay in 2005 and the couple live in Shiremanstown, Pa.

Renee Miller has been elected president for the local section of the Florida Chapter American Planning Association. She represents more than 200 planners, architects and engineers to the State's professional board on issues such as legislation, professional development and enhancement. She also works closely with Florida Atlantic University's Department of Urban and Regional Planning to enhance the relations between academics and professional planners.

Ravin Patten had a son, Owen Andrew, in February.

1998

Paul Bealer was featured in the *Eastern Pennsylvania Business Journal* for his achievements. He is editor of The Valley Voice newspaper in Saucon Valley, where he has won six PA Press Club awards this year. He is a member of the PA Press Club and PA Society of Newspaper Editors. In his free time, he serves as a member of the Hellertown Lions Club and Saucon Valley Jaycees.

Lisa (Brophy) Collier recently became an employee relations specialist with Sovereign Bank. She and husband Robert have a son, Nathaniel Francis, born August 2005.

Deborah A. Lambdin teaches Advanced Placement psychology at Exeter Township Senior High School. She has earned two master's degrees and K-12 principal certification from Wilkes University.

William "Trip" O'Malley won the May primary election for Lackawanna County Democratic State Committee. He is a history teacher at Dunore High School and is the student activities coordinator.

Beth (Witmer) Kurtz was married in October 2001 and received a master's degree in teaching and

curriculum from Penn State University, Harrisburg, in summer 2005.

1999

Alana Mauger-Reinke recently earned a master's of science degree in education from Capella University. She was elected to the board of directors of the College and University Public Relations Association of Pennsylvania (CUPRAP), where she serves as the communications chair.

Sarah (Wright) Scurlock is married and has three children.

2000s

2000

Christina Cipriano has posted her photography on the internet at www.christinaciprianophotography.com.

Sean Costik earned an MFA in graphic and interactive design from Tyler School of Art in May. He's starting his own design firm based in Philadelphia called Projekt, Ink.

William Dunn is happily married with two children: Tyler (7) and Alexa (3). As of presstime, he and his wife were expecting their third baby.

Bill Seiders received the PA Associated Press Broadcasting Association's award for "Convoy of Hope," a journalistic piece on Hurricane Katrina.

2001

Marci (Lewine) Wolff has a 15-month-old daughter named Erica and is expecting another child in September.

Danielle "Dani" (Nesta) Moreira recently moved into a new home with husband Alan and their son A.J. She is currently teaching grades five and six and directing the school musical.

Bill Rohrer works at CN8 in New Castle, Del., and recently won an Associated Press award.

Jim Springer and wife Jane own Dunkelberger's Jewelry. He is also president-elect of the Kutztown Rotary Club.

Lisa Weida is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. She studied at Lancaster Theological Seminary on a full

CORRECTIONS FROM SPRING ISSUE:

Alumni from the Class of 1946 who were photographed on Alumni Day, May 6:

Seated (left to right) Marie Deach, Margenett Hartzell Roth, Margaret (Morrow) Scheirer, Hilda Troutman Jentsch, Lorraine Nippert Brosious.

Standing (left to right) Joyce Kutz Wehr, Arlene Lamm Gross, Grace Trimmer Lefever, Arlene Desch Kaslik.

presidential scholarship and spent time studying in India, traveling from city to city and often staying with local families.

Clint Weiler was married in June.

2002

Mary D'Amico works as a personal trainer and fitness instructor.

Arthur Petersen received the degree of Juris Doctor from Widener University School of Law and took both the Pennsylvania and New Jersey bar exams this summer.

2003

Scott J. Blair recently accepted a position in the Office of Residence Life at Syracuse University.

Kari (King) Hill was selected for the 2006-2007 Academy for Leadership in Philadelphia Schools program, surpassing 200 candidates for one of the program's 14 spots. In October she will be ordained a minister at the Faith Emanuel Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

Susan Rieder completed Villanova's master's program in school counseling in spring 2005. She currently works as a counselor for grades 11 and 12 at the Academy of Notre Dame in Villanova, Pa.

Amy Shanahan recently moved back to Pennsylvania and is engaged.

2004

Rebecca Curcio will marry her high school sweetheart, Rodger Schmoyer III, on September 9. Once married, the couple will reside in Salisbury Township, Pa.

2005

Kelley Adams will get married on July 7, 2007.

Travis Martin is employed by Wood-Mode, Inc., a supplier of custom cabinetry for residences and businesses. His job is to take the architects' plans, make elevations from them, and then create floor plans. High-profile clients include Donald Trump, Katie Couric, and Brad Pitt.

Marriages

1980's

Camille DeMarco '81 & '01 to John F. McCormack 5/2/2006

1990's

Linda (Butterweck) '95 to Jonathan Zeller 6/11/2005

Linda (Coughlin) '95 to Louis Corisdeo 4/29/2006

Monica (Miranda) to Tony Pangaio '97 12/2/2005

2000's

Angela (Lightcap) '03 to Eric Haydt '02 10/15/2005

Karen (Orloski) '04 to Brian McGraw '04 4/15/2006

Angel (Strelish) '01 to James Noone 10/26/2005

Sara (Sebelin) '01 to Joey Mercado 10/1/2005

Births

1980's

Janessa (Mitchell) '89 and Edward Henry, a daughter, Adrinia, 8/27/05

1990's

Lori (Dietrich) '96 & Stephen Artz, a daughter, Addison Mae 5/30/2006

Kathy (Kuhns) '90 & Charles Sauter, a son, Nathan 9/12/2005

2000's

Gretchen (Brinker) '03 & William Gross, a son, Blake 4/7/2005



Kelly (Gallagher) '03 & Albert Eisele, a son, Andrew Patrick (left) 2/25/2006

Anna & Alexander

Moyer '04, a son, Chase Joseph 3/27/2006

Kerri (Schuler) '01, '05 & Norman Strauss, a son, Norman IV 2/7/2006

Deaths

1925

Chester Sames 5/14/2006

1930

Elsie (Brey) Bardman 5/5/2006

1932

Irma (Reinert) Master 3/10/2006

1940

Clara (Herber) Fenstermaker 4/19/2006

1959

Bernard Schimmel 11/9/2005

1962

Gregory Stump 4/16/2006

1964

Frank Herron 3/17/2006

Raymond Moore 4/14/2006

1966

Frances Williamson 3/29/2006

1967

Barbara (Vaccaro) Ueberroth 4/28/2006

1969

Jack Henry 5/27/2006

1971

Miriam Willson 2/9/2006

1977

Diane (Hampton) Reed 5/1/2006

1999

Gregory Baer 4/17/2006

2002

David Bailey 3/3/2006

*You are cordially invited to attend Kutztown University's
2006 President's Scholarship Ball*



Saturday, November 4, 2006

USS Kutztown docked at Kutztown University
Academic Forum Building Grand Ball Room

6:30 p.m. Reception and Tours of Building

7:30 p.m. Dedication of the Building, Dinner Served

9 p.m. Dancing to Brown Town, Raffle Drawing

\$150 per person. Black Tie requested.

In lieu of silent and live auctions, this year we are conducting a raffle to benefit scholarships at Kutztown University. Each raffle ticket is \$25. A maximum number of 3,000 tickets will be sold. More than one ticket may be purchased and the six fabulous prizes include jewelry, a hand-crafted quilt, and vacation/cruises.

Please call 610-683-1394 to purchase tickets to the Scholarship Ball and the raffle.

letters TO THE EDITOR



Letter to the Editor

What a surprise to see my picture on the top of page 4 of the Tower magazine's winter issue! I'm on the right, Barbara Beswick '62 [Bonnie Foley '62 on left].

I remember that freshmen were not allowed to leave campus for weekends until the Thanksgiving break, and instead, were required to participate in all of the activi-

ties that were arranged for us. These included mandatory bonfires, pep rallies and football games, where we cheered our hearts out. All [of this was] designed to get us over any homesickness we might experience. We are talking about the old days here, when leaving home was traumatic. I'm even wearing a little locket that

contained pictures of my family in this photo.

But I was one of the lucky ones who had an older sibling already attending Kutztown, Phyllis Silldorff '60, so I had an advantage in that department. The second semester, with a decree from the dean of women, Mary Richenbacher, I became one of her suite mates in the dorm room directly above the portico of Old Main. For three and a half luxurious years, my consecutive roomies and I shared the prime view over the main entrance where we could see who was coming and going, and run down to meet visitors and dates, before they had to call upstairs!

We also had a neat spot to get a sneak tan. In winter months, cold storage was available on the bal-

cony outside our windows. Our only problem was keeping the birds away from our stash of goodies. I still keep in touch with my old Suite F residents, but sadly, because we are so distant [Florida and Pennsylvania], the only thing I share with my sister now is a brick in the 60s area of the Alumni Plaza. Thanks for the memories.

Sincerely,
Barbara Ann Beswick

Hindsight Corrected

Bill Balliet '72, writes in to say that the player in the number 18 jersey featured in the winter 2006 Tower is John "Jack" Gorman, who caught the winning pass to defeat East Stroudsburg in 1972.

Hindsight Revealed

The spring Tower Hindsight was somewhat of a teaser as Bill Ribble '73 was in fact behind the camera while members of the Mu Eta Colony of the Phi Mu Delta fraternity posed for their picture. The photos at right reveal Ribble during his pledge days in the Pi Mu Delta toy wagon [along with a recent photo].



Kneeling in the front row from left to right are: Joe Santoro, Kenneth E. Bloss Jr., Michael Gulkewicz, and Anthony Mauser. Standing from left to right: Charles R. McLaine, Vic Cuvo, Keith W. Raser, John Shelpack, Bruce Atwood, Gary Woodford, Harry H. Foster, Jerry Zarzecki, Richard Bulcavage, Roger Musket, Jim Mascavage, Al Drayovitch, Charles W. Bloss II, Dennis Laskey, F. Thomas Lichner, Wayne Scheidler and faculty advisor Bill Bateman.



homecoming

October 21, 2006

Friday, October 20

5:30 p.m.

Hall of Fame Reception and Banquet, Old Main Lobby and Georgian Room
\$25 tickets may be purchased by calling 610-683-4755.

7 - 9 p.m.

3rd Annual Pep Rally and Fireworks, Alumni Plaza

Saturday, October 21

8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Registration for Homecoming Events, McFarland Student Union Lobby

9 - 11 a.m.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences: Alumni Networking Panel, McFarland Student Union Alumni Auditorium

Alumni and current students are invited to join in our discussion regarding the broad scope of professional opportunities available to alumni with a liberal arts and sciences background.

College of Education: Networking Breakfast McFarland Student Union #250

Join fellow COE alumni for a continental breakfast, share stories and experiences, hear about the latest plans for the College of Education, meet the members of the new COE Alumni Council and discuss plans for building the alumni network.

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

85th Anniversary of Library Science and Dedication of Computer Lab, Rohrbach Library

Library Science at Kutztown is 85 years old!

9 a.m. - Continental breakfast conversation

10:30 a.m. - presentation by Dr. Ellie Long: "Something Old, Something New: A Look at Library Science Today"

11:30 a.m. - Celebration continues at the Alumni Buffet Lunch.

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Welcome Alumni! Wiesenberger Alumni Center

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Children's Festival and Hay Rides, Tent behind Education House

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Self Guided Tours, New Student Recreation Center

Tour the new recreation center adjacent to University Stadium to see the climbing wall, suspended jogging track, racquetball courts, juice bar, and more.

10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Bookstore Open, McFarland Student Union

10:30 a.m.

Electronic Media Mixer, Rickenbach Learning Center Studio 4

11 a.m.

Women's Volleyball vs. West Chester, Keystone Arena

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Multicultural Center Open House, J.B. White House

11:15 a.m.

Tailgate City, Practice Field adjacent to University Field

11:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.

College of Business Reception, Kutztown Tavern

The College of Business is hosting an alumni reception at the Kutztown Tavern. There will be refreshments available and a selection of beer samples. Stop in for a visit with College of Business faculty and alumni. The cost is \$11 per person.

11:30 a.m.

Alumni Buffet Lunch, McFarland Student Union Multipurpose Room

All alumni are invited to gather in the student union for lunch before the afternoon activities. \$15 per person.

noon - 4 p.m.

Sharadin Art Building Tour and Gallery Show

1:05 p.m.

Kickoff: KU vs. West Chester, University Field

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

College of Visual and Performing Arts: Alumni Live Panel Presentation, Sharadin Art Building

"Stepping Out, Starting Up: The Business of Art." The panel members are self-employed artists and designers who will share thoughts and techniques needed to merge creative passion with the art of business in a self-employed environment during this first annual Alumni Live panel discussion.

4 - 6 p.m.

"The 5th Quarter" Alumni Homecoming Party, Tent behind Education House

7 p.m.

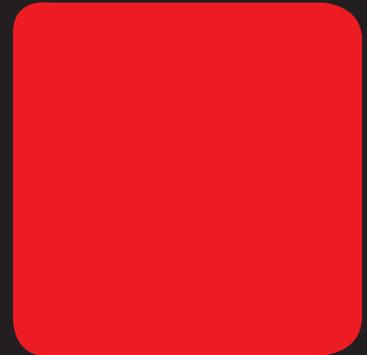
Field Hockey vs. Shippensburg, University Field

8 p.m.

Top 40 Concert, Keystone Arena

A new event we hope will quickly become a KU tradition: Jason Mraz, a top 40 recording artist, will perform at the 2006 Homecoming concert. Please call 610-683-1383 for details and ticket information.

Look for a detailed Homecoming brochure and reservation form in your mailbox.



everything old is new again

hindsight

SCENES FROM THE PAST



Kutztown was really on the go when this picture was taken circa 1945. If you look closely, you can see Schaeffer Auditorium and the stable house in the background. Other than the approximate time period, little is known about the event. Can anyone remember the activity, or even piloting one of these little speedsters? 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. For the answer to the spring '06 Hindsight photo, please turn to page 26.



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