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## KU SENIOR CAROLINE BROWN WRITES IN THIS ISSUE OF THE TOWER ABOUT

Jeremy Heft's life and work among the Sawtooth wolves in Idaho.

It is amazing to think that just 10 years ago, Heft was walking around the Kutztown University campus drinking water from a fountain and using electric lighting to study late into the evening. One has to wonder if, during his days at KU, he ever dreamed he would be living without electricity and running water and doing such an important job as nurturing the survival of a species.

Jeremy is one of hundreds of examples of what academic excellence means at KU.

Last year, the Kutztown campus developed a three-pronged vision statement to outline our direction for the next five years. At the top of that vision is a renewed commitment to academic excellence.

The pursuit of academic excellence is nothing new here. This university has long offered impressive academic programs, hired faculty with exceptional credentials and graduated students with a solid foundation of knowledge.

Learning and teaching must be at the center of all we do. Including academic excellence as part of our vision statement is a testament to how seriously we consider this task.

One of the most basic, but truly challenging efforts being undertaken is a complete

revision of our general education requirements. I say very often that Kutztown students need to be prepared not for their first jobs, but have the knowledge that will help

## to our readers



them succeed all the way through to their last jobs. Solidifying these basic education requirements to more accurately reflect the knowledge needs of all students is a big step in that direction.

Meanwhile our deans and faculty members are continually developing exciting ways to engage students in learning. I am most impressed with how many members of our faculty take specific interest in students' academic success, and the creativity that is used throughout the Academic Affairs Division to attract and retain high ability students, while also maintaining our access mission and searching diligently for those promising stars who haven't yet had the opportunity to shine.

Helping students realize that learning never stops is key to what we are trying to achieve. Exposing students to information from all angles and points of view helps them learn today and develops lifelong learning habits for tomorrow. Observing their professors actively engaged in learning and research is also inspiring in this process. We are fortunate to have faculty members traveling the world and committing their time here on campus to improving themselves, broadening their minds, publishing their work, and sharing what they've learned with students.

We hope, that as alumni of Kutztown University, that you too are engaged in the lifelong learning process. We invite you to come back to the campus, visit our excellent library, enroll in a class for special interests or career opportunities, or simply spend a few moments reconnecting with our students and professors. There is an opportunity for everyone to learn at KU.

**F. Javier Cevallos**  
**President**

*Editor's Note: The Spring 2004 edition of the Tower is devoted to the first facet of Kutztown University's three-point vision statement, which calls for KU to be the region's center for academic excellence, cultural enrichment, and public engagement. Future issues will focus on the other facets of the vision.*

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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## THE REGION'S CENTER FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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BY ANNE M. RYAN '04

IN THE WORDS OF ANDY WARHOL, "THEY SAY THAT TIME CHANGES THINGS, BUT YOU ACTUALLY HAVE TO CHANGE THEM YOURSELF."

"Change is something that happens every day at KU," Kutztown University Provost Linda Rinker said. "Change is like a winding journey. We are working diligently toward it for maximum performance and service."

In the past few years, KU has transformed from a campus of traditional dormitories, standard classrooms, and a quaint fountain on the DMZ into residence halls resembling suburban townhomes, classrooms equipped with modern technology, and an outdoor plaza charmed by a cascading fountain. Students are riding shuttle buses and a four-story contemporary science center stands out across campus. The purpose of creating a modern environment is not just to be trendy and chic, but rather to promote an atmosphere that is conducive to the university's foremost goal — academic excellence.

Several revisions have been made to KU's academic vision that will redefine the university as a leader in higher education in the region. "Kutztown strives to improve the region, whether through

culture or outreach. President F. Javier Cevallos said, "Academic excellence must be the foundation, strength, and core of our vision, not only for the betterment of the university, but for the region as well."

As KU emerges as a leader in the region, it has been named by The Princeton Review as one of the Best Mid-Atlantic Colleges. With committed faculty members, technological advancements, academic exchanges that extend throughout the community and abroad, efforts toward increasing accreditation levels, retention programs, and the pursuit of a comprehensive education for all students, KU is becoming more widely recognized for its academic achievements.

"We are about the best, and to achieve the best, the university needs to think, drive and talk academic excellence," Rinker said. "Students are paying for quality and we decided that it was time to raise the bar."

Raising the bar means a complete revision of KU's basic curriculum requirements. There has not been a major overhaul of the general education curriculum for 10 years, and the Middle States accreditation team has recommended revising the current general education program.

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— DEBRA LYNCH, GENERAL EDUCATION  
RESTRUCTURING TEAM

Cevallos emphasized the need to construct a new general education curriculum that applies equally across all majors for the duration of a student's enrollment at KU. To get the ball rolling, he began an ongoing dialogue with faculty members to form a General Education Restructuring Team. The team is composed of faculty members from the university's four colleges, Visual and Performing Arts, Business, Education, and Liberal Arts and Sciences, as well as the University Senate, University Curriculum Committee, faculty union representatives, and two at-large members. The team revised the mission statement and goals throughout the summer and fall, and is currently working on a model to present to the faculty body in late spring.

"The push to revise the curriculum came from Dr. Cevallos. What the change will look like is up to the faculty," Debra Lynch, chair of the Restructuring Team, said.

The team has also sent a survey into the community asking businesses to provide feedback on the skills and knowledge their employees are lacking. Additionally, the team has met with deans and department chairs to discuss the weaknesses in the current curriculum

and changes that can be made to provide students with a thorough liberal arts education.

"Learning needs to shift. Memorization and Scantron exams are not effective learning tools. It doesn't matter if a student doesn't know the name of a river in Africa, because we live in a day and age where you can find information in a gamma second. Students need to think critically and acquire a broad base of knowledge, connect it to their field of study, and then use it in their job and in life," Lynch said.

After months of meetings, debate, revision, and research, the Restructuring Team proposed that the goals of the revised general education requirements should reflect critical thinking, communication, human diversity, ethics and responsibility, and attitudes for success. Studying these specific areas will allow students to participate in a complex and diverse global society where they will work side-by-side with Asians and Europeans while learning to adapt to a changing job market.

"The average adult will go through five career changes. Students need to be ready for their first job, as well as the

last,” Cevallos said. “It is crucial that students learn critical thinking skills that will teach them flexibility and give them the tools needed to manage a changing environment.”

Diversity and an understanding of globalization are two initiatives quickly becoming engrained in the campus culture. “By creating a diverse campus community we have created a sense of the world that a student will eventually live and work in,” Rinker said.

Besides offering students a world community on campus – there are 47 nations represented in our student body – KU has established relationships with universities in Puerto Rico, Ecuador, China, Russia, England, and others. Several academic leaders have recently visited Cuba to begin establishing ties with universities there.

In Summer 2003, two KU Honors Program students, along with 26 other students from the State System of Higher Education, were afforded the opportunity to spend three weeks studying in Ecuador. While abroad, the students studied the economic, political, historical, and cultural

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landscape of the Latin American country. Lectures were presented by professors from various South American universities, and KU’s very own Ecuadorian, President Cevallos, returned to his native home to meet students and offer them insight.

In their free time, students ventured off into the mountains, explored the jungle, and waded in the waters of the Pacific. “I have driven through the Atlas Mountains in Morocco, the Pyrenees in Spain, and the Alps in Switzerland, but rarely have I witnessed such majestic landscapes as I saw in Ecuador,” Arifeen Daneshyar, professor of economics, who accompanied the students, wrote of his trip.

The cost of the honors trip was covered through scholarships, another goal KU is working toward. Last November, the KU Foundation and President Cevallos held a black tie ball, which raised \$65,000 in scholarship monies to

attract high-ability students and aid them in their pursuit of success. The \$65,000 will be distributed in amounts of \$16,000 to each of the university’s four colleges for merit-based scholarships.

As KU seeks to offer more scholarships and raise academic standards, it is working toward a curriculum that reflects the needs of today’s world while following the tradition of a liberal arts education.

“The university has evolved from a teaching school, into a liberal arts institution that is now a comprehensive university. The general education requirements need to reflect our vision as a comprehensive university, and our faculty and facilities need to provide students with the opportunity to learn and compete with students across the United States,” Cevallos said. ★



# Q&A

with Margaret Devlin,  
Dean of Library Services

**Q** *In the past few years, Rohrbach Library has grown, expanded and taken a new approach in its role as a campus learning and resource center. Could you update our alumni and friends on how facilities and attitudes have changed over the past several years?*

**A** In the past several years, the library has changed significantly in both its attitudes and especially in the physical state of its facility. Twelve years ago, the library staff offered traditional services primarily from within the building and were very cautious about extending library services to external communities. By 1996, the staff had developed a highly service-oriented mission and became committed to providing traditional and innovative services to the Kutztown University community and to individuals throughout the state of Pennsylvania. This year, the library staff is in the process of revising its mission again and further enhancing their commitment to high quality unique services.

Services are no longer tied to the physical facility but extend to remote locations where our users are located. You can view this new approach by examining the library's website containing links to more than 60 electronic databases, numerous pathfinders to help users find material on particular topics, and access to the virtual information desk, which allows users to get information assistance even when the library is closed.

Certainly, the physical facility has changed dramatically. Twelve years ago, patrons were met by the card catalog when they entered the building and many services, such as interlibrary loan, were hidden away. When planning the new facility, the staff wanted to create welcoming spaces and to eliminate as many physical barriers as possible. Examples include open periodicals stacks, staff located on all three floors to provide services, and a variety of seating spaces ranging from couches to carrels to group study rooms. Recently, a major change for library staff was allowing food and drink in the building when they opened Jazzman's Café. The café has been extremely popular and students have been very respectful about keeping the facility clean and neat.

To meet the technological needs of the users, the building was wired with more than 500 drops allowing users to connect their laptops or use the numerous computers that are spread throughout the building including both MAC and PC platforms. In fact, the library circulates laptops to patrons from a service point on each floor of the building. Last year, the building was the first on campus to become completely wireless and is already planning to upgrade the system. The library's wireless classroom has been well received by faculty requesting library instruction.



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**Q** *Rohrbach Library, unlike many college libraries, is a place students truly enjoy being. What makes it especially appealing?*

**A** Above all, I have to say that the No. 1 reason why students enjoy being in this library is the friendliness and helpfulness of the highly skilled library staff. The staff go out of their way to treat patrons with respect and to help them with their library needs. The attractive facility, which is both light and airy, complements the great staff by creating an inviting and comfortable place for studying and conversation.

Users are welcome and receive pleasant, quality service. Promotion of this function is done through tours, classroom instruction, exhibits, and through the library's web pages. The library has a Voices and Choices Center that is responsible for developing programs and services for any and all unique groups. Also, each librarian is assigned to be a liaison to the university's diverse groups. In the past year, the center promoted exhibits, programs, and displays on a variety of topics that included:

- Marking Time, an art exhibit by detained immigrants
- A Coming Out Day exhibit
- A discussion of the ethics of Othello
- A display about the Patriot Act

In addition to this service, the library has an Assistive Technology Center that provides access to equipment which translates the printed word into sound, a TTY machine, and testing services for our students with disabilities.

And again, it would be remiss of me not to say that having Jazzman's has been a big draw. Students and faculty love it. The library staff continually try to find out what our patrons want and need and to find ways to meet those wants and needs.

In comparing gate count statistics for the first three months of this academic year with the corresponding months for last year, the number is up by more than 45,000! The building is always filled with students and faculty studying – so much so we have received requests for additional seating space, more computers, and additional hours of operation at Jazzman's.

It must be noted, that unlike many other institutions, the faculty and administration support and promote the library resulting in it being a place where students enjoy being.

**Q** *As we think about academic excellence as a goal for the university, how do you see the library fitting into the achievement of greater academic quality?*

**A** The library provides services and resources directed at meeting both the research and curricular needs of the institution. Among many other initiatives, faculty are including the librarians in building information literacy components into their curriculum. For fall semester, the librarians conducted 171 information literacy instruction sessions, which equaled the number done for the entire 2002/03 academic year. However, instruction is not limited to students. The librarians are involved in an intensive program to “teach the teacher.”

Library training sessions for faculty cover topics from online courseware to software to electronic resources. The Learning Technologies Center, the Audiovisual Center, and Reference Department are also heavily involved in faculty training by providing and demonstrating library resources, and new technologies in the classroom.

Additionally, the librarians serve as liaisons to each academic department, working with the faculty to develop instruction sessions and to continue to build a collection that supports the needs of the curriculum. While budgets have been limited, the library has been able to maintain an excellent collection by forming partnerships with other institutions enabling the provision of extensive electronic resources and/or document delivery for all disciplines.

**Q** *What are the unique resources that make the library more useful for KU students?*

**A** Above all, the skills and attitudes of the library staff make this library more useful for KU students. The librarians continue to develop their skills by attending conferences, workshops, and training sessions on future technologies, resources, and services that will help our faculty and students. However, skills alone do not make for great service. They must be linked with positive attitudes and a commitment to providing excellent service. The Rohrbach Library staff have all three components necessary for providing the highest level of service.

The library has developed specialized library services and collections such as the Curriculum Materials Center and Maps to meet user needs, and non-traditional services such as the Voices and Choices Center and the Assistive Technology Service to respond to the changing face of the university. The newest service added to the Rohrbach Library is the Audiovisual Center that circulates current instructional technologies including both software (such as DVDs) and hardware such as digital cameras to the university community. As is very evident, the library has moved away from being a primarily print resource to becoming a digitized virtual library. It is no longer the focus of the library to own everything but to provide fast and effective access to information. The library does this through its numerous electronic resources.

**Q** *The library also has a role to play in other parts of the university's vision, particularly in the area of public engagement and outreach. How are you and your staff extending your services to the general public and to alumni and why is that important?*

**A** It is essential that the library provide services to its alumni and the general public in order to contribute to the development of a literate society. It is the library's responsibility to play an active part in the community. Access to information is essential for the region to flourish and to have productive citizens. Anyone is welcome to come to visit and utilize the library. Adult residents of Pennsylvania and alumni may request a free library card, which allows them to check out materials from the circulating collection. In addition, K-12 public school teachers are entitled to borrow non-print instructional materials from the AV Center. Alumni, in particular, make heavy use of the archives collection.

As an ACCESS-PA institution, the library provides materials and services to public schools in Pennsylvania. As with most libraries, the Rohrbach Library lends circulating materials to any library in the world. The Curriculum Materials Center, which recently merged with the university's Center for Math, Science, and Technology Education, focuses on outreach to schools for the purpose of getting current educational resources into the classroom. On a local level, the library works closely with other libraries in the county to provide training and resources. \*





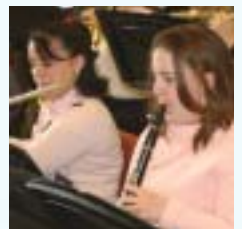
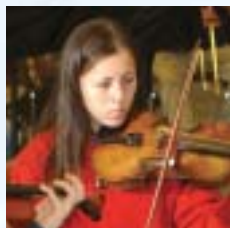
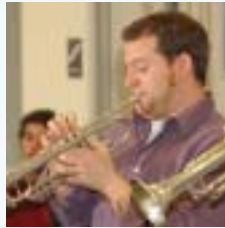
# Marching to the Beat of a Common Drum

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STORY BY CAROLINE M. BROWN '04

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IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT THE MOST EXQUISITE MACHINE HUMANKIND EVER BUILT IS A SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. BUT, ORCHESTRAS ARE MUCH LIKE AUTOMOBILES: THERE ARE ROLLS ROYCES AND THERE ARE DUNE BUGGIES.



**W**illis M. Rapp, chairman of the Department of Music at Kutztown University, would say an orchestra, like an automobile, works best when all the individual parts are finely crafted and fit smoothly together.

"In 1988, I attended a seminar on wind conducting at the University of Calgary in Alberta, Canada. The other conductors and I were gathering at the airport, introducing ourselves when the program coordinator welcomed us all by telling us to check our egos at the door. He said the key to success lay in our ability to work together. Collaboration, not competition, is the key."

Rapp, who had only recently become chairman of KU's music department, took the admonition to heart, and, seeing the results, was determined to employ the approach at Kutztown.

"I've discovered that there can be a certain amount of ego when you bring highly skilled individuals together, but I wanted to find a way to avoid this and bring everyone together for the good of the program," Rapp said. "I thought this was a great attitude to have, and thought that if the faculty and students could apply this concept, it could be our greatest accomplishment."

As the approach was embraced, students began to mentor one another. Senior students made incoming freshman feel welcome, and more experienced players guided those still learning, Rapp said. Faculty members also pulled together as a team to work for common goals. Chief among them – national accreditation for the program.

In 1990, after some preliminary groundwork had been laid, the department began the detailed self study that starts the arduous, formal process of pursuing accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Music. NASM is a branch of the National Arts Accreditation Organization, the only organization authorized by the federal government to set and maintain artistic standards for schools of art and design, music, theater, and dance within the United States.



Frank Kumor, assistant director of percussion, works with Marcus Walls, a freshman music major from Philadelphia.

Finally, in November 1999, KU became the eighth department of music in Pennsylvania to be accredited by NASM.

As suggested by the almost decade-long process, accreditation does not come easily. Last year, only 14 universities nationwide were admitted to membership, most of them after their second or third attempt. KU's music department was granted full institutional membership on its first try.

"I am very fortunate to work with people who not only have the expertise, but the tenacity to take something like this on," Rapp said. "We would not be where we are today if we had not become an accredited school."

The program has grown from a graduating class of three in 1990 to the largest bachelor of arts music program in Pennsylvania.

he was hired as a sabbatical replacement for Rapp during the 1997-1998 academic year. When he arrived, Kumor started KU's World Percussion Ensemble, which he still conducts today.

As a student at KU, he developed his skills at a comfortable pace, had private lessons, participated in ensembles, and learned about what it is like to be a professional musician. Had he been at a bigger music school, Kumor said, he would have been pressured to compete with other students and advance too quickly.

Among the distinguishing features of studying music at KU is the fact that each faculty member is a performer as well as a teacher. All full-time members of the music faculty hold doctorates from prominent universities, and perform in the local, national and international venues as recitalists or guest conductors.

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As student interest has risen, the demand for more courses and performing groups has also grown. In the past nine years seven new professors have joined the faculty, bringing with them a broad range of specialization.

Frank Kumor, a 1991 KU graduate, joined the faculty in 1998 and is now assistant director of percussion studies. After finishing his doctor of musical arts at the University of Kentucky and working as a musician and clinician for Paiste Cymbals, Yamaha, and Remo Percussion,

Timothy Running, professor of music, said the faculty is more effective because its members bring practical experiences and knowledge about performing into the classroom.

Running recalls observing cellist Marie-Aline Cadieux in her string techniques class and how impressed he was with her informal, yet effective style of teaching. Cadieux engages students by helping them see connections between listening to music and reading it on paper, and relates her extensive knowledge of all styles of

PHOTOS BY BRAD DREY

orchestral performance from the Baroque era to the present. She has performed on three continents and served as the principal cellist for the Illinois Symphony and Illinois Chamber Orchestras.

Kumor performed at the Patagonia International Festival in Argentina last summer, the Polish International Festival, and the Percussive Arts Society International Convention in the fall. Rapp has performed in 24 states and two Canadian provinces. For 11 years he has conducted a band of more than 3,000 high school students at Tampa's Outback Bowl. Mary Ogletree, a violinist and professor of music, has appeared in solo, chamber, and orchestral concerts in

semester by various groups of students and department members has grown over the past decade from about 15 to more than 50.

Jeremy Justeson, a recent addition to the faculty and director of the marching band, is one example of a talented educator at the top of his career as a performing artist. As a champion of new and commissioned works for the saxophone, Justeson has released his first concert CD, "Juggernaut." He is among an elite group of concert saxophone artists who have achieved success as a college educator.

Dennis Williams serves as director of the university choir, which gave a

by the department, 62 percent of KU music alumni said they would have selected a music education degree had it been available; 72 percent of current students expressed interest in it; and 75 percent of area educators said they would refer students to a bachelor's in music education program if it were established.

Rapp recalls years when four of every five potential students were turned away because KU didn't offer the bachelor's in music education.

"It was almost assumed that KU offered a music education degree," Rapp said. "To take our department to the next level and improve our programs we needed to offer something more."



The KU Jazz Ensemble rehearses: saxophonist (L to R) Trevor Davis, Jonathan McCarthney, Chrissy Seyler, Jason Kleibscheidel, Nika Belcastro, and bass trombone player Dan Magan.



Ben Johnson, a music major with an emphasis in percussion, takes a timpani lesson with Willis M. Rapp.

Germany, Italy, and throughout the United States. Organist Ina Slater Grapenthin, the founder and director of KU's Academy of Church Organ Studies, recently adjudicated an international competition for organ in Italy, where she was also featured as a recitalist.

One of the most dramatic developments of the past five years is KU's jazz studies program. The vision for this program came from Kevin Kjos, who teaches trumpet and directs two jazz ensembles as well as several student jazz combos. His long-term commitment to bringing artists to campus through the Jazz Masters Series has allowed students to work closely with some of the top names in the field. A partnership established two years ago with the Berks JazzFest allows concerts by major artists to be held on campus in conjunction with the annual KU Jazz Festival. Kjos is assisted by Alan Apple, who directs the highly-acclaimed AfterHours vocal jazz ensemble and teaches jazz piano.

The number of performances each

well-reviewed performance of Carl Orff's masterwork, "Carmina Burana," with full orchestra and soloists on May 8, 2002, the evening Javier Cevallos was introduced as the new president of KU.

Students in the KU music program also benefit from some of the most up-to-date technology. John Metcalf, who teaches electronic music composition, introduction to music technology, and composition

In July 2003, the State System Board of Governors approved the program, and in October of the same year it was reviewed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, allowing students to start the program this spring. The department must now wait for an on-site review scheduled during the spring 2005 semester to find out if NASM will accredit the new program.

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## THE PROGRAM HAS GROWN FROM A GRADUATING CLASS OF THREE IN 1990 TO THE LARGEST BACHELOR OF ARTS MUSIC PROGRAM IN PENNSYLVANIA.

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and arranging, leads that effort. Plans are under way for the installation of a state-of-the-art Nuendo digital recording studio as part of the recently renovated rehearsal space in Old Main.

In December, a bachelor of science in music education degree, approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, became a reality. In a survey conducted

"Over the years, the Department of Music has redefined its mission and goals, expanded curricular offerings, and nurtured the students who study music and participate in performing organizations," Rapp said. "And, if the department's success over the past 13 years is any indicator, KU is poised for a great future in music." \*

# SCIENTIFIC PURSUITS

BY CAROLINE M. BROWN '04 • PHOTOS BY BRAD DREY

*As sciences advance worldwide, KU has kept a competitive edge with its exceptional faculty, diverse course offerings, high-tech equipment, and new facilities. This dedication to maintaining state-of-the-art resources has taken alumni, and will take future graduates, to new heights.*



KU Professor Wendy Ryan, center, works with students examining specimens through a microscope.



Jeremy Heft tends to one of the seven Sawtooth Pack wolves on the Nez Perce Reservation.

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It is a typical October morning in the Rocky Mountains. Winds are clocked at 60 mph and snow is falling heavily. Jeremy Heft, the wildlife biologist for Wolf Education and Research Center in Winchester, Idaho, is on his way to work.

Heft '96 lives in a cabin without electricity or running water on the WERC's 300-acre facility and maintains one of the largest wolf enclosures in the world. The Nez Perce Reservation, where the center is housed, is the size of Berks and Lehig counties combined.

As part of the WERC's efforts to help the Nez Perce Tribe provide natural, stress-free lives for the seven captive gray wolves of the Sawtooth Pack, Heft performs behavioral research analysis on the animals and looks after their health, safety, and security. He feeds and cares for the wolves daily, and maintains the 20-acre enclosed facility.

Heft attributes 90 percent of his ability to work with the wolves to William Towne, a biological sciences professor. Towne taught Heft advanced animal behavior in a course he took while studying at Kutztown in the mid-1990s.

"I use Dr. Towne's teachings and insight nearly every day in my job," Heft said. "Without his expertise in conveying the complicated science of animal behavior, I would never be able to perform my job."

**T**owne not only instilled the fundamentals of advanced animal behavior in his students, he also required them to approach their studies as professionals, Heft said. This approach, as well as the

fusion of biology, geology, and chemistry of the environmental science program, made a significant difference when Heft entered the workforce.

"The WERC was most impressed with my broad background of experiences, both academically and professionally," Heft said. "The diversity of the environmental science curriculum, hands-on research experience, and personal attention from academically superior professors were particularly helpful in my hiring."

Heft is one of hundreds of KU science graduates currently working in their fields of study across the nation. In fact, research shows that 85 percent of KU biology graduates and 89 percent of environmental science graduates are employed in their designated fields within a year of graduation. Those numbers jump to 97 percent for chemistry graduates and 100 percent for those who studied physics.

These statistics are no surprise considering that KU has top-rate faculty members with Ph.D.s from such notable institutions as Cornell, Princeton, Stanford, MIT, Michigan State, and Virginia Tech.

Faculty members are actively involved in research locally and around the world, and allow students to collaborate on many of their projects. For example, Kurt Frieauff, professor of geology, will take two students along to study rock formations in Inner Mongolia this summer. Likewise, Christopher Sacchi, professor of biology, regularly involves his students in environmental and ecological research at the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary.

Students also have the opportunity to take summer courses or class field trips to the Marine Science Consortium in Wallops Island, Va. KU has an agreement with the consortium that allows the university to offer comprehensive, field-oriented programs based on marine biology, biology, chemistry, and geology in cooperation with 15 other academic institutions. Wendy Ryan, professor of marine science, teaches in the program and is the vice president of academics at the consortium.

"Membership in the Marine Science Consortium provides KU students with access to research vessels and sampling equipment, diverse field sites, and many courses representing the many different areas of marine science," Ryan said.

The arrangement provides both students and the university with these resources at a modest cost; however, with a renewed commitment to the sciences and a new \$21 million research and study center, it is no longer necessary for students to leave the university to get practical experience. Thanks to grants from the National Science Foundation and other sources, students are working with research equipment in the classroom that most scientists can only use in the working world.

Now that Jason Haraldsen '02 is pursuing his masters in physics at the University of Tennessee, he says he now realizes he actually had more opportunities, support, and experience at KU than most undergraduates from larger universities. At KU he was able to work directly with a GS Spectrometer – a \$100,000 piece of equipment – while students at UT can only watch a professor or graduate student demonstrate how the instrument works.

Haraldsen believes he received the best possible education at KU because of the personal attention he received from professors. At UT there are about 30 active physics professors, however, they wouldn't know who he was unless he told them, he said.

Cindy Kuklis '01, a graduate of the geology program, shares Haraldsen's view on the strengths of the university's science professors. Edward Simpson, chair of the Department of Physical



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Chemistry major, Melissa Kistler '04, analyzes data from a fluorometer in one of the new research rooms in the Boehm Science Center.



Sciences and interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, sparked Kuklis' interest in geology while she was studying at KU. She credits Simpson with giving her the ability to pay attention to detail and approach her work sincerely, which is very useful in her work as a geologic trainee for the Department of Environmental Protection Agency in Pottsville.

they really pushed me to do my best."

Although Mayrhofer and Betts were among the most influential, Crane emphasizes that all of the chemistry faculty were supportive, helpful, and dedicated to their students. Each of them played a part in teaching her to think like a scientist.

Crane didn't consider taking her education this far, or even know where she would finish her undergraduate degree. Before coming to KU, she attended both Penn State and Temple universities and thought her third school would only be a temporary fix. But during her first semester at KU, she took Introduction to Chemistry with Mayrhofer and "everything just clicked."

Mark Schadler '94, a marine science graduate, also transferred to KU from another college. He chose KU because of the well-rounded basis of the marine science curriculum. Studying under the diverse instruction of both Ryan and Bruce Rowell, professor of geology, was very important to Schadler. He says that while Rowell was very good at covering topics related to oceanography and physical science, Ryan's expertise was encouraging students to do research projects and construct computer models based on their findings – making the learning process more real.

"KU's marine science courses are uniquely suited to a 'real' marine science field while most schools that claim to have a marine science

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Simpson continues to be an important part of Kuklis' education. Shortly after her graduation, he presented her with an opportunity to collaborate on two research projects. This allowed her to gain practical experience in her field, apply it to written research papers, and co-author two published abstracts that were presented on different occasions at the Geological Society of America.

"I honestly think professors who are 100 percent dedicated to teaching and reaching out to the students are what makes the department strong," Kuklis said. "Dr. Simpson and Dr. (Rudolph) Mayrhofer are perfect examples of professors who see promise in students and work with them to reach their potential."

Mayrhofer, professor of chemistry, was also Nicole Crane's professor. Crane '00 is now completing a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry at the University of Michigan. Mayrhofer, as well as Thomas Betts, professor of chemistry, helped Crane apply for and evaluate graduate programs.

"What I learned from Dr. Mayrhofer and Dr. Betts is invaluable," Crane said. "They were wonderful mentors and I feel I owe a lot to them –



From the left to right: Jinbo Cao, Jongwoo Choi, Serena Dai, Roman Wesolowski and alumnus Jason Haraldsen, enjoy some freshly made lab ice cream.  
Recipe: milk, cream, sugar, and vanilla. Add liquid nitrogen and stir!

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program only offer a traditional biology course of study with a few marine-specific courses,” Schadler said. “I think this puts KU’s marine science program more on par with programs from more elite schools like Scripps University, Woods Hole, MIT, and the University of Miami.”

Ryan started teaching at KU during Schadler’s junior year. He remembers how excited he was that she joined the faculty because she attended Scripps University – one of the top institutions for the study of marine biology in the nation – which made him feel like the department now had a “hardcore” marine biologist on staff.

In his current job, Schadler’s broad background has come in handy in many situations. His combined educational experiences in biology, oceanography, physical and geographical sciences, gave him an advantage over others with more specific backgrounds.

As the phycology (the study of algae) project manager of the U.S. Coast Guard’s National Water Quality Assessment program, Schadler studies the uses of algae as bio-indicators of water quality. He finds this work exciting because it affects environmental policy, land use, and watershed management throughout the United States. He plans to complete his master’s degree in marine science from East Stroudsburg University, finish his commission as an officer with the Coast Guard, and eventually work in fisheries law enforcement.



By using advanced digital imaging, students are able to characterize and identify rocks like this quartz sandstone.

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Ty Marr ’97, a marine science graduate, also plans on finishing his master’s in the near future. He is pursuing his graduate degree in geography at the University of Maryland and working full time for the National Imagery and Mapping Agency. According to Marr, KU provided him with the skills needed to conduct quality scientific research both in his current studies and while working for NIMA.

“While attending KU, I was given the opportunity to use many techniques and concepts used in the commercial/government world,” Marr said. “These skills included an introduction to oceanography, remote sensing, geographic information systems, and cartography, which I use in my daily work.”

In June 2002, Marr was promoted from a NIMA cartographer, to the Office of the NIMA Command Center as a staff officer. His duties are to ensure NIMA’s senior leaders are informed of world events, handle intelligence issues, and monitor, collect, evaluate, and disseminate important information to NIMA and its customers. In the future, he plans to obtain a doctorate in geography, and because of his rewarding experience at KU, he would eventually like to return to the university and teach geography.

Sara Galosi ’90 & ’92 has been active at KU since 1984 when she began her undergraduate studies in marine science and secondary education/biology. She is now the training and development specialist for Alcon Laboratories and is president of KU’s Alumni Board. She chose to join the board six years ago because she wanted to give something back to the university.

“The university has changed gigantically, and students now have such an advantage because of the state-of-the-art technology available to them,” Galosi said. “It is great that the institution is moving forward in the sciences, and students and professors are now able to use their talents in ways they could not before.” ✱



Geology majors Laurel Black ’04, left, and Lisa Ferguson ’04, gather equipment for a general chemistry lab.



## A Renewed Commitment to the Sciences

In May 2002, a \$ 21-million project was initiated to construct a new science center with advanced classroom and laboratory technology on the KU campus. The first phase of the project, a new four-story addition to the Boehm Science Center, was completed fall 2003. By July 2004, the entire project will be finished, including renovations of the original Boehm science building and the observatory portion of the Grim building, demolition of the east side of Grim, and construction of a reflection pool between the two buildings.

"This is a bright and exciting phase in the sciences at KU," Rudolph Mayrhofer, professor of chemistry, said. "The additional space allows us to get state-of-the art instrumentation, put together creative research projects, and keep our students on top of modern technology."

Students and professors of the geography department now have access to a cartography lab, a geographic information systems lab, and two more classroom facilities on the first floor. The biology department, which is located on the second floor, now includes a cold room, seminar room, dark room, sterile room, marine tank room, wet lab, herbarium, greenhouse, autoclave, and eight research laboratories.

The new chemistry and physics facilities are located on the third and fourth floors. The chemistry department now has an organic instrument room, an advanced instrumentation room, and two research labs. Physics has two student-faculty research spaces, a machine shop, and four advanced experiment rooms. The geology department, located on the first floor of the original building, has integrated student-faculty research spaces, a clean research lab, sedimentation lab, applied lab, X-ray diffraction/instrumentation room, and more space for rock preparation and rock storage.

"The new building has already had a significant impact on the university," Edward Simpson, chairman of the Department of Physical Sciences and interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, pictured above said. "It gives us the potential to grow because we are better positioned with the facilities and faculty to compete with other schools. I think we are going to be strong, and enrollment will go up." \*





BY ANNE M. RYAN '04

# UPWARD BOUND

MAKING COLLEGE A REALITY



While some students spend their lives knowing that they'll go to college, graduate, and secure a reasonably well-paying job, there are other students who have all the potential to do just that, but lack the knowledge of how to prepare and get started.

Kutztown University's Student Support Services Program is helping many first-generation college students who come from low-income families join together for mentoring, advisement, the support they need to succeed.

Under the umbrella of SSSP, KU's Upward Bound is catching young people long before they have the chance to write college off their list of priorities; and help them become college-bound.

SSSP serves 200 KU students each year who meet the first generation/low-income eligibility requirements. Students who enroll in the program visit the Student Support Services center often and actively participate in the advising process. They take a freshman seminar course and are assigned a faculty advisor to help them make the right steps as they start their college career.

"SSSP uses an intrusive advising model as an aid to assist students through the successful transition from high school to college, and to help students prepare and understand how to effectively manage a college environment," Ulysses Connor, director of SSSP, said.

PHOTOS BY JEFFREY FAZIO



Dr. Ulysses Connor, director of Student Support Services, laughs with a student. Connor has been responsible for securing multi million dollar grants to lead the SSSP programs to success.

**E**xtended orientation and intrusive advising have rendered great results to the university and to the success of the SSSP students. The students, whose socio-economic status frequently acts as a barrier to their potential, have a 90 percent freshman retention rate, which is significantly higher than the 75 percent retention rate achieved by the university as a whole. According to Connor, SSSP students also perform at a higher rate and graduate at a higher rank.

The program was first developed in 1993 when the U.S. Department of Education granted KU funds to establish SSSP. After witnessing the program's success, the Department of Education awarded the university \$600,000 to replicate the program at Lehigh Carbon Community College and Northampton Community College.

The Department of Education applauded KU's success in building retention programs and continued supporting its efforts toward serving less privileged students by granting \$1 million to the university in 1999 for the development of the federal college preparatory program Upward Bound, on the KU campus.

Upward Bound is an intensive program, requiring participating junior and senior high school students to attend on-campus preparatory classes on Saturdays, participate in an after-school tutoring and support program two days per week, visit the campus regularly, and live on campus for 6 weeks each summer.

Students enrolled in the program are not required to attend KU once they graduate, but the many who choose to continue their education at Kutztown receive a scholarship to aid in their success.

In the summer of 2003, KU's Upward Bound program was up for renewal and the U.S. Department of Education extended the program with a \$1.5 million grant that will fund the program over the through 2009.

In addition to continuing the Upward Bound Program, KU also received \$1.125 million grant to establish a Math and Science Upward Bound Program in the Allentown School District. That program will serve 50 high school students each year, and provide much needed assistance to students who hope to pursue careers in areas requiring math and science education.

The KU Math and Science Upward Bound program is one of 14 new projects to be funded nationally, and one of only three programs in the state. The other two math and science programs in the state are being implemented at Temple University and Penn State University, making KU's program unique to the State System of Higher Education.

"Kutztown is in the forefront of retention and college prep programs within the Commonwealth. Our programs are essential to President Cevallos' vision for a student centered academic institution, with a commitment to affording greater educational opportunities to those not normally served," Connor said. \*

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WE SALUTE HIM."

KU PRESIDENT F. JAVIER CEVALLOS





# KUTZTOWN KU ATHLETICS TO INDUCT SIX INTO HALL OF FAME

**T**his year's Hall of Fame induction class includes Robin Avery '98, a record-setting member of the women's basketball team; Daphne Hoyt '93, of the women's cross country and track & field teams; H. John Landis '67, catcher for the 1966 championship baseball team; Ron Lauchnor '63, high-scoring member of men's basketball team; Fran Metz '87, one of first 1,000 point scorers in women's basketball and a standout softball player; and Keith Newhard '59, a football and men's basketball stalwart.

The KU Hall of Fame and Athletics Award Banquet will be held in the Georgian Room of Old Main at 6:30 p.m. on June 4. The six new hall of famers will increase the membership to 131 since it was formed in 1977. Reservations for the banquet can be made at the KU Athletic Advancement Office for \$25 per person. For more information, call 610-683-4755.

**Robin Avery** was a record-setting forward for the women's basketball team, competing from 1993-97. Avery finished her career as the school's all-time scoring leader with 1,404 points and still ranks second all-time. She also holds the school's career records for field goals (539) and free throws (326), while ranking in the top five in scoring average (13.4 ppg.), field goal percentage (48.6 percent), rebounds (763), assists (326) and steals (186). In 1994-95, Avery set Kutztown's single-season record for scoring average (18.8 ppg.) and free throws (122). She was a three-time All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) East first-team selection (1994-97) and an Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) All-Star (1994-95). Avery was the team's Most Valuable Player in 1994-95 and 1996-97, won the coach's award in 1995-96, and was the team captain in 1996-97. In 1995-96, Avery started on the only team in school history to play in the NCAA Tournament and win a share of the PSAC East title. Following her senior season, Avery was named the 1996-97 KU Female Senior Athlete of the Year. Over her four years, Avery helped KU to a record of 62-45. She was selected by the school as one of the top female athletes of the 1990s in 2000 during KU's Athletes of the Century celebration. A native of Honesdale, Pa., she is a graduate of Honesdale High School. She graduated from Kutztown in 1998 with a degree in business administration.

**Daphne Hoyt** was an all-conference performer in both women's cross country and track & field from 1989-93. In cross country, Hoyt earned All-PSAC honors as a junior and senior, placing 15th at the conference championship in 1991 and third in 1992. Both seasons, she went on to earn All-Region honors, placing eighth and third, respectively, at the regional championships. In 1992, Hoyt competed at the NCAA Cross Country championships, where she placed 62nd. On the track, Hoyt was the 1992 PSAC champion in the 5,000-meter run and also placed second in the 10,000. As a senior, Hoyt was KU's only place winner at the 1993 PSAC championships, finishing second in the 10,000 and fifth in the 5,000. That year, she was named KU Female Athlete of the Year for her efforts in cross country and track & field. A native of Wapwallopen, Pa., she is a graduate of Berwick High School. She graduated from Kutztown in 1993 with a degree in fine arts.

**H. John Landis** was the cornerstone of the Golden Bear baseball team from 1964-67. Landis was the catcher on Kutztown's storied 1966 PSAC Championship team, a squad that ended a 30-year championship drought and won the first-ever PSAC title for Kutztown. Landis caught

every inning in 1966, including two NAIA regional playoff wins. After hitting .284 as a freshman in 1964, Landis batted .330 in '65, .400 in '66, and .340 in '67. He was named the team's most valuable player in 1967. Landis is a native of Northfield, N.J., and a graduate of Mainland Regional High School. He graduated from Kutztown in 1967 with a degree in elementary education.

**Ron Lauchnor** was an all-conference forward for the men's basketball team during his playing career from 1959-63. Lauchnor was the second-ever player to reach 1,000 points in his career, finishing with 1,142 points. He was also a strong defender, usually drawing the opponent's top player. During his four years, Lauchnor helped Kutztown to records of 14-3 (1959-60), 10-10 (1960-61), 14-4 (1961-62), and 13-6 (1962-63) for a career record of 51-23. The 1961-62 team won 10 PSAC contests, a record that still stands and has been matched only once, in 1988. That year, Lauchnor was named to All-PSAC honors. Lauchnor was a two-year captain. The University named him one of the top male athletes of the 1960s in 2000 during the school's Athletes of the Century celebration. He is a native of Emmaus, Pa., and a graduate of Emmaus High School. He graduated from Kutztown in 1963 with a degree in secondary education-biology/science.

## Kutztown University will add six new members to its Athletics Hall of Fame at this year's banquet on Friday, June 4.

**Fran Metz** was a record-setting guard for the women's basketball team from 1983-87 and a member of the softball team from 1986-87. She was the first player in the 1980s, and the second overall, to reach the 1,000-career point plateau. She finished with 1,050 points, currently eighth all-time at KU. Metz also finished as KU's career record holder in steals with 254, which is now second highest in school history. Metz was also a two-year letter winner for the Golden Bear softball team as an outfielder. A native of Hazleton, Pa., she is a graduate of Hazleton High School. She graduated from Kutztown in 1987 with a degree in marketing.

**Keith Newhard** was a stalwart member of the football and men's basketball teams from 1955-58. An offensive and defensive end, Newhard was a three-year letter winner for Joe Patton's football team, serving as team co-captain as a junior and senior. Newhard started for four seasons at center and forward for Walt Risley's basketball squad. Since graduating from Kutztown in 1959 with a degree in social studies, Newhard has gone on to a distinguished career in education and coaching in the Lehigh Valley. After a two-year stint in the U.S. Army where he competed for the 15th Infantry football, basketball, and track teams, Newhard embarked on a 38-year career in education, much of which was spent at Dieruff High School. Newhard is a member of Dieruff's Hall of Fame, having served as football coach, track and field coach, and finishing as athletics director before retiring in 1997. Newhard is an accomplished driver's education teacher, and remains active in athletics by serving on the Lehigh Valley chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. Newhard is a 1954 graduate of Northampton High School. \*

# UNDER THE tower



PHOTO BY WILLIAM MOWDER

## College of Visual and Performing Arts Dean's Scholars study trip to London

The College of Visual and Performing Arts Dean's Scholars spent January 4–11 on a study trip to London. Dean's Scholars include the top 5 percent of entering freshmen admitted directly from high school. This is the first year of the program. The co-curricular group provides students who have demonstrated superlative academic achievement with unique opportunities for academic and artistic growth, leadership, and service to the community. Students admitted participate in group activities, such as the study trip to London. In London, students spent a busy week touring the British Museum, the Tate Modern, the Globe Theatre, the Victoria and Albert Museum, and the National Gallery among other artistic and cultural institutions. They also attended a performance of "Cirque du Soleil" in the Royal Albert Hall and they worked on research projects. The students were accompanied by Dr. William Mowder, dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts, and Professor Roberta Crisson, chair of the speech communication and theatre department.



PHOTO BY MATTHEW J. SROKA

## President's Ball raises \$65,000 for scholarships

Almost \$65,000 was raised for student scholarships during the first President's Scholarship Ball, held Nov. 8. More than 300 people from eastern Pennsylvania attended the ball, which included a formal dinner, dancing to the music of the Steven Sher Orchestra, and silent and live auctions. The more than 100 silent auction items sold during a pre-dinner reception included everything from fine jewelry and art, to dinner with the Cevallos family, prepared by the president himself.

Cevallos announced in December that the proceeds from the ball will be divided among the university colleges to provide merit-based scholarships to attract high-achieving students. The second President's Ball has been set for Nov. 6, 2004.

## KU senior named to Board of Governors

Regina M. Donato, president of the KU Student Government Board, has been appointed to serve on the State System of Higher Education Board of Governors. Donato is a senior elementary education major, with additional emphasis on early childhood and urban education.

The Board of Governors has overall responsibility for planning and coordinating the development and operation of the State System. It establishes broad fiscal, personnel and educational policies under which the System universities operate.

"Our student members provide valuable input and insight into all of our discussions and policy-making decisions," said Board Chairman Charles A. Gomulka. "The perspective they bring to the Board on behalf of our more than 104,000 students is essential to our ability to meet fully all of our students' needs."

Donato has been a member of SGB at Kutztown since her freshman year, serving initially as a new resident representative. She also served for a year as SGB secretary before being elected president for the 2003-04 academic year. She is a graduate of Upper Merion Area High School.



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PHOTO BY RITTA M. BASU

## Project takes new approach to retaining minority students

An innovative approach for encouraging and retaining Latino students was developed last fall by management professor Carlos Ojeda and assistant director of financial aid Jose Molina. The Areyto Project has brought major Latino figures to the campus and has attracted dozens of students inspired by the success stories. Among the speakers have been Pedro A. Cortés, pictured above, secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Norman Bristol Colon, executive director of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Latino Affairs; and Angel Medina, executive director of the Philadelphia Latino Partnership.

The project will continue through the end of the academic year, with monthly programs in which leaders from the Latino community meet with students, focusing on developing internal motivation, instilling cultural pride and reinforcing the importance of academics and civility through group discussions, and ultimately, a final writing project.

The word "areyto" is an indigenous term used hundreds of years ago by Native Indians throughout the Caribbean and South America. It is a call to action and a calling together of leaders.



## NBC newsman will be featured speaker at Decision Makers Forum

Tim Russert, moderator of NBC's *Meet the Press* and Washington Bureau Chief of NBC News, will be the featured speaker at the 15th annual Decision Makers Forum, April 14, 2004.

Russert is a political analyst for *NBC Nightly News* and the *Today* program. He anchors *The Tim Russert Show*, a weekly interview program on CNBC and is a contributing anchor for MSNBC. Russert also serves as senior vice president of NBC News.

Russert took over the helm of *Meet the Press* in December 1991.

Since then, *Meet The Press* has become the most watched Sunday morning interview program in America and the most quoted news program in the world. Now in its 56th year, *Meet the Press* is the longest-running program in the history of television. Russert has interviewed every major figure on the American political scene.

Russert joined NBC News in 1984. In April 1985, he supervised the live broadcasts of the *Today* program from Rome, negotiating and arranging an appearance by Pope John Paul II, a first for American television. In 1986 and 1987, Russert led NBC News weeklong broadcasts from South America, Australia and China. In 1990 he oversaw production of the prime time news special *A Day in the Life of President Bush* and in 1993, *A Day in the Life of President Clinton*. He has covered eight U.S.-Russia summits in Geneva, Malta, Washington, Moscow and Vancouver.

In 2001, *Washingtonian Magazine* named Russert the best and most influential journalist in Washington, D.C. describing *Meet the Press* as "the most interesting and important hour on television."



## Fond Memories of the Old Days

Thanks to the many readers who responded to the undated photo on the back cover of the summer 2003 issue of the Tower, we were able to identify the four students in the picture as the class officers of 1941. From left to right their names are Lloyd Manwiller, president; Elizabeth (Betty) Ruth, vice president; John (Jack) Schaffer, treasurer; and Elinor Langdon, secretary.

According to a letter from Florence R. (Althouse) Ammarell, Manwiller was also known as "Frity." He was her neighbor in Temple, Pa. and fellow student at both Muhlenberg Township High School and Kutztown State Teacher's College. Although Manwiller has passed away, she remembers that he was not only a gentleman, but also a fun person to be around.

Rollin Trexler wrote that Schaffer was his best friend, and they were together through grade school, high school, and their studies at Kutztown. Schaffer passed away in November 1991, and Trexler said he is greatly missed.

Donald A. Davis, the photo editor of the '41 Keystone yearbook, wrote us to say that Langdon became the wife of Joe Gutekunst, also a '41 classmate. Joe Gutekunst was the dean of curriculum instruction and a renowned art professor at KU. He and Elinor lived in Kutztown for a number of years before he passed away in November 1998. Elinor still lives in Kutztown.

"As I remember, the old radio was just a prop. The photographer must have thought it added to the grouping," Elinor wrote. "It was fun to see this photo in print. Seeing it brought back many fond memories of my days at Kutztown State Teachers College."

*We encourage officers and representatives of other KU classes to write and tell us about their time of leadership on campus. Also, an upcoming issue of the Tower will focus on cultural enrichment, the second facet of KU's three-pronged vision statement. If you have stories to share of how KU contributed to your cultural awareness, whether it be through programs, activities, classes, field trips, or simply conversations with professors and friends, please write to Ritta M. Basu, Tower editor, 213 Stratton Administration Center, Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA 19530.*

## From Scandal to Scholarship: One Executive's Attempt to Give Something Back

By Nick Hoffman '04

The story of the Kevin N. Rock Scholarship may be just the thing to melt the cynicism of corporate America's most jaded observers. In a time when people's faith in the corporate world is reaching an all-time low, driven down by a string of highly publicized scandals, Tyco Electronics vice president and KU graduate Kevin Rock '79 sets a very positive example. Rock's generous \$10,000 donation creates a scholarship fund to aid KU students for years to come, empowering them to improve themselves and their communities.

Five percent of the value of the fund will be awarded every year to a student who maintains a 3.0 grade point average and is active in community and school activities. This scholarship is mainly intended for residents of Franklin and Cumberland counties, and will be awarded to the student with the greatest need, according to Richard Button, KU's director of development.

The scholarship fund will provide a \$500 a year benefit for the first student that receives it. As interest on the fund builds up, the amount of the scholarship will increase.

"I'd like to provide a little help to kids trying to make the financial equation – of getting into school and paying for it – work out. Hopefully it'll be enough to help some kids to get started and to make the decision to go to Kutztown," said Rock, vice president of the Americas for the Computer, Communications and Consumer Industries Division of Tyco Electronics.

Just a few months ago, Tyco quickly became a household word associated with corporate scandal. In an effort to show its corporate citizenship, Tyco offered executives the opportunity to donate their annual performance bonuses to a charity of their choice. Rock seized the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young people and chose the KU Foundation as the charity to receive his bonus.

"I have a lot of fond memories of Kutztown, and obviously getting a degree in business administration helped me get started in my career," Rock said. "So, it was really a way of giving something back to Kutztown."

Rock's scholarship is aimed toward residents of Cumberland and Franklin counties, because these communities are particularly relevant to him.

"I grew up in Franklin County, in a town called Mont Alto – a little town of about a thousand people," he reflected. "I also wanted to give something back to that area."

"My kids go to school in Cumberland County, it also has special significance to me," he continues, "I'd like to give the kids in Cumberland County even more reason to consider Kutztown than they had in the past."

Kevin Rock's scholarship has earned him the well-deserved gratitude of the Kutztown University community.

"The university is very grateful to Kevin," Button said, "We are absolutely thrilled that Kevin thought so much of his alma mater. He could have picked any charity in the world, and he picked his alma mater. I think that says great things about the faculty and staff here."

"We applaud Kevin Rock's actions," KU President Javier Cevallos said, "I'd like to express my appreciation, and the appreciation of the entire university, to him. With the many rising costs that affect students today, it is more important than ever for them to have access to the kind of help he has offered. I know that this scholarship will make a real difference in the lives and education of individual students, and that's something of which he can be very proud."

Rock's actions demonstrate his high regard for the communities and institutions with special meaning for him.

"The four years I spent at Kutztown were very enjoyable," Rock said. "When I have the opportunity to reflect on that, there were a lot of good times, and a lot of good memories. I'm just fortunate I was able to send this money back Kutztown's way, hopefully over time it will be beneficial to some kids."

# homecoming

AT KU

October 25, 2003

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**Class of 1988 reunion:** (1st row, left to right) Gayle Kipp, Tracy Misson Kaiser, Kathy Kilker Wagner, Patty Garrett Jurgensen, Mark Jurgensen; (2nd row) Anne Garbush, Eileen Ritz, Phil Sapovits, Anne Schonbachler Squadrito, Debra Neubert Pirsos, Ken Steward, President Cevallos.



**Class of 1993 reunion:** (1st row, left to right) Tina DePasquale, Lori Schwab, Mike Reale, Jennifer Schmidt, Jennifer Jaycox Odenwald; (2nd row) Nereo Rossi, Hayden Castro, President Cevallos, Joyce Edleman.



**Class of 1998 reunion:** (1st row, left to right) Kristie Hawk, Louis Dondero '99, Tracy Hender, Kendra Copenhaver Bailey, Deborah LaFiura Melson; (2nd row) Michelle Caravetta, Denise Reichwein, Kristin Kellar, President Cevallos, Teisha Wesner Madden, James Leahy.



**Class of 1983 reunion:** (1st row, left to right) Judy Nentwig, Bonnie Patrick, Eileen Snyder, April Jory Martin, Donna Snyder; (2nd row) Roberta Oman Zelenky, Dave Beck, Barb Buzinski Jones, Maurice Saylor, Carol Grim DeHaven, President Cevallos, Mark Weaver, Greg Mooy, Mark Hughes.



A reenactment of 1968's "great bookwalk" from the old library (now the Graduate Center, pictured above) to the new Rohrbach Library took place on Homecoming morning.



**Class of 1978 reunion:** (1st row, left to right) Kimbra Yoder Wasson, Robyn Hoffmaster, Mary Ackerman Gillen, Darrah Hall Schlegel, Cecile Magnette-Cooney; (2nd row) Clair Long, Ted "The Head" Whitby, Sam Missimer, Patrick Dougherty, John Coco, President Cevallos, Mark Walther, George Fox, Sandy Eckroth, Richard Focht.



The Electronic Media Department's annual alumni/staff mixer was another great success.



KU cheerleaders provided spirit at the alumni brunch in Keystone Field House.

**T**he Alumni Plaza was officially dedicated during the 2003 Homecoming festivities and people of all ages were delighted to see and experience the finished product — the waterfall and bubbling fountain connected by an underground stream, the amphitheater-type seating, the walkways and green areas, and finding their names and messages on the 800 inscribed bricks.



# class notes

## 1920s

### Class of 1928

In 2003, **Ethel (Hickernell) Dinger** celebrated her 95th birthday in Plant City, Fla., where she lives with her daughter, Barbara, and writes poetry. Her poem "November" places importance in helping others as we strive to achieve our dreams.

## 1940s

### Class of 1944

**Mary (Ropeter) Adams**, paints water-colors which depict local scenery and flowers.

### Class of 1945

In October, **Marjorie (Lengel) Richter** attended the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees State Convention as a delegate.

### Class of 1946

**Arlene (Lamm) Gross** is enjoying retirement and her 35-year marriage in Camp Hill, Pa.

**Grace Lefever** continues dedicating her time to the Pennsylvania Natural Living Conference, which held its 49th annual meeting this summer in Allentown, Pa. In addition to being one of the original organizers of this group she also owns Sonnewald Natural Foods, which is now managed by her daughter and son-in-law near York, Pa. She has seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, who are scattered across the United States.

### Class of 1949

**Joseph Todak** displayed the exhibit "Todak: Our Last Tango" at the Connexions Gallery in Easton, Pa.

## 1950s

### Class of 1950

In May of 2003, **E. Margaret Gabel** was bestowed the Elizabethtown Borough's annual Vincent W. O'Connor public service award for her devotion to the community through activities such as volunteering for the local police department, Meals-On-Wheels, and her service as president of the Elizabethtown Historical Society.

### Class of 1953

**June (Roush) Brown** of State College, Pa., thoroughly enjoyed her 50th year reunion with other KSC alumni proclaiming, "It brought back a flood of memories! KSC gave me a great education and KU continues the tradition."

**Jeanne (Held) Hand** and husband, Clyde, are proud of their granddaughter who was chosen as one of the top 20 finalists to represent Pennsylvania in the American Miss Pageant.

### Class of 1955

**Joan (Greene) Costello** helps children learn to read through the Chester East Side Ministries. In November 2003, she had an art exhibit at Taylor Hospital in Ridley Park, Pa.

### Class of 1957

**Mary (Meier) Leight** and **Robert Leight '59** have operated Richland Country Day School, a state licensed nursery school, since 1976.

### Class of 1958

**Rudy Ackerman** participated in the Faculty Exhibition 2003 at the Baum School of Art with alumni **Shawn Mazzatta '02** and **Christopher Scappaticci '01**.

### Class of 1959

**Vasileki (Chianos) Birrell** is a retired art specialist from the Jersey City Board of Education. Two of his Polaroid pieces have been displayed at Watchung Arts Center.

**Kristine (Gemmell) Strickler** has been married to Harold Stricker for 27 years. They have two daughters in college. Kristine is active at St. David's in Willow Grove, Pa.

**George M. Meiser IX** was re-elected president of the Historical Society of Berks County.

## 1960s

### Class of 1960

**Dzintra (Vaivars) Baidins** retired after 24 years as librarian at Archmere Academy in Del. She has made six visits to her friends and family in Latvia since 1991, providing them with financial aid to rebuild their lives after 50 years of communist rule.

### Class of 1961

In January 2002, **Joanne (Nissley) Mengel** retired from Jefferson County Public Schools, Louisville Ky. Since then she has completed a novel, "Come in Out of the Rain," and is employed by Educational Resources. She also mentors first-year teachers in the public schools through the RENEW project.

### Class of 1962

**Ronald Smoyer, M.D.** is enjoying retirement, golfing and bluewater fishing in South Carolina.

### Class of 1963

**Patricia (Troxell) Mighell** authored a cartooning syllabus, approved as an elective for Northampton Area High School. The 119 students in the 2003 course had fun and learned elements and principles of design.

### Class of 1964

**Carol (Bordnar) Hunsberger** recently designed and edited a history of Muhlenberg Township. The 300-page

volume commemorated the township's 150th anniversary. Carol taught in Muhlenberg Township for 34 years until her retirement in 1999.

**William Fox Munroe** returned to the Reading area from Colorado to track and study timber rattlesnakes for five years. The project, funded by the state Bureau of Forestry, is important because the species has the potential to become endangered. Fox Munroe is the principal biologist.

Last summer, **Jeanette (Sloan) Campbell** enjoyed staying on campus as a bell ringer with friends from the AGHER Festival. She's delighted with KU's progress and the air conditioning in dorm rooms. Jeanette has a 23-year-old framing business in Lewisburg, Pa.

### Class of 1965

**Judith Wanfried** retired from teaching art in the Northern Lebanon School District. Judith works for the KU alumni-founded costume company, Scaramouche, in Bethlehem, Pa.

### Class of 1967

**Joe Buesgen** retired in June 2002 after 35 years in the education field. He worked in the Bethlehem Area School District as a science/biology teacher for 11 years and in the Whitehall-Coplay School District for 24 years as assistant principal, first in the high school and later in the middle school. He reports that retirement is great!

**Timothy Warke** has been promoted to program expert in the regional office of Program and Integrity Reviews, Jamaica, N.Y. He began his career as a claims authorizer for the Social Security Administration in New York City in 1968.

### Class of 1968

**John K. Robinson** has been promoted from a historic site administrator and press secretary to director of the state Historical Marker Program for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. He oversees the nomination, text preparation, and manufacture of approximately 50 historical markers each year.

In October 2003, **Gerald "Gerry" Rowan** returned to the KU campus to share his expertise in glazing pottery with students

**W. Andrew Stover** retired after 35 years of teaching elementary school art.

**Doris "Dee" (Tshudy) Paradis** and her fifth graders created a permanent art exhibit in the surgical unit at Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford, Conn.

### Class of 1969

**Lee Heffner** dedicated 35 years to the Hamburg Area School District and retired from his position as acting assistant principal in 2003.

**Jay and Patricia Ruch's '70** son is a senior at Penn State University and will have the honor of studying at Cologne University in Germany this year.

**Joseph Reichert** has begun his 34th year of teaching Spanish at Pottsville Area High School and is considering retirement in the next year or two. He looks forward to coming back to campus as his daughter, Lloren, is a member of the freshman class at KU.

After 35 years, **Karen (Wengert) Braucher** retired as a school librarian.

## 1970s

### Class of 1970

**Joachim Eisenblaetter** is enjoying her retirement from teaching. She spends time traveling, reading and writing editorials.

**David Sestak** has collected more than 600 photographs of post WWII America since 1996. Thirty-four of these "social landscapes" are images taken by or featuring the poet/activist Allen Ginsberg. These photos were displayed at the Allentown Art Museum in the fall of 2003.

After teaching sixth grade for 33 years, **M. Scott Wehr** retired in 2003. He enjoys the warm weather, golf and tennis in Ormond Beach, Fla.

### Class of 1971

**Robert Cozza** retired from his position as assistant principal of Brick Township High School after 32 years with the school district in Brick, N.J. He and his wife, Sheila, will be moving to Cape Coral, Fla.

The October 2003 issue of *School Arts* includes **Willis N. Clawser's** lesson plan for high school students capturing the magic of light with a camera.

**Mark Frankel** assumed the position of principal at Claymont Elementary School, Brandywine School District, Del. He joins his fiancée who is also a principal. His previous school in Baltimore received the title of Nationally Distinguished School and was featured on CNN World News and NBC's Weekend Edition. Mark was a presenter for the Education Trust in Washington, D.C., which hosts more than 600 national and international business and educational leaders.

**Constance (Green) McAleer** participated in KU's planned giving program and bequeathed rare 18th and 19th century books as well as an extensive collection of John Updike books and documents.

**Michael Rupp Sr.** was among the 15 Adams County art teachers who presented their artwork at Gallery 3 in Gettysburg, Pa.

**Barry Steely** had two shows displaying his new untitled paintings dealing with nature/nurture. The first took place at the Muse Gallery in Philadelphia, and the other was at his gallery Figureworks in Williamsburg, N.Y.

## Class of 1972

**Georgianne Bonifanti** finished her 28th year of teaching in Manchester City, Vt. During the summer of 2002, she studied in Thailand and then hosted a Thai teacher in the spring of 2003. At home she keeps busy teaching design instruction for school libraries through a class and is working on a book proposal.

**Paul Casey** is a network manager for a health care delivery company in Maine where he lives with wife, Denise, in Peaks Island.

In 2003, **Rosanne (Flamisch) Heckman** retired after 35 years of teaching at Parkland High School in Allentown, Pa. She was head of the mathematics department and taught computer science.

**Rosemarie Semonche** was honored at the Pennsville Board of Education's Eighth Annual Recognition Dinner for her perfect attendance and retirement after 28 years of teaching at Valley Park School, N.J. Semonche plans to continue volunteering and teaching English to Spanish-speaking people at St. Catherine of Sienna, Del.

## Class of 1973

In May 2003, **Joanne Banko** received her master's degree in library and information science from San Jose State University.

**Joel Lipics** retired to Brownsville, Texas after being an entrepreneur for 21 years in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

**William "Chet" Schreiber** and wife, Carol, are new grandparents to Jason Jon Jr., born September 2003.

**Robert Stickloon's** work with Bruce Brazzo titled "A Question of Reality" was displayed at the Everhart Museum in Tamaqua, Pa.

## Class of 1974

**Thomas Angstadt** has been flying helicopters for 24 years since being honorably discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1980. He has assisted in fighting wildfires in western United States by dropping water from the air, transporting firefighters, and participating in cargo missions supporting firefighters.

**Lydia (Conrad) Chibane** has taught special education at Paramus High School, N.J., while caring for her two teenage sons.

In March 2003, **Pam LeClerc** was ordained a priest of the Old Catholic Church of North America, Diocese of Florida, after completing her master's degree in divinity. She works part-time for the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office in Tampa as jail chaplain. Pam is the first Catholic chaplain for this county.

**Alan Ernst** was promoted to vice president of sales and marketing at Gamber Container Inc. in Lancaster.

After home-schooling her two sons for 11 years, **Wendy (Eck) Terbeek** became director at the Hammond Library in Crown Point, N.Y. She is also an EMT, a part of the fire police force, and active in her church.

## Class of 1975

**Cathryn (Candy) Gaul** is an art teacher at Haddonfield Friends School, while her husband is a reporter for the *Washington Post*. Their eldest son graduated from Princeton University, and their other son is a wheelchair athlete on the USA team that traveled to the Australian Junior National Wheelchair Sports Festival.

**Carla D. Langdon** is an assistant professor for the Department of Academic Development and Counseling at Lock Haven University. Previously she was a rehabilitation counselor and teacher for the visually impaired.

**Richard "Rick" Schaeffer** is serving in the U.S. Army Reserves on active duty in Washington, D.C., as a lieutenant colonel and commander of a military intelligence detachment. Prior to this he served as a liaison officer for Civil Administration in the United Nations mission in Kosovo.

## Class of 1976

**Margee (Becker) Schaeffer** works for the U.S. Army in a New Jersey Health Clinic.

**Patty (Niemeier) Sproehnle** is employed by Swets Informational Services as their Mid-Atlantic regional

sales manager, selling to corporate and government librarians.

**Peter Snyder** is the owner of a landscaping business in Reading. He has decorated a new restaurant as well as tanning salons and a dentist's office.

## Class of 1977

**Barbara (Bardes) Kilpatrick** had a one-woman sculpture exhibition at the Dance Theater Workshop Gallery in Chelsea, Manhattan. In addition to this accomplishment, she received a Bessie, the equivalent of theatre's Tony Award, for creating/choreographing "Undoing" in 2002.

**Ruth (Frank) Bush** works in the interior design industry. She has worked for corporate art departments such as Bank of America, Blue Cross, and Hasbro Toys. Examples of her work can be seen in many Las Vegas casinos or at [www.lasvegasartteam.com](http://www.lasvegasartteam.com).

**Katherine (Frank) Fridirici** teaches the primary physical support class at Dodd Elementary School in Allentown, Pa. She is active with the Dieruff H.S. Instrumental Music Club, a member of Parish Council, and a cantor at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Siena. A proud mother of a college and high school senior, Katherine is also a member of Boy Scout Troop #11 and a die-hard Philadelphia Eagles fan.

**Marilyn (Frankowski) Fox's** artwork was displayed at the Penn State Berks and Lehigh Valley campuses. Her art is based on the study of electro-microscope prints, biomorphic forms, molecular images, and X-rays.

## Class of 1978

**Scott Balsai** was named the Idaho State English Teacher of the Year in October 2002. Currently he's working against the recommendation that all teachers in Idaho receive their technology certification. He is receiving recognition for his opinions on technology from the local newspaper, *The Idaho State Journal*, and from professors at Idaho State University.

In Belleville Pa., **Dave Haughwout** composes music and tinkers with electronic keyboards and synthesizers. He looks forward to spending more time on his hobbies upon completion of his studio.

**Carol (Liebl) Corso** completed her principal certification at Penn State University. She teaches in Central Bucks and is school board director for Southern Lehigh School District. She is married with three children, Gabrielle, 14, Jacqueline, 13, and Thomas, 9.

**Lisa (Moser) Tiger** works for Century 21 Advance Realty specializing in upscale properties where husband, John Herman, is the owner. She has owned and operated Tiger Graphics in Reading for 20 years.

## THE 11TH ANNUAL ARTHUR & ISABEL WIESENBERGER FACULTY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Any current, full-time faculty member at KU is eligible for nomination. The faculty member should be an outstanding teacher who demonstrates those qualities most closely associated with excellence in teaching. In addition, there should be evidence of excellence in all that the nominee does within the educational community of KU.

The recipient will be selected by an anonymous committee from the Alumni Association. The selection process will be kept in strict confidence by the committee. A past recipient is not eligible to receive the award again.

Nominations are solicited from university faculty, administration, staff, alumni, and students. *Deadline for submission is May 1.*

### Nomination form

NAME OF NOMINEE

DEPT./POSITION

YOUR NAME

SIGNATURE (REQUIRED)

YOUR AFFILIATION WITH KU

YOUR HOME PHONE

BUSINESS PHONE

DATE OF NOMINATION

Submit the following supporting materials with this form:

- a letter of introduction stating why this nominee deserves to be selected
- indicate any research and/or creative educational programs in which the person has participated, and briefly outline some of the key contributions he/she has made in his/her field of teaching.

**Please forward form and other information to:  
Wiesenberger Faculty Award Committee  
Kutztown University Office of Alumni Relations  
PO Box 730, Kutztown, PA 19530**

## Class of 1979

**Gary Schneck** was promoted from vice president of commercial lending to vice president of small business lending for Lafayette Ambassador Bank in Easton, Pa.

**Jennifer (Smith) Winegarner** enjoys living in Anchorage, Alaska, with her husband of 20-plus years and their three children. She is a Realtor and has participated in five Ironman Triathlons.

## 1980s

### Class of 1980

**Anne (Harrington) Morris** is a cash management sales representative for Citizens Bank and lives in West Chester, Pa., with husband, Dan, and two daughters, Elizabeth, 16, and Kathryn, 12.

**Linda Keck** has a private practice as a licensed psychologist in Kingston, Pa. She has earned prizes in juried art exhibitions for her works, primarily watercolor paintings.

In 2003, **Cathy (Snyder) Shirley** received a master of arts in education with a specialty in reading degree from Eastern Mennonite University. She is a reading specialist at Rockingham County Public Schools, Va.

**Jeff White** has been named co-creative director by LA Advertising, a Lehigh Valley-based integrated marketing communications and advertising agency. Previously he served as the art director and has been with the company since 1981.

### Class of 1981

**Jeffrey Herman** accepted a counseling position at Lehigh Carbon Community College.

**Marianne (Koskulitz) Bartman** is serving as assistant dean for operations and student services for Rollins College's Brevard campus in West Melbourne, Fla. Marianne and husband, Rick, live in Indialantic, Fla.

**Patricia (Miller) Snyder** is a vice president in the credit products

management group of First Union Bank/Wachovia. She lives in Kutztown with husband, **Tim '82**, and sons, Jeffrey and Nicholas.

**Daryl (Shore) Land** is the head broker at Balsley Losco Realtor in Smithville, N.J., and received the Circle of Excellence Award in 2002 and 2003. She lives in Galloway with her sons, Eric and Steven.

### Class of 1982

**Lisa (McIntyre) Barnshaw** and **Byron '84** are career missionaries for Christar and reside in Fleetwood, Pa., with daughters Jasmine, Jude, Haley, and Mia. Lisa joined a masters swim team and is competing in local swim meets.

**Harry Barone** scanned photos taken of his fellow classmates at a party and would be happy to share them. See the online alumni e-mail directory for contact information.

In fall 2003, **Curtis Smith's** first novel, "An Unadorned Life," was released. Much of the setting is in Kutztown and the first chapter takes place during the infamous Halloween parade.

**Tim Snyder** has been a juvenile probation officer for Berks County since 1982 and lives in Kutztown with wife, Pat (Miller) '81 and their sons, Jeffrey and Nicholas.

**Vito Petitti**, commander with the Naval Reserve, returned safely to his family in San Diego, Calif., after his service in Iraq and Kuwait as an intelligence officer.

**Edward Wills** was promoted to director of Biomedical Communications with the Children's Hospital in Denver, Colo.

### Class of 1984

**Janet (Weymouth) Kaltreider** earned an administrative certification from Shippensburg University and is assistant principal at Spring Grove Area Senior High School in south central Pa.

### Class of 1985

**Helena Anderson** completed a master's degree in art education at the University

of the Arts in Philadelphia and was appointed professor of art history at Cheney University.

**Barbara Johnson-Gray** lives in Chesapeake, Va., with her husband and two children.

**Jeff Dolan** completed his first triathlon.

**Devin McFerren** was promoted vice president/chief operating officer for Spectrum Community Services, Inc.

**Beverly (Kramer) Kramer** is a human resources manager for Kraft Foods in Rupert, Idaho. She and husband, Brian, have two children, Brian, 16, and Victoria, 14.

**Martha (Seibert) Steel** is the website designer for her firm SeibertNet Communications Design Inc. She lives in Lumberton, N.J., with her husband and three children.

### Class of 1986

**Laurie (Gottstine) DeMartino** is featured in the Smithsonian's Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum's Triennial exhibition, Inside Design Now. The exhibit features 80 designers and firms shaping today's environment. Laurie continues to own and operate her design studio, Laurie DeMartino Design, in Minneapolis.

**Peter Gray** was promoted to senior relationship manager of the commercial banking division of First Union in Allentown, Pa. Peter began his career at First Union as a credit analyst in 1988.

In 2003, **Jerry Semasek** passed the bar examination for Florida. He is working in the Office of Chief Counsel for Pennsylvania's Department of Revenue in Harrisburg and lives in Camp Hill.

**Don Trexler** was promoted to assistant vice president of claims administration at Penn Treaty Network America Insurance Company in Allentown where he's worked for three years. The Lehigh Valley is home for him and his wife, Alison, and their four children.

### Class of 1987

**Luba (Kanor) Abrams** lives south of Baltimore with her husband, Ron, and their twin boys. She is director of marketing for Giant Food.

### Class of 1988

**Cynthia (McClure) Thomasset** returned with her husband, Charles, and their two children from living in France. They now live in West Chester where Cynthia is a stay-at-home mom.

In August, **Michael Litzenberger's** daughter, Olivia, turned 2 years old.

**Kelly (Theis) Miller** is living in Selinsgrove, Pa., with husband, Bill, and sons, Rowan and Sean. She works part-time as an epidemiologist doing head research for the Henry M. Jackson Foundation in Washington, D.C.

### Class of 1989

Professional storyteller **Kristin (Krumanocker) Pedemonti** is a member of the Lehigh Valley Storytelling Guild and the National Storytelling Network. Kristin is also the youth services/children's librarian at the Upper Perkiomen Valley Library in Red Hill. She lives with her husband, two

rescued greyhounds, a mini dachshund, and a chihuahua.

**Doreen Golembeski '89&'97** received her educational media certification from William Paterson University and is a media specialist at Lincoln Elementary School in Caldwell, N.J.

**Irvin Jones** teaches social studies to high school students at Gallup McKinley County Schools, N.M., and would love to see teaching positions at Gallup McKinley filled by KU alumni.

## 1990s

### Class of 1990

**Wendy (Keim) Gremlin** runs a day care facility and lives in Lehigh, Pa., with her husband and three children.

**James Roberts III** celebrated his 10th wedding anniversary in July 2003.

In May 2003, **Petra Anne Zimmerman** received her Ph.D. in climatology from the University of Delaware. After spending a year as a visiting faculty member at the University of Iowa, she is now an assistant professor of geography at Ball State University.

### Class of 1991

**Debra (Attrill) Redcay** is teaching English as a second language to kindergartners at Northwest Area Elementary and Glenside Elementary in the Reading School District.

**Erin (Astolfi) Blank** left her mascot position with the Detroit Tigers to supervise the mascot program of six minor league baseball teams, and to assist in costume design and promotions for Raymond Entertainment Group in St. Paul, Minn. Soon she will be relocating back to Lancaster, Pa., with husband, Matthew '94.

**Duane Brooks** is head wrestling coach for Modesto High School and adjunct instructor at Modesto Junior College in Calif. Duane is a customer service mgr. at XO Communications in San Jose.

**Barbara (Furphy) Sienko** attends LaSalle University in the marriage and family post-graduate program. In May 2005, Barb will graduate as a licensed marriage and family therapist.

**Debbie (Kerchner) O'Byrne** was named assistant principal of Ellicott Mills Middle School in Ellicott City, Md. She is the proud mother of two girls, Ashley, 1, and Kaitlyn, 3.

**Scott Lord** is engaged to **Melitta "Mikki" Haas '00**. In October they plan to marry and look forward to blending their families and sharing festivities at KU's homecoming. Scott continues to revive accounts for a local electric and telecommunication distributor.

In December 2002, **Lisa (Smitreski) Draper** graduated with a Ph.D. in education from Penn State University and is teaching at Nitschmann Middle School in Bethlehem, Pa. She is an adjunct professor for the education department at Lehigh University.

### Class of 1992

**Joyce (Frantz) Ballaban** earned a Ph.D. in education from Immaculata University in August 2003.

## ALUMNI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April	1- 6 .....	California Alumni Gatherings
	3 .....	Fools Run
	14 .....	Decision Makers Forum with Tim Russert
	24 .....	Bearfest XXVI
May	5 .....	Ladies Garden Party
	7 .....	Emeriti Luncheon
	8 .....	Graduation/50th Year Class
	22 .....	Alumni Weekend
June	11 .....	Reading Phillies Baseball Game
	18 .....	Allentown Ambassadors Baseball Game
	30 .....	PA German Festival
July	5- 16 .....	Heart of Alaska Trip
	TBA .....	Scranton Red Barons Baseball Game
August	7- 22 .....	European Adventure (Portugal/Spain/France/Italy/Malta)

Visit [www.kutztown.edu/alumni](http://www.kutztown.edu/alumni) for details on these events and other alumni news.

**Diane (Hudock) Hammer** received her master's degree in informational systems from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J.

## Class of 1993

**Hayden Castro** has returned to KU for a second bachelor's degree in theatre and is also pursuing his master's degree in electronic media.

**Patrick Lundy** was recently promoted to systems manager at LA Advertising, a Lehigh Valley-based marketing communications and advertising agency. Patrick is also in the process of becoming a Microsoft certified system administrator.

**Linda (McGown) Shives** celebrated her one-year anniversary with WebSurveyor as the marketing manager in corporate identity.

**Robert Munsey** is a principal for Bank of America in New York City and has risk management responsibilities for the bank's Global Equities Platform. He and wife Jacqueline have one son, Pierce, and live in Chatham, N.J.

In January 2003, **George Park III** relocated from France to Harleysville, Pa. — three months later his belongings arrived. George is employed with Laird Technologies.

**Tim Panella** composed the animated nine-episode series, VH1 ILL-ustrated, which aired in October 2003.

Self-taught piano sensation and accomplished percussionist **Michael Reale**, released a follow-up solo album, "Embracing Change." He continues to play drums for the dynamic pop rock quintuplet Corey Andrew in New York City.

**Steve Skrocki**, business manager of the Penn Manor School District, Lancaster County, was renewed as a Pennsylvania Registered School Business Administrator by the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBO). He has served on the PASBO Benchmarking Committee since 1996 and has conducted workshops on pertinent school management issues. Steve is a past recipient of PASBO's statewide Award of Achievement.

**Lori Schwab** was one of 7,886 elementary and secondary school teachers nationwide who achieved National Board Certification in 2002, in accordance with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. This status is achieved through a voluntary process of rigorous performance-based assessment that takes nearly a year to complete. Schwab is teaching special education while completing her master's degree in educational technology in Naples, Fla.

## Class of 1994

**Matthew Blank** completed a master's degree in counseling at Michigan Theological Seminary and will be relocating with his wife, **Erin '91**, to Lancaster, Pa.

**Alisa Carr** has returned to Pennsylvania and works for Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour, which provides funds to help make performances possible within the state.

**Robert Cesca** produced the nine-episode animated series, VH1 ILL-ustrated, which aired in October 2003.

**Scott Nessel** received a Ph.D. in divinity from Shepperton University, London, and is a preacher for The Cana Group.

During the summer of 2003, **Andy Rash** hiked through uncharted territory in north Greenland. Each day's hike consisted of 12 to 17 hours of ice, slush, and rocks, which ultimately resulted in his loss of eight toes.

**Jodi (Shockey) Plum** graduated from Maryland Institute College of Art in 2002 with a master's degree in fine arts, specialty in painting.

## Class of 1995

**Linda Butterweck** was promoted to director of Events & Administration at the Pennsylvania Expo Center in Allentown, Pa.

**Michael McFarland's** paintings were displayed at the Perry County Council of the Arts Gallery in Newport. His work includes pastel, watercolor, and graphite landscapes.

**Mark Robart** is working for QVC as a control room assistant director in West Chester, Pa.

## Class of 1996

**Brian Batzel** is a validation consultant for the pharmaceutical industry and the creative director for a special interest magazine in St. Augustine, Fla.

**Travis Townsend's** sculpture, "The Rebuilt Secret Object," consisting of wood, paper, paint, and thread was on display at the Lower Taylor Gallery at Berea College, Ky.

After spending a year in New Mexico, **Joseph Greig** is back in Pennsylvania and looking forward to returning to school.

**Robin Kestner** was promoted to senior editor at JPL Productions. Kestner was an intern at JPL while attending KU and earned a full-time position upon graduation.

**Kristoffer Lubas** has qualified at the senior level as a certified hazardous materials manager and is currently the waste coordinator for Genzyme Corporation. This certification requires a specific education level, experience and competency, and successfully passing a rigorous national examination.

In July, **Todd Marrone** was featured on the Philadelphia news program, FOX Good Day Live. He painted a giant mural in front of the television studio during the show and unveiled the piece at the show's conclusion.



**Lori Anne (Dietrich) Artz** (above) recently assisted the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association in planning the organization's centennial celebration. Several hundred nurses, legislators, and invited

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guests attended the event, which was highlighted by an appearance and remarks by Gov. Ed Rendell.

## Class of 1997

**Abigail Beck** is heading the largest grant New York City's Department of Education ever received. The \$41.9 million grant will provide crisis counseling and interventions to students, parents, and staff directly affected by the events of 9/11.

**Sarah (Robinson) Darnley** enjoys her home in McDonald, Pa., with husband, David, and son, Cole Alexander.

**Lisa (Smethers) Young**, is a sales manager for AT&T and lives with her husband in North Wales, Pa.

## Class of 1998

**Kendra Bailey** is developing a permanency worker program for a Philadelphia non-profit agency that specializes in foster care, kinship care, and adoption.

**Hiwot Bekele** is an accounting revenue manager with Somerset Marriot Hotel in N.J. In 2001, she was recognized as manager of the first quarter.

**Jonathan Krause** is currently pursuing a master of divinity degree at Moravian Seminary and plans to be ordained in the Presbyterian Church. Krause is serving as a seminary intern at the United Presbyterian Church in Pottsville, Pa.

In 2001, **Shannon Marcus** graduated from Syracuse University College of Law and was approved to practice law in New York. She is employed as an attorney/case manager with the legal department of UBS Financial Services Inc. in Weehawken, N.J.

**Stephanie Storch** completed her master's degree in education at Loyola College, Md., and is now a certified reading specialist.

## Class of 1999

**Hope (Emerson) Procter** is enjoying her first home with her husband and two-year-old son, Colin.

**Erich Hess** is an environmental health specialist with the Burlington County Health Department in N.J.

**Amy Johnson** is a reporter/producer for Bethlehem's PBS weekly news-magazine, Tempo. She remains active in local music organizations, and in 2002 was nominated for a Mid-Atlantic Emmy Award for a documentary she produced.

**Laura Kicey** is employed by Marcolina Design in Ambler, Pa., where she produces print and motion graphics for corporate clients. Previously, she worked in New York City at Lukasiewicz Design as a packaging designer of fragrances and cosmetics.

**Sarah King** is teaching first grade at Thomas Edison Charter School in Wilmington, Del.

**Jessica Lantz** is program director for the Susquehanna Art Museum's VanGo! Museum. VanGo! is an exhibition of art works on display in a converted bus that travels to schools throughout the state.

**Kimberly Levin** received a master's degree in educational leadership from Lehigh University.

**Shannon McBride** bought a house in Weatherly, Pa., with her husband, Louis. Shannon teaches sixth and eighth grades at Panther Valley Middle School and takes graduate classes at Wilkes University.

**Lynn McNulty** was accepted into Widener University's student personnel program in higher education. Lynn is saving for a house and has found the man she's going to marry!

**Amy Shotwell** is working as a legal assistant for an Annapolis, Md., based law firm that specializes in defending medical malpractice cases. In the summers of 2001 and 2002, she worked for the Baltimore Orioles' minor league team, the Bowie Baysox.

**Matt Sutter** animated VH1 ILL-ustrated, a nine-episode series that aired in October 2003.

**Jodi VanGaasbeck** graduated from Binghamton University with a master's degree in literacy education.

## 2000s

### Class of 2000

**Peter Dalkner** was the production artist and Jeff Bandelin did the animated character design for the nine-episode series, VH1 ILL-ustrated, which aired in October 2003.

**Chris Clark** works in the engineering department at Philadelphia Sign Company. Previously, he was art director for Bright Sign, Inc. in Reading.

**Sandra (Freiler) Parker** has moved with her husband, Scott, to Alabama where she is the graphic designer for Auburn University's Samuel Ginn College of Engineering. She is responsible for revamping their entire image in both print and website, as well as overseeing all the graphics from the engineering college.

In October, **Melitta "Mikki" Haas** and **Scott Lord '91** plan to get married. They look forward to blending their families and homecoming at KU. Mikki's son especially looks forward to the children's tent every year! Mikki enjoys teaching at a private school in Allentown.

## Class of 2001

**Jennifer Bozzone** is an admissions representative for DPT Business School in Philadelphia and enjoys helping others further their education.

**Christopher Scappaticci** participated in the Faculty Exhibition 2003 at the Baum School of Art.

## Class of 2002

**Brian Fields** won the audition as a one-time performance percussionist for Shania Twain's concert in Indianapolis. Brian attends graduate school in Indiana.

**Derek Hafer** is one of the owners of Kazoos Restaurant in Leesport, Pa. In July he helped organize the business's first open mic night, where he entertained the crowd with his new band Mortimer.

**Jennifer Kristin (Hannum) Hoffman** is living in the Washington D.C. Metro area with fellow alumna, **Mary D'Amico**. Jennifer recently changed her last name to that of her stepfather's.

**Shawn Mazzatta** took part in the Faculty Exhibition 2003 at the Baum School of Art.

**Robert Score Jr.** accepted a position at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University as a media producer. He produces courseware for students worldwide.

In June 2003, **Matthew Smircich** graduated from the police academy and currently works in Washington, D.C.

**Christina Tice** teaches art at the Coolidge Unified School District in Arizona.

## Class of 2003

**Melanie Gerrish** was appointed marketing coordinator for Elk Environmental Services in Reading.

## Marriages

### 1970s

Terry (Pennell) '73 to Daniel Dworkin, 7-11-03

Stephanie (Ruff) to James Mascavage '71, 4-1-89

### 1980s

Debra (Krause) to Karl Rarig '86, 6-28-03

### 1990s

Hiwot (Bekele) '98 to Ameha A Beyecha, 8-24-02

Jennifer (Burke) '98 to Gregory Doran '98, 11-1-03

Karen (Caputo) '97 to Edward Cilurso, 9-8-00

Vicki (Chintala) '99 to Brian Sloan '00, 8-10-03

Wendy (Clauser) '97 to Dave Heintzelman, 5-24-03

Karen (Cummings) '00 to Todd Skoczynski '99, 5-3-03

Karen (Curtis) '98 to Scott Mann '00, March 2003

Krista (Dattisman) '94 to Todd Hoppel, 2-7-03

Rebecca (Fairchild) '98 to Edward Fisher, 8-16-03

Brandi (Gavornik) '93 to Christopher DeHart, 7-26-03

Kathryn (Grill) '96 to Chad Hoeppel, 10-25-02

Dana (Harmata) '98 to Todd Coleman '98, 10-5-02

Heather (Herman) '92 to John Shaner, 5-10-03

Cinnamon (Jenkins) to Thomas Draper '97, 4-12-03

Nicole (Latissa) to John Carpenter '94, 12-13-03

Jill (Lichman) '97 to Charles Hoch Jr., 5-17-03

Tracey (Kallay) '94 to Devin Hackwith, 2003

Megan (Kast) '98 to Robert Mojeda, 1-24-03

Tara (Maffeo) '99 to Michael Parker, November 2003

Deanna (McComsey) '90 to Clayton O'Shane, 6-14-03

Michelle (Miller) '97 to Jeremy Garges, 4-15-00

Kelly (Morgan) to Brian Carroll '98, October 2003

Shawn (Moser) '96 to Paul Zdanczewicz, 5-24-03

Elizabeth (Mosser) '99 to Christopher Stevens '00, 4-26-03

Christina (Provost) '98 to Christopher Delaney, May 2003

Jennifer (Sarko) '94 to Dion Reed, 8-9-03

Michelle (Schneider) '92 to Karl Hirsch, 4-26-03

Tara (Sillett) to Michael Berger '97, 10-3-03

Lori (Sinkowski) '98 to Gregg Rieker, 5-3-03

Lisa (Smethers) '97 to John Young, 10-25-02

Pamela (Stewarts) '94 to Edward Wackermann, 6-21-03

Lorie (Swarner) '92 to Vince Penderghest, 9-10-99

Alison (Thomas) '92 to John Piziak, 9-28-02

Erin (Tingle) '00 to Chad Hibshman '99, 4-12-03

Kathleen (Whalen) '96 to John McGill, 11-30-02

Kelli (Welker) '92 to William Shaner, 11-29-02

### 2000s

Jennifer (Adamson) to Shawn Horn '01, 7-12-03

Stacy (Barron) '00 to Timothy Sommer '00, 8-9-03

Karen (Breidinger) '00 to Mark Trinkle '00, 5-3-03

Jennifer (Brittenburg) & Mark Albert '01, 6-1-02

Jennifer (Cerqueira) '00 to Thomas Marazas '02, 7-26-03

Laura (Khalil) '01 to Christopher Scappaticci '01, 7-12-03

Heather (Lederer) '00 to Dean Myers, 4-12-03

Carrie (Martnick) '00 to Rob Saul, 11-9-02

Elissa (Nemchik) '02 to Jonathan Pesesko, 7-21-03

Nichole (Oravic) '00 to Christopher Apgar '01, June 2003

Sandra (Parker) '02 to Scott Freiler, May 2002

Michelle (Ponak) '02 to Salvatore Famularo, 10-10-02

Kera (Shipe) '01 to Scott Reitenauer Jr., 5-31-03

Christine (Stephens) '00 to Mark Brown '00, 6-14-03

Amy (Varner) '00 to Donald Bray, 5-24-03

Vicki (Yingst) '02 to Benjamin Werley, 9-7-02

## Births

### 1970s

Sheree (Boone) '79 and Larry Blanski: adopted a son, D. Jacob 7-30-03

Stephanie (Ruff) and James Mascavage '71: a son, Andrew 8-26-96

### 1980s

Gail (Balthaser) '80 and Robert Schanzer: a son, Dylan Zachary 6-15-03

Keri (Fredrickson) '87 and Martin Mittura '91: a daughter, Olivia Mary 6-11-02

Luba (Kanar) '87 and Ron Abrams: twin sons, February 2003

Diane (Hancock) '81 and Gerald Garzone '82: a daughter, Olivia Rose 6-26-03

Sheila (Mahoney) '88 and Michael Startup: a daughter, Catherine Eva 4-21-03

Kim (McGinley) '87 and Jason Smith: a daughter, Morgan Rose 1-17-03

Jacqueline (Morgan) '89 and Jamie Miller: a daughter, Gabrielle Elizabeth 5-14-03

Dianne (Noll) '89 and John Coccia '87: a daughter, Gina Marie 4-10-03

Denise and Gregory Rautzhan '88: a son, Gregory Jr. 6-16-03

Lisa (Thomas) '88 and Joseph Gasper: a daughter, Emily Elizabeth 7-6-02

Renee (White) '86 and David Nelson: a son, Hunter Andrew 3-14-02

### 1990s

Sherry (Bahling) '93 and Brion Morro: a son, Zachary David 7-18-03

Allison (Bauman) '96 and John Frable: a son, Dawson Jon 1-19-03

Colleen (Benning) '97 and Mark Snyder '97: a son, Mark Jonah 3-30-03

Michelle (Bernhard) '97 and Barry Kushner: a son, Shawn 5-25-03

Lela and Mark Burke '92: a son, Nathan Foster 9-5-02

Cyndi & Ronald Dabravalskie '90: a daughter, Madison Margaret 3-27-03

Carolyn '94 and Daniel Daneker '94: a son, Mitchell Ellis 4-19-99, a daughter, Caris Taylor 7-16-03

Krista (Dattisman) '94 and Todd Hoppel: a daughter, Kacie Mae 5-22-03



Sheri (Dellicker) '94 and Todd Hernandez '98: (left) a daughter, Reagan Tru 6-22-03

Carrie (Donald) '91 and James Carroll '97: a daughter, Eleanor Grace Reid 5-6-03

Colleen (Ege) '90 and David VanBilliard: a daughter, Brooke Lynn 7-22-03



Stacy (Ehrlich) '90 and Eric Darwin: (above) triplets, Ethan, Ashley and Marissa 7-10-02

Jennifer (Eschbach) '94 and Stephen Poff: a son, Thaddeus Ryan 8-17-03

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Jamie (Ellis) '98 and David Boyers: a son, Jakob David September 2003  
 Nicole (Godshall) '98 and Massimo Folino: a daughter, Sofia Isabella 9-4-03  
 Susan (Goss) '91 and Dan Mahoney: a daughter, Meghan 10-16-03  
 Susan (Hart) '90 and Tod Thomas: a daughter, Reily Jacklyn 9-4-03  
 Diane (Hartman) Hanlon '95: a daughter, Riley Marie 5-28-03  
 Kimberly (Hinkle) '90 and Paul Sonntag: a daughter, Kelsey Ann 5-15-02  
 Traci (Hollenbach) '94 & '00 and Jamey Webb '94: a daughter, Alexandria Jade 10-28-02  
 Megan (Kast) '98 and Robert Mojeda: a son, Christopher Robert 9-17-02  
 Dena and Thomas Kauffman '92: a daughter, Kristina LaRue 10-1-03  
 Stephanie (Keener) '95 and Randy Snyder: a daughter, Kayla Shay 4-17-03  
 Megan (Kerns) '97 and Joseph Collins: a son, Joseph Thomas 6-15-03  
 Kathleen (Ketter) '95 and Russell Steger: a son, Jacob 8-25-02  
 Amy (Lucas) '93 and Scott Rode: a daughter, Megan Elyse 4-29-03  
 Cynthia (Miller) '95 and Richie Muffley: a daughter, Cera Maegan 6-20-03  
 Michelle (Miller) '97 and Jeremy Garges: a daughter, Hope Arlene 4-15-02  
 Barbara (Moss) '94 and Jason Ferri '94: a daughter, Kailey Elizabeth 6-19-03  
 Kristie Lynn (Much) '94 and Stephen Brunner: a son, Darren Jake 3-31-03  
 Christa Murphy and William Dunn '00: a daughter, Alexa Mya 7-15-03  
 Susan (Murray) '90 and John Sluk '90: a son, Jack 7-8-02  
 Diane (Reichert) '90 and Thomas Rose '91: a daughter, Ellie Jane 2-23-03  
 Jessica (Rittenhouse) '94 and Timothy Jones: daughters, Natalie 1-8-01 and Payton 7-26-03  
 Sarah (Robinson) '97 and David Darnley: a son, Cole Alexander 2-13-03  
 Carol (Rodenberger) '95 and J. David Bush: a son, Jacob 3-27-03  
 Amy (Ross) '94 and Harry Miller III: a son, Ryan 6-21-03  
 Kelley (Slocum) '93 and Robert Curran: a daughter, Rachel Grace 8-29-03  
 Stacy (Sucro) '90 and John Opiela: a daughter, Caitlin 10-31-02  
 Lorie (Swarnner) '92 and Vince Penderghest: daughters, Abby Delanie 10-13-01 and Emma Riley 4-25-03  
 Lisa and Frank Teklits '91: a daughter, Ellie Ji-Ping 1-20-03  
 Stefanie (VanDorick) '93 and Edward Coffey: a son, Eamon Michael 9-9-03  
 Christine (Ward) '98 and Scott Hamer: a son, Tyler Alan 5-29-03  
 Kathleen (Whalen) '96 and John McGill: a son, John Stewart McGill IV 9-18-03  
 Laura (West) '99 and Brian Nichterlein: a daughter, Grace Marie 5-6-02

## 2000s

Jennifer (Bergin) '00 and Stephen Reinheimer: a son, Evan Stephen 10-2-02  
 Sarah (Rogers) '00 and Christopher Eckenrode '00: a son, Gabriel William 6-22-03

## In Memory

### Class of '16

Beulah (Rothenberger) Mease 8-18-03

### Class of '21

Olive (Trexler) Fitterling, April 2003  
 Minnie (Ulrich) Diefenderfer 8-31-03

### Class of '22

Ruth (Bond) Steininger 6-6-03

### Class of '25

Reta (Sollenberger) Shearer 4-16-03  
 Edgar Yehl 8-20-03

### Class of '26

Elsie Stine 9-12-03

### Class of '27

Emma Berger 8-6-03  
 Ethel (Haws) McHugh 11-20-03  
 Ella Seaburg 3-1-99

### Class of '28

Esther (Gerber) Miller 11-28-03

### Class of '29

Clara (Herb) Smith 2-25-00

### Class of '30

Margaret (Emmert) Larose 6-30-03

### Class of '31

M. Elizabeth Reed 11-6-03

### Class of '32

Marie (Becker) Souders 7-2-03  
 Arlene Haupt 6-26-03  
 Mildred (Henry) Miller 8-26-03  
 Glenn C. Irving 7-31-03  
 Doris (Kaseman) Mauger 5-9-03  
 R. Pauline (Koons) McCoy 12-21-02  
 Mary Ellen (Moyer) Wenrich 7-7-03  
 Lillian (Wolfe) Hilbert 8-12-03

### Class of '33

Paul Stump 5-2-03

### Class of '34

Mary (Laubach) Whitehead 11-10-03  
 Virginia (Olson) Dennis 3-9-01

### Class of '35

Earl Fenstermacher 12-7-03  
 Mabel (Kressley) Handwerk 8-13-03  
 Catherine Strasburg 4-23-03

### Class of '36

Alice (Griesemer) Trout 5-5-03  
 Velma (Hykes) Strayer 10-25-03

### Class of '37

Herbert Mucklow 10-17-03  
 Ella (Sanders) Rothermel 12-23-02

### Class of '38

Ruth (Kern) Mack 4-26-03  
 Harriet (Zearfoss) Shrader 6-24-03

### Class of '39

Lucille (Hagenbuch) Frable 9-5-03

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### Class of '42

Evelyn (Haag) Kohl 6-4-03

### Class of '43

James Conway 10-25-03  
 Gladys (Jones) Werley 10-23-03

### Class of '44

Jeanne (Marquardt) Samuels 3-5-03

### Class of '45

Katherine (Maurer) Stefan 7-15-03  
 Jane (McKinney) Davis 8-10-03

### Class of '48

Mary (Martinez) Oppenheim 6-13-03

### Class of '49

Mary (Grill) Koch 6-27-03

### Class of '50

John Bischoff 4-29-03  
 Warren Fenstermacher 3-5-03  
 Betty (Kunkle) Trainer 6-25-03  
 Donald Smith 4-28-02

### Class of '52

Frank Marelo 7-20-03  
 Geraldine (Wahl) Miller 7-2-03

### Class of '55

Nancy (Day) Weeber 8-26-03  
 Janet (Morton) Goodspeed 3-10-03

### Class of '58

Marilyn (Jones) McDonald 4-4-03  
 Carl Yescavage 5-24-03

### Class of '59

William Lohman 8-24-02

### Class of '61

Patrick Anderson '61&'70, 6-30-03

### Class of '64

Mildred (Moyer) Breiner 1-23-03

### Class of '67

Joseph Berner 7-7-03  
 Michael Olikier 5-29-03

### Class of '68

Barbara Lloyd 6-14-03

### Class of '70

Karen (Reisenweaver) Pagano 12-26-02

### Class of '72

Connie Wirt 9-16-03

### Class of '73

Gerard Didyoung 7-26-03

### Class of '75

Barbara (Verano) Cattarin 4-2-03

### Class of '78

Larry Heck 6-5-03  
 Melvin Sharbaugh 6-7-03

### Class of '83

Michael Brunda 8-14-03

**Corrections:** Susan Madden Scheurer '79 and Matthew McCarthy '00 were incorrectly listed as deceased in the Summer 2003 issue of the *Tower*. We are happy to report that both Susan and Matthew are alive and well. Also, under Class of 1951, Thomas Colbey's name was misspelled.

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These 1951 football programs were sent in by Sidney Young of Haverton, Pa., after he saw his face among the football players pictured in the Summer 2002 KU Magazine. The programs include hand-painted player images on the front cover, and hand-painted Pepsi advertisements in the center. The programs have now become a part of the university archives, housed at Rohrbach Library.