to our readers

THIS ISSUE FOCUSES ON THE MANY WAYS OUR alumni, students, and scholarship sponsors work to help others achieve their goals every day. Through community volunteer projects to endowing a lasting scholarship; these stories illuminate caring individuals who make our world a better place.

This issue also provides a look into the future. Kutztown University is one of the largest providers of on-campus housing in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education with nearly half the student population living on campus. As we continue to grow, our plans include a new residence hall, the largest in our history, in addition to many campus renovation projects. Presented by our Department of Housing and Residential Services, the Housing Master Plan is a roadmap for growth and renewal.

Finally, a special article details the many new benchmarks our university programs are achieving. From re-accreditation through the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, of which Kutztown has been a part since its inception, and the National Association of Schools of Music, to recent accreditation by the American Chemical Society, the National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education, and the Commission on Accreditation of the Council of Social Work Education; we are proud to say KU is achieving the highest marks possible.

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President

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 Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated in 2005 that more than 28 percent of the population of the United States does volunteer work. In 2006, more than 2,000 KU students contributed more than 30,000 hours of community service. In real terms, this represents a $500,000 contribution of time and talent toward the improvement of the quality of life for others.

On campus, there are many options for students to volunteer. For example, this school year, students sponsored an Up 'Til Dawn fund-raiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital raising $21,000 in support. Student staff members and incoming freshmen in the Connections orientation program worked to raise another $2,010 for the hospital.

Through the office of Student Services and Campus Life, students can become involved with a variety of outreach activities from fund raising to building a new home through Habitat for Humanity. In addition, many of the Greek organizations, student organizations, and classroom activities feature strong philanthropic elements.

“Students who take the time to become involved in off-campus volunteer activities are truly making the most of their collegiate life,” said Robert T. Watrous, dean of Student Services and Campus Life. “There is a transformative power to the service that students provide that not only enhances the quality of life for those in the community, but also improves academic performance, clarifies career objectives, and strengthens personal character.”

One KU alumna, whose interest was piqued through a class project, is Kathi Kuzo ‘96 and ’02. By combining her love of animals with a real need in many communities to control domestic pet populations, this enterprising financial advisor changes out of a business suit to don a lab assistant jacket on weekends.

“It all began with my independent study on non-profit management during the summer of 2000,” said Kuzo. “That got me thinking about volunteer community programs. Right after I wrote the paper, I was looking for something to do on my weekends and decided to get involved with cat rescue through the Cat Shack in Trexlertown, Pa.”

An adoption agency and low cost neuter/spay clinic, Kuzo worked to help the Cat Shack become an incorporated non-profit agency. As she became more involved with the organization, Kuzo realized there was a need for hands-on help in the other departments as well. Surprising even herself, she now works in the operating room.

“If you had told me six or seven years ago that I would be assisting a veterinarian with neutering a cat, I would have laughed,” she said. “It all started out just as something for me to do on my weekends. Now it’s a big part of my life. The number of new relationships I’ve made through volunteering is incredible, and it makes me feel good about myself that I am doing something for our community.”

Nostalgia and the desire to give the children of his community the same memories and pleasure of a friendly game of pickup basketball in a safe environment has led Robert Stettner ‘89 to a second career of revitalizing Slatington, Pa. He was just 21 years old and still working toward a degree in telecommunications at KU when he attended his first meeting of the Slattington neighborhood playground association.

“Growing up, I wasn’t active in school activities,” he said. “But I did spend a lot of time on the playground. My friend’s father was vice president of the association, and they invited me to the meeting. Then, to my surprise, they elected me president.”

Working to improve the city playground next to borough hall seemed like an ideal place to start, he said.

“I felt it was a chance to rehabilitate the area, and I wanted to give opportunities to the kids that I didn’t have growing up.”

The borough playground now has new equipment, a well maintained basketball court, and a brand new pre-school playground. Stettner said it all started with his studies for a minor in public administration at KU.

“That got the fire burning,” he said. “The coursework taught me about the various departments of local government and helped me to develop my grant writing abilities.”

Improving the playground was just the beginning for Stettner. By the time he graduated from Kutztown, he was the president of his neighborhood fire company and joined the local community center group. Today he is part of a new community visioning group working to revitalize Slattington. In 2003, this busy court deposition videographer was elected chair of Slattington’s Parks and Recreation Commission.

“This shows how much people can do when they work together. I encourage everybody to volunteer in some way,” Stettner said. “If we all did, it would be a much better world.”

For some, the passion for making a difference in the lives of others started in high school. Those first experiences create a desire to do more and can lead to a career in caring.

During her first big fund-raising event in high school, Katy Spinks ’95 was team captain for the March of Dimes Walk America. When she came to KU, she joined the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority and volunteered to help raise funds for the...
National Kidney Foundation. As she worked toward a degree in English with a minor in public relations, she participated in an internship with the United Way in Reading, Pa.

“During the six to eight weeks I spent with United Way, I learned a lot about the different non-profit agencies that serve a community.”

The internship changed her life. Her résumé now lists professional experience with non-profit agencies and is filled with volunteer work. On top of being the special events development associate for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Columbia Northwest in Portland, Oregon, Spinks is proud to say she is a big sister to a 12 year-old girl.

“Volunteering provides an excellent opportunity. We are all busy, but everyone should try to carve out a little time to help someone else.”

For David J. Reimer Sr. ’89, telecommunications, serving as a volunteer firefighter is a family tradition. His grandfather was a fire chief in Aspers, Pa.; his father was a volunteer firefighter in Gettysburg, Pa.; and Reimer began rolling up fire hoses and cleaning trucks when he was 14.

When he came to Kutztown in 1985, he volunteered at Kutztown Fire Company No. 1. Today he is president of the company in addition to working a full-time job as technology coordinator for the Berks County library system.

“I devote every spare moment I have to the fire department,” he said. “It is my second full-time job, and I love it.”

Reimer can’t recommend volunteering highly enough. It gives him a purpose in life outside of work, and allows him to truly become a part of the community in which he lives.

“Volunteering adds years to your life, and it enriches your heart and soul.”

If that is true, then Cristina Rivera ’09 has a long and rich life ahead of her. She began mentoring with Big Brothers and Big Sisters in high school and is now a KU volunteer with the Lehigh Valley College Chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

“Through Habitat for Humanity, KU students join with other colleges, under guidance, to assist volunteer construction and professional trade people build homes which are sold as inexpensive, basic housing.”

More than just learning construction skills and helping others afford a new home; Rivera says volunteer work offers many rewards.

“I’m a psychology major, so it’s nice to meet people. And the work keeps you humble, as it helps you to think of others.”

Kathryn Gress ’96, is as much a mentor as a volunteer. She has made a career of pairing animals with individuals in need. When she came to Kutztown to study for a master’s in counseling psychology, she also was working to establish her first animal rescue mission with two cats, a dog, and two horses.

“I did 26 years of nursing before I received my master’s degree,” she said. “It was early in my career that I learned about the special bond humans have with animals. I started with a trained service dog 15 years ago taking him around and visiting people. Then in 1999, I opened the Gress Mountain Ranch in Orefield, Pa.”

The Gress Mountain Ranch is a large and small animal sanctuary offering forever homes to unwanted animals. These animals are trained to work with troubled youth and depressed adults. The center also mentors veterinary students, mental health counselors, nursing students, and education students.

Gress says the best part of her job is seeing the contentment the animals bring to her clients.

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Katy Spinks ’95

Robert Stettner ’89
Through a new online service contracted by Kutztown University; alumni, students, and professors can research major companies and corporations throughout the nation with just a click of the mouse button.

The VAULT service is linked to both the Rohrbach Library and the KU alumni websites, allowing users to cull from more than 3,000 company profiles. In addition to employer information, the site also offers more than 1,100 career advice articles covering a wide variety of topics. Ninety guides for student and alumni job seekers are available. Industry and occupation profiles are available to parents, teachers, and students looking for industry’s current needs and trends.

“The new service can accommodate a freshman choosing a major, a junior seeking an internship, a graduating senior seeking a position with an organization, or any student, alumnus or alumna needing information on employers” said Kerri Gardi, associate director of KU Career Services.

Many unusual topics also are covered in this all-inclusive online resource. Career advice guides to top internships, international careers, starting your own business, and “schmoozing” are some of the topics users will find listed.

Extensive overviews of career fields, from accounting to corporate law, offer advice, statistics, and insider tips to getting and keeping a job.

“Our faculty members will find important information on industry trends and company profiles for their research needs,” Gardi said. “For alumni and parents, the overall career outlook information is invaluable for helping students find their niche in the world of work.”

Open to everyone who logs on to the alumni website or visits the Rohrbach Library page, VAULT is an invaluable resource for making many important career decisions. For more information go to: http://www.kutztown.edu/alumni/wiesenberger and click on the VAULT link.

$16,000 endowment fund has been established at Kutztown University in the name of The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 560 - Kutztown, Pa.

One award recipient will be selected each year. The award is for two years and will be equal to one-half of 5 percent of the fund balance awarded to a student, who is accepted to and will attend Kutztown University, who meets the following criteria:

• Is a son or daughter of an honorably discharged veteran
• Is a resident either of the Brandywine, Fleetwood, or Kutztown area school districts
• Has demonstrated financial need
• Maintains a 2.5 Grade Point Average [GPA] and continues to participate in the ROTC program*
• And commits to pursuing a commission at the point of eligibility

This two-year endowment award will be available during and awarded for the successful applicant’s freshman and sophomore years only. In the event that, in any given year, there is no award recipient as described above, then the recipient will be a student who is accepted to and will attend Kutztown University who meets the following criteria:

• Is an honorably discharged veteran
• Is a resident of the Brandywine, Fleetwood, or Kutztown area school districts
• Has demonstrated financial need
• And maintains a 2.5 GPA

This award will be available during and awarded for the successful applicant’s freshman and sophomore years only. Establishing this endowment fund will ensure that VFW Post 560 will forever have a lasting and positive impact on the surrounding community. The recipients of this award will in turn ensure a continued commitment to their community and their country through the assistance provided to help them get a quality education.

* In the event there is no ROTC affiliate membership available while attending Kutztown University then this requirement is reduced to maintaining a 2.5 GPA.
Scholarships can be created for a variety of reasons, from the celebration of an anniversary, to forming a lasting memorial for a loved one. Scholarships can also provide the donor an opportunity to publicly express and promote values and ideals that are important to them.

Alumna Joyce Kutz Wehr '46 is one of KU's most active scholarship supporters. Through her donation to four different scholarships, numerous students' lives have been touched.

Wehr created the John and Sadie Kutz Scholarship in memory of her parents John '12 and Sadie '20 Kutz to aid deserving students who have excellent grades, leadership potential, and who are involved in campus activities. The Sadie Kutz and Nancy Henderson Scholarship, established by Wehr in the memory of her mother Sadie and her daughter Nancy J. Henderson '70, recognizes the 75th and 25th anniversaries of their respective graduations. The Charles A. and Joyce Kutz Wehr Scholarship was formed in memory of her husband Charles and is in celebration of their life together. It provides scholarship assistance to a student majoring in education who exhibits the qualities of academic excellence necessary to become a successful teacher in today's environment.

And the Lillian C. Hartman Scholarship, established by Lillian C. Hartman '23 and '34 to provide assistance to an incoming freshman majoring in education, is supported by Wehr through her thoughtful donations.
Those who establish a KU scholarship join with students at the annual Heritage Luncheon. During these special events, new bonds are formed as recipient students and their hopes and dreams find an interested and generous donor.

“Meeting the students at the Heritage Luncheon is one of the most gratifying things that has happened to me,” said Wehr of the event. “They are so thankful. I’ve been kissed and hugged.”

Recipients write letters to donors expressing their appreciation and telling about their lives at KU. Andrew Mummert ’09, computer science, and recipient of the Sadie Kutz and Nancy Henderson Scholarship, said in his letter to Wehr that he is very grateful for the help the scholarship provides.

“I can’t thank you enough for your support. This scholarship makes a huge difference in my life, and it is all because of your kindness toward students like me. To be generous enough to give of your own money to a scholarship for a student at Kutztown takes a special person. To be the recipient of that scholarship makes me feel honored and motivates me even more to do my best in all my classes. Your support is very important to me, and I will never forget how much you helped me.”

It is not hard to see how much of a positive influence a scholarship has in the life of one student. Scholarships established through the KU Foundation touch many lives and are responsible for countless success stories like the one above.

Recently Denise Noll, secondary education major, recipient of the Charles A. and Joyce Kutz Wehr scholarship, told her benefactor that she vows to continue the tradition of giving. “I can not thank you enough for your interest and concern in my college experience,” she said. “After graduation, I will follow you and many other caring people by donating to various scholarship funds to reward hard-working and dedicated students.”

The J. Mark Piscitelli Memorial Scholarship was created by Joe and Diane Piscitelli in memory of their son Mark Piscitelli. Joined by friends and family in support of the scholarship, the fund seeks to continue the enriching experiences provided by international travel and a KU education.

“As a student at KU, Mark was fortunate to be chosen to spend time studying in Europe,” Joe Piscitelli said. “His experience was very positive, returning to Kutztown with a new appreciation of European culture and international relations. We created the scholarship because of the impact the experience of international study can have on other KU students.”

Recipient Stephen Kenney ’08 said he has made a special commitment to use the scholarship to the best of his abilities. “Thank you for your generous scholarship. “I will not let you down. I will be as successful as possible to prove to myself how I can make a difference in all that surrounds me,” he said.

Scholarships can also be created to encourage and support a great variety of enriching campus activities, studies, and fields of interest in addition to honoring loved ones and family. The Marguerite Marsch Shinsky Women’s Cross Country Direct Scholarship is just one example. Established by Michelle Shinsky Mason ’73 in memory of her mother, the scholarship is awarded annually to a member of the cross country team.

“We have enjoyed watching our daughter Meghan grow both athletically and academically throughout her high school and college experience as a cross country runner,” said Michelle Mason. “We wanted to provide that same opportunity for a deserving student athlete at KU. This scholarship is also a special way to remember Meghan’s grandmother who was one of her biggest fans.”
Erica Kabbeko, who is a junior majoring in art education and this year’s recipient, told her sponsor: “You are helping me tremendously as well as my family, who has supported me throughout my life to make my goals a reality. With your kindness and generosity, you are supporting my passions for running and art. I want to thank you again and tell you that it takes a very special person to offer so much.”

Created by Richard G. Wells, professor emeritus, the Wells Jazz Scholarship promotes the study of jazz at KU. “Emotional joy is the final result of any music,” said Wells of the creation of his scholarship. “But jazz provides the fun in making the emotional joy a continued effect upon the individual, because he/she created it. Jazz is about a creative process, getting to know the performer as a human being, guiding them toward improvement while also learning something yourself. It is personally touching when you hear from students many years later and learn that because of their high school or college jazz experience, they have become better engaged in life with their families. These are some of the reasons I created the jazz scholarship.”

Recipient Ben Ashton told Wells that: “Your scholarship will certainly help me in my jazz studies at KU.”

Marybeth Kern, another recipient of the scholarship said: “The KU Jazz Ensemble has taught me incredible amounts of musical elements and life lessons that I will continue to use throughout my career, educationally, and professionally. I am truly grateful for the scholarship.”

And Stephen Kenney, also a recipient of the Wells Jazz Scholarship, said: “This scholarship is very important to me, and I thank you deeply for your kindness.”

Supporting students who work toward the highest achievement possible are the John Holingjak Jr. Scholarship and the John Holingjak Honors Scholarships.

“My Kutztown education was the basis for my success,” said Holingjak ’56, who is a professor of education at West Chester University. “Through these scholarships, I am endeavoring to make it easier for students to gain access to the same quality education that has been so important to my career.”

Megan Pray said of the John Holingjak Honors Scholarship: “Your support is extremely helpful and is truly making a difference for me. The scholarship makes it possible for me to live on campus and have a full class schedule.”

Allison Berry, also a recipient of the honors scholarship, said recognition for a job well done is an inspiration to do even more. “It means so much to me,” she said. “I am inspired to continue to work hard, to keep my grades up, and to graduate in 2009 with honors.”

To Katie Adam, the John Holingjak Jr. Scholarship provides an invaluable incentive to succeed. “I really appreciate your generosity for allowing scholarships to be available to students who want to follow their dreams. With your kindness and support, the scholarship will help me further my education to succeed in life.”

Lives changed, goals met, and a legacy of giving that gives back to both the individual and the community are just some of the positive influences of scholarships. For the creators of these remarkable gifts, the ability to touch lives across generations is also part of the appeal. The end result is an indelible mark stamped in the pages of the history of Kutztown University and the statement that these caring individuals have worked hard to create a means for students to find success on the path to achievement.
KU makes it rewarding to create your own scholarship fund

KU Privately-Funded Scholarships help students reach their goals and provide donors with many significant benefits. By creating a scholarship for deserving students you will experience the joy of making a difference in someone’s life. Plus, each year the scholarship is awarded, your name or the name of someone you wish to honor or memorialize will be remembered. As a scholarship provider, you will be supporting the university in its important mission to attract and retain excellent students.

Creators of a privately-funded scholarship also can establish requirements for student eligibility. Some scholarship providers in the past have chosen to support a specific academic major, or help someone from their own hometown. Others have encouraged community involvement, volunteer service, academic preparation, or similar requirements to meet the scholarship’s goals and focus. Or scholarships also may simply be based on the student’s financial need or academic merit.

By creating a scholarship, you will be helping to reinforce the values important to you in succeeding generations.

Establishing an Endowed Scholarship

An endowed scholarship is a minimum gift of $10,000 that is invested. A portion of the annual income obtained on the principal is awarded as the scholarship. Income and gains from interest beyond 5 percent annually are added to the principal, thus permitting the base endowment to grow over time. Because the principal is never spent, the scholarship will always be available to students.

There are several ways to fund an endowed scholarship:

Funding as an Outright Gift

You can fund your endowed scholarships with an outright gift of cash or appreciated securities valued at $10,000 or more. The gift must be held in the endowment for a minimum of one year to generate income which is then given as the scholarship. If you wish to award the scholarship before a year passes, you may make an additional smaller one-time cash gift which will be used during the year the principal accrues interest. After that, the scholarship is self sustaining.

Creating an Endowed Scholarship One Step at a Time through Partial Gifts

You can fund an endowed scholarship over a period of time. Through annual commitments of at least $1,000, income and gains on the fund are added to the principal, building the scholarship endowment over several years. Then, one year after the endowment balance reaches the $10,000 mark, the interest earned on the fund is awarded as the scholarship.

Again, if you would like to award a scholarship immediately as you are waiting for the endowment to grow to the secured level of $10,000, you can make additional annual gifts of at least $500 which will be awarded as the scholarship until the principal matures.

Funding through Planned Gifts

You also can chose to fund an endowed scholarship through an annuity or trust, which also will provide you with life income. Or you can easily fund a scholarship by designating it as an estate gift.

Direct Scholarships

Direct scholarships are established through multi-year commitments of at least $500 each year, payable by March 15. Different than an endowed scholarship, direct scholarships use the entire gift amount as the scholarship, which is provided to eligible students the following academic year.

Presidential Scholarships

The Presidential Scholarship is a special program that was established to provide extraordinary scholarships and attract extraordinary students.

You can create a Presidential Scholarship in two ways: through a direct scholarship fund by committing at least $2,500 per year for four years; or with an endowed scholarship by committing at least $50,000 over a four-year period.

A KU development officer will be happy to work with you to create a scholarship and help you realize tax savings through your generous gift. On all scholarships, the KU Foundation charges an administrative fee of 10 percent for annual gifts and a one-time 5 percent fee for endowment gifts to help offset the costs of administering the fund.

Simple and easy to create, scholarships leave a lasting impression on those who receive them, and complement the resources so vital to life of the Kutztown University community.

For more information contact: Dick Button, Assistant Vice President for Development, Kutztown University, P.O. Box 151, Kutztown, PA 19530; call toll free 1-800-682-1866 ext. 3-1394; or e-mail button@kutztown.edu.
The term accreditation means more than meeting the formal requirements of a regional or national non-profit accrediting agency. At KU, accreditation means students who attend Kutztown earn a degree and credits that are valued by institutions of higher learning, employers, school districts, industries, businesses, and professional licensing organizations.

Over the past 12 months, Kutztown University has received accreditation in several important new fields, and even set new national standards for accreditation in one program. This year the Master’s of Social Work program was accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council of Social Work Education [CSWE], the teacher education programs in the College of Education were re-accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education [NCATE], and re-accreditation for the music program was received by the National Association of Schools of Music; the American Chemical Society accredited KU chemistry programs in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the KU Coaching Education Program received accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education [NCACE].

In the United States, authority over postsecondary educational institutions is given to the states. According to the U.S. Department of Education, each state is different in its expectations of quality and standards; therefore, private non-profit agencies with a regional or national scope have adopted standards to evaluate whether or not colleges and universities provide educational programs at levels of quality. There are two basic types of accreditation—institutional accreditation and specialized program accreditation.

KU Teachers Program Marks 50 years of NCATE Accreditation

NCATE accreditation is a specialized accreditation that assures school districts throughout the nation that teachers graduating from an accredited institution are educated in the best modern teaching practices. Kutztown has had a long-standing tradition of accreditation through NCATE. Going back to 1956, the first year NCATE offered accreditation; Kutztown State Teachers College was on board. And Kutztown has remained committed to NCATE through continual re-accreditation of its teacher preparation education programs. In 2006, Kutztown’s teacher preparation program again received the NCATE stamp of approval.

The Coaching Education Program Establishes New Benchmarks

Approximately 30 million to 45 million youth, ages six to 18, participate in at least one school- or community-based athletic program each year. Teaching and managing these activities requires 2.5 million coaches. To assure that coaches coming out of Kutztown University’s concentration in coaching education meet top industry standards, the program has been newly accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education [NCACE] – one of only six accredited university programs in the nation.

Developed by Dr. Judith L. Smith, associate professor of Human Kinetics, the KU program has been selected by NCACE as a benchmark for future universities seeking accreditation. “Our coursework meets or exceeds the national educational standards in preparation, methods, techniques, and addressing the problems encountered in coaching,” she said.

The program is designed to contribute to the overall development of the student as a complete person, taking with them the values and ethics learned into their future careers and the workplace.

“The focus of the program is to provide learning experiences that will enable students to develop knowledge, skills, and values associated with effective coaching,” Smith said.

“Students who successfully complete the program will have a better understanding of how a coach’s actions and behaviors affect the family, school or organization, community and most important, the total growth and development of an athlete as a person.”

For school districts looking to hire qualified coaches, NCACE accreditation assures that KU graduates have obtained the very highest level of expertise in the field. The accreditation covers program training in emergency care and risk management; the scientific basis for human movement; psycho-social foundations of athletic coaching; and the methods, techniques and problems of athletic coaching. The concentration also requires students to complete an internship in the field with an athletic team. Though the concentration was developed for students in the elementary education major, the coursework is open to students from all majors.

Accreditation Pathways to Professional Licensure

In Pennsylvania, students working to become licensed social workers must graduate from an accredited master’s level program. In the 2003-04 academic year, 2003-04 the MSW program by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council of Social Work Education ‘grandfathers in’ all graduates from the beginning of the program,” said Dr. John Vafeas, director of the MSW program.

Dr. John Vafeas

Dr. John Vafeas, director of the MSW program, says accreditation opens new vistas for both graduate and undergraduate students.

Diana Y. Santiago

Diana Y. Santiago ’08 says the need for social workers exceeds the supply. As a social work major, she hopes to serve her community in a vital role.
“In addition, graduates who have a conditional license to practice social work in the state of Pennsylvania, pending the program’s accreditation, now have a full and unconditional license,” said Vafeas.

The KU undergraduate social work program (BSW) has been accredited by the Council on Social Work Education since 1996. This accreditation was reaffirmed in 2000 and is expected to be reviewed in 2008. All the graduates of the BSW program are now eligible to apply for advanced standing in the MSW program. Advanced standing status enables students to graduate from the MSW program in one year as opposed to the two-year duration of the regular program.

The need for accredited social work professionals is so great in KU’s 10-county primary service area, Vafeas estimates the number of new MSW graduates could triple, and still not meet the need.

“...the faculty members and administrators worked hard to accredit the program in the shortest possible time. We are the fastest program accredited in the state of Pennsylvania,” said Vafeas of the four-year process which examines every aspect of the program.

Dr. Janice Gasker, director of Field Education, said students graduating from an accredited program can find positions within almost every community.

"The field of human service is very thirsty for well-trained and credentialed personnel. Students coming from an accredited program bring with them a known set of skills, values, and training that produces a consistent professional with a professional code of ethics,” she said.

To Diana Y. Santiago ’08, the program’s accreditation means she can hit the ground running, prepared to take the state licensing examination, and qualified to serve clients with the best in professional care.

"More and more, communities are beginning to realize what professional social workers can do and how we can help improve the quality of life,” she said. “My future will be working with the Latino population. And this community needs professionals to fill the roles.”

A Known Factor in an Uncertain World

Perhaps the most exciting part of any accreditation is the confidence students gain when they complete their coursework. Standardized training and education, recognized by industry, educational, and governmental institutions, provide a level of professionalism that adds value to a KU degree, and ultimately becomes a source of pride for individual accomplishment.

“I came back to school after 20 years,” said Robert Pompa ’08, MSW.

“I met with Dr. [Deborah] Sieger, chair of the Department of Criminal Justice and Social Work, and she told me about the accreditation. That had a great effect on my decision to come to KU. Now I’m gaining valuable experience through field placement with area medical centers. It’s very exciting, no doubt about it”

KU’s undergraduate and graduate colleges list a number of accreditations including NCATE, the National League for Nursing, the Council for Social Work Education, the National Association of Schools of Music, the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, the Middle States Association of College and Secondary Schools, and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

But the accrediting process does not freeze with the printing of course catalogs. As stated before, more accreditations are being added all the time. In fact, the entire process has become part of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education’s philosophy to encourage schools to obtain accreditation for all programs where accreditation is possible.

Dr. Carlos Vargas-Aburto, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, says that full accreditation is the wave of the future.

“Essentially, accreditation represents an agreed upon series of standards,” he said. “The accrediting body’s members come together to form a set of standards that tell employers what to expect when they hire a graduate from an accredited program. Industry and business leaders understand this, which encourages students to look for accredited programs.”
KU’s current enrollment now stands at more than 10,100. To serve the needs of these students, the Office of Housing and Residential Services provides on-campus lodging to more than 4,400 students during the school year.

"Kutztown University has become the destination for students seeking a quality education in eastern Pennsylvania. In addition, as city centers and metropolitan regions continue to grow, high school students are looking to come to a campus which focuses on academics and understands the needs of university students,” said Kent Dahlquist, director of Housing and Residential Services. “To meet the needs of these families, Kutztown is, and has always been, at the forefront of providing a quality environment in which to live and study. And because today’s students are seeking more than just a degree, the university works hard to provide the kinds of opportunities that permit our students to mature socially and create friendships that will last a lifetime.”

More than just residential halls, suites, apartments, and rooms; on-campus housing offers a variety of amenities for traditional, non-traditional, married, single parent, and graduate students.
Kutztown University held a groundbreaking ceremony for its new residential hall on December 14 on South Campus. State senator Michael O’Pake joined KU president Dr. Javier Cevallos, members of the KU Council of Trustees, and several other distinguished guests for the event.

The six-story residential hall, designed by STV of Douglassville, will be located in the former parking area between South Dining Hall and Deatrick Hall. Slated to become the largest building on campus and largest residence hall in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, the 857-bed structure will be internally divided into two separate areas, creating the impression of two distinct wings. The total size of the new building is approximately 258,000 square feet.

Student living areas will offer efficiency apartments, suites, and units meeting the standards of the American with Disabilities Act. The 14 efficiency apartments, located on the first floor, will be for married and graduate students. Floors two through six will be designed to provide a mix of student suites, study rooms, and lounges.

The exterior of the building will be finished with brick and reinforced cement board panels in two colors. A central landscaped area will be the focal point of the building for the $62 million project. The anticipated completion date of the new hall is August 2008.

“We are finding that the terms traditional and non-traditional student are becoming blurred as educators and students realize that learning is a life-long experience that does not stop at the doors of high school,” Dahlquist said. “During the 2006-07 school year, we have students living on campus ranging in age from 64 years old to 18 years old. We realize our student population includes married couples and single parents in addition to the many freshmen who come to us directly from high school.”

To keep pace with the growing demand, the housing office has developed a 15-year plan to improve, renovate, and build residential halls.

One of the features of the Housing Master Plan will be the Fall 2008 opening of an 857-bed residential hall between the South Dining Hall and Deatrick Hall. This six-story structure will offer 269 rooms and 14 efficiency apartments.

The $62 million project is just one part of the master plan begun in 2004. During the next 15 years, the plan calls for replacing Beck, Bonner, and Johnson halls with new structures.

Following in the footsteps of the renovation to the residential areas of Old Main made in the mid 1990s, the remaining halls: Berks, Lehigh, Schuylkill, Rothermel, Deatrick, the Education House, and University Place, will be renovated as funding becomes available.

Renovation projects are funded as part of the student housing fee and through funds set aside in a special building reserve account. Funding for new halls is financed through support from the Commonwealth and special bond issues.

“Our master plan will assure that Kutztown University remains a safe, healthy, and nurturing environment for years to come,” said Dahlquist. “With carefully considered renovation and construction, the campus experience will continue to renew those cherished memories that so many generations of Kutztown alumni value.”
College of Education • Dr. Regis G. Bernhardt

As I write this note, we are between semesters, and it leads me to reflect on progress we have made toward our goals and on fall semester events that affected us. The progress we have made in documenting outcomes, and the significant efforts we must make to improve in this work, draws much of my attention. Among the fall events that come to mind are:

- Re-accreditation of KU’s professional education programs by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), which identified improvements that we must make to continue to grow and succeed.
- Publication of data from the National Assessment of Education Progress that continues to document that more than 50 percent of low-income and racial and ethnic minority children read below “basic” levels despite efforts to close the achievement gap.
- Publication of a report by the former President of Teachers College, Columbia University, that concluded education schools are failing to prepare teachers.
- Publication of the Secretary of Education’s Fifth Annual Report on Teacher Quality that reported significant positive changes in teacher preparation programs, but cautioned we must do more to ensure teachers are proficient.

We continue to demand high potential and documented academic success for KU students to become candidates for teacher certification; we make changes in our curricula; we seek feedback from our partner school districts; and we provide professional development for our faculty. It is imperative that we generate outcome data that documents our strengths and our progress in improving our programs. We recognize that we must practice what we emphasize in our conceptual framework of the “Teacher as a Life-Long Learner.”

Most important, we need your continued assistance and support. Share your success stories with us. Provide us with feedback about your professional experiences. Tell us what we need to do for our candidates to increase their potential for success. Refer strong candidates to us. Provide us with leads for the placement of graduates and the placement of professional semester and clinical experience [student teaching] candidates.

KU is strong, but we must be stronger. We are committed to this task, and with your continued support we will be successful.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences • Dr. Bashar Hanna

Last year was a very busy year for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Standing out among the many accomplishments of which alumni, friends, and members of the college can be proud is the Master of Social Work program which was accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council of Social Work Education. Also in 2006, our chemistry program received American Chemical Society accreditation.

Within the faculty of the college, Dr. Michael P. Gabriel, chair of the Department of History, received the 2006 Arthur and Isabel Wiesenberger Award for Excellence in Teaching. The Wiesenberger Award recognizes a full-time KU faculty member who excels as a teacher and who demonstrates leadership and service to the university. Gabriel is the 13th recipient of the award and has taught American history at Kutztown since 1994.

In 2006, Dr. Francis Vasko, Department of Mathematics, and Dr. Yong Huang, Department of Philosophy, each received the Chambliss Outstanding Research Award. This award is bestowed on two faculty members each year for the very best research and scholarship at the university.

As we launch into the New Year, I look forward to sharing with you more opportunities, advancements, and success stories from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
College of Business • Dr. Fidelis Ikem, Interim Dean

Upon graduation, many of our students go on to distinguished careers in business and industry in financial services, accounting, media, marketing, and management positions throughout the world.

Our faculty members work to bring the real world to the classroom through participation in workshops, consulting, attending academic and professional conferences, taking their students to conferences or industry site visits, and other activities. Our students respond through active participation in student clubs, the enthusiasm they demonstrate in their major activities, and in their academic performance.

For the past several years, our MBA capstone course has placed teams in an international “business” simulation competition sponsored by the company that created the simulation software, Capstone®. These teams typically compete against as many as 500 teams from all over the world. KU often places one, two, or even three teams in the top 50. In addition to the standard competition, there is an elite competition that is held every semester.

Until 2006, we have never entered a team in the elite competition. Last year, we placed a one-person team – Bryan Rathman from our MBA program – in this “playoff” representing the best business schools from around the world. KU’s team placed in fifth in the preliminary round and was crowned the world champion in the finals.

Like many students before him, I am sure Bryan Rathman will soon take his place in our growing list of distinguished business leaders who count themselves as alumni of KU’s College of Business.

College of Visual and Performing Arts • Dr. William Mowder

One of the recommendations of the recent National Association of Schools of Art and Design accreditation review was the college should discover new means to leverage the bountiful cultural resources of nearby metropolitan centers as a way of introducing our students to the contemporary art world.

To this end, we initiated the College of Visual and Performing Arts’ Visiting Artist Program in 2006 which brings artists to campus at least once a month to give master classes, offer critiques of student work, and present public lectures or performances. And each month, the Art Bus takes students to the galleries of Chelsea and museums in New York City, and other area attractions.

The fall Visiting Artist Program began with actor Tim Miller, who presented his one-man play Glory Box. During the season, the theatrical group Universes Slanguage brought their collage of scenes, wordplay, and song to campus.

The program also hosted photographer Wyatt Gallery, who presented his work on the 2004 tsunami and Hurricane Katrina. Gallery is considered to be one of the top photographers under 30 and has been featured in numerous national and international publications.

The artists have said they enjoy meeting and interacting with the students, and our students’ education is enriched by contact with artists working in the contemporary art world.
The fourth annual President’s Scholarship Ball was held on Nov. 4, 2006 in the Academic Forum, the newest building on campus. This year’s theme was “Get Away” with prizes ranging from a variety of travel ship cruise packages to a 9.85 carat Bolivian amethyst, donated by John ’75 and Donna Rhoads, with the necklace setting designed by student Amanda Banghart. The Scholarship Ball was created four years ago to raise funds for merit-based scholarships.
President Cevallos and Lesley Fallon

Patricia and Nelson Long are joined by Jamie Schoenberger

Anthony Payiavlas, John Coker, Sara Johnson, and Dawn Perry

Susan and Guido Pichini are joined by Carrie Weis

During the ball, the new Academic Forum was dedicated. With seven state-of-the-art classrooms and a complete dining facility, the building provides a high-technology learning environment.

“Seeds,” by Ecuadorian ceramics artist Eduardo Vega, greets visitors as they enter the Academic Forum.
For more years than Lois and Daniel Hinkel care to count, this dynamic duo has been on the mat for KU wrestling. Throughout their careers as a third grade teacher and education professor, the couple, who are now retired, have been a power house tag team supporting KU wrestling since 1964 when Hinkel oversaw the regeneration of Kutztown’s team.

Dropped from the curriculum during World War II, wrestling has made a strong comeback since Hinkel and professors Jimmy Hunter and Ron Hanna joined forces to help re-launch this classic sport at Kutztown.

“We had 14 to 15 students in 1964 playing as a junior varsity against East Stroudsburg State College and Keystone College, among others,” said Hinkel, who coached the team for the first eight years. He then worked as assistant coach until 1989 when he took over the reigns again as head coach for one stop-gap year, which turned into another seven-year run as head coach.

In 1996 Hinkel officially retired. Unofficially, he still coaches, gives pointers, encouragement, and brings a lifetime of experience with him from more than six decades of wrestling and coaching which began in the early 1940’s when he was a youthful high school varsity wrestler.

Always on the sidelines, but never out of the fray, Lois Hinkel has supported the team using all of her public relations skills, which often comes down to hard work and filling coffee cups in the team’s concession wagon. She is equally proud of the team’s growth over the years.

“One team picture had more students than I can count go on to become school district superintendents,” Daniel Hinkel said. “The real pleasure of the sport is to see the students get better, gain confidence, and become successful adults. It’s a disciplined sport. You have got to be focused.”

Today, the Hinkels are known as much for the hotdogs and hot chocolate they serve at the wrestling team’s concession stand during the Golden Bears football games as they are for the sage advice and staunch support they provide the students. But to all their fans, they will still be the first family of KU wrestling.

The best percentage year for Daniel Hinkel was 1995-96 with an 11-2 overall record, though in 1994-95 the coach and team brought home 13 victories with 5 losses. Overall, Hinkel has the most wins in the program’s history – 124. He is a member of the KU Athletics, Lock Haven Wrestling, and PSAC Wrestling halls of fame.

“I believe we have worked with more than 400 students over the years,” Lois Hinkel said of the many lives touched during their time with the program.

Today the Hinkel Family Endowment continues that tradition of building confidence through preparation, practice, and endeavor. The endowment offers a wrestling scholarship to students majoring in education, assuring that for many years to come the Hinkel name will continue to be associated with Golden Bear Wrestling.

“It’s just been a good relationship for us, the students, and the university.”
This KU Spiker Reigns Supreme on the Volleyball Court

BY TRACY DELGRIPPO ’08

Sarah Brandon ’07 may be the best KU women’s volleyball player ever to grace the court. Brandon, a psychology major, began spiking the ball in seventh grade and has been serving up top flight performances ever since.

This year, Brandon and the Golden Bears had an outstanding season. Brandon finished her career with 1,840 kills, the most in school history, and this season led the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference in kills per game with 4.33.

The Golden Bears finished the season with a record of 24-8 overall, and 9-1 in the PSAC East.

The women’s volleyball team won its fourth overall and second consecutive division title in the last five years. And the Golden Bears didn’t stop there, as KU made it to the NCAA Atlantic Regional semifinals for the first time in school history.

An all-around player, Brandon has garnered an astonishing number of honors during her Golden Bear career including: three-time PSAC East Player of the Year, four-time All-PSAC East first team, 2006 American Volleyball Coaches Association [AVCA] honorable mention All-America, 2006 Daktronics second-team All-America, three-time AVCA All-Atlantic Region, two-time Daktronics All-Atlantic Region, two-time ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District II, and four-time PSAC Scholar-Athlete.

After graduation, this outside hitter won’t be too far from the volleyball court and hopes to share her skills and knowledge coaching a youth volleyball team while pursuing a master’s degree at the University of Pittsburgh. Although she plans to keep in touch with the close-knit volleyball team, Brandon admits she will miss playing for KU. “I don’t know what to do now that it’s all over,” she said.

KU Volleyball Wins PSAC East Title

The volleyball team won its second-straight Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Eastern Division title. It was the fourth division crown in the last five years for head coach John Gump’s team. Also during the season, Gump recorded his 200th career win at KU and his 400th collegiate victory.

Women’s Cross Country Wins East Regional Title

Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference and East Region Coach of the Year Ray Hoffman guided the KU women’s cross country team to second place at the PSAC Championships and a first-ever National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II East Regional title last fall. The team advanced to the NCAA Division II Championship for the third-consecutive season placing 14th, a best-ever finish. During the season, the team was ranked as high as 11th nationally, the highest ranking to date in school history.

Stephanie Williams was an all-conference and all-region performer, leading KU women’s cross country to its best season ever.

Tower WINTER 2007 21
Kutztown University added six new members into its Athletics Hall of Fame during the banquet in October. The 2006 induction class included (pictured, left to right): John Gabriel ’78, a men’s basketball player who went on to become a National Basketball Association (NBA) general manager; Lorie [Erie] Schmalzle ’98, an All-America short stop in softball; Kevin Kelly ’99, a multiple All-America decathlete in men’s track and field; Tom Roth, son of the late Dr. Dennis Roth, a long time administrator and track and field and basketball coach; Linda Garber, daughter of the late Clyde Rothenberger ’31, one of Kutztown’s first champions in men’s track and field; and Barb [Bergstresser] Dietrich ’86, a record-setting forward for the field hockey team.
Pictured above are members of the 2006-07 KU NAACP Student Chapter (from left to right): Justin McCleary, Natosha Harris, Monique Boykins, Shanique Jones, Alonna Tarpley, Maryanne Keener

KU NAACP Named as State’s Best College Chapter of the Year

The Kutztown University National Association for the Advancement of Colored People [NAACP] Student Chapter was named Pennsylvania’s Best College Chapter of the Year for 2006-07. The award was presented by the Governor’s Advisory Commission on African American Affairs in conjunction with the NAACP’s Pennsylvania State Youth and College Division.

Kutztown’s chapter was nominated by officials from the NAACP’s Easton branch based on the group’s proactive activity on the KU campus, including their initiative in the reinstatement of the current chapter.

The NAACP, founded in 1909, includes more than 30,000 young people representing 400 Youth Councils, High School Chapters, and College Chapters actively involved in the fight for civil rights.

Fall Bear Tracks for Life Raises Hopes

KU hosted the Bear Tracks for Life 5K run/walk benefiting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation as part of Family Day activities in September. The foundation is dedicated to education and research on breast cancer causes, treatment, and the search for a cure. A total of 131 participants raised more than $3,000 during the 2006 event.
Michael D. Eisner Featured Speaker for 2007 Decision Makers Forum

Michael D. Eisner, chief executive officer and chair of The Disney Company [1984-2005], will be the speaker at the 18th Annual Kutztown University Decision Makers Forum, Wednesday, April 25, beginning at 8 p.m. Under his leadership, The Disney Company began implementation of a continuing series of creative growth strategies that resulted in its annual revenues rising from $1.7 billion to more than $30 billion. Eisner’s topic at the Decision Makers Forum will be “The Creative Economy.”

The Kutztown University Decision Makers Forum offers an opportunity to hear a presentation from exceptional leaders in business and politics. Past speakers include General Colin L. Powell, George H.W. Bush, Margaret Thatcher, Rudy Giuliani, Madeleine Albright, Tim Russert, and George Tenet.

For more information contact: Ronald Lewis, development director/College of Business, at 610-683-1394.

Innovation Begins at TEK Park

The university, KU Foundation, and MRA management group have teamed up to create a unique opportunity to serve industry needs through the Kutztown University Innovation Center at TEK Park in Breinigsville, Pa.

Formerly known as the Agere facility, the innovation center has been established to serve as a home for emerging companies. Utilizing a 19,000-square foot area of the former manufacturing operation, the new technology campus includes offices, laboratories, and a conference center, all served by super high speed fiber-optic telecommunications.

Opening this spring, TEK Park will also become the new home of KU’s Center for Lifelong Learning and Professional Development which will offer a variety of courses ranging from canine management to building inspector certification.

TRIO Talent Search Program Assists Academic Achievement

The university has been awarded an $880,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Federal Trio Programs for a Talent Search program to assist academic achievement for students in the Allentown School District. Dr. Ulysses Connor, KU director of Educational Outreach and Retention Programs, developed the proposal for the grant and will serve as project director. Connor also works closely with the school district through the Kutztown University Preparatory Academy which is home to the Academic Alliance, Upward Bound, and Upward Bound Math/Science programs. Pictured from left to right are: Connor, Allentown School District superintendent Dr. Karen Angelo, President Cevallos, and Congressman Jim Gerlach.

Capital Campaign Kicks Off

KU kicked off The Campaign for Kutztown with the Berks County phase on November 20. The capital campaign, which will last five to seven years, will fund renovations to Sharadin Art Building and Schaeffer Auditorium, and increase the university’s scholarship endowment and annual fund. The Berks County phase will run through August and is expected to raise $2 million. Pictured above are President Cevallos [left] and Dr. William Mowder, dean of Visual and Performing Arts [right], with Berks County campaign co-chairs Fred and Martha Hafer [center].
Student Art Finds a Home in Downtown Kutztown

The Eckhaus, a new student-run art gallery, has opened on Main Street in Kutztown. The Pennsylvania German name for “corner house,” the gallery is an outlet for all forms of art and live performances. Students can display their works and even paint directly on the walls of the gallery. Funded by the KU Foundation, the project received assistance from KU’s Small Business Development Center. In April, the Eckhaus will join with the Kutztown Community Partnership to host an artists’ gathering throughout downtown Kutztown.

KU Student Named ROTC Leader

For the first time in its 90-year history, the Reserve Officer Training Battalion at Lehigh University, of which Kutztown University is a constituent member, was led by a KU student. Senior Seth Power was named the cadet battalion commander of the Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps Steel Battalion in the fall semester.

Power’s duties included working with the battalion cadre to plan and oversee the battalion’s training events. He also coordinated the social events with his subordinate cadet officers. The Steel Battalion, rated among the best ROTC programs in the country, consists of 87 cadets from 13 colleges and universities in the Lehigh Valley and Berks County. The cadet commander is selected by the battalion’s regular Army officers based on the candidate’s performance on campus and in the classroom, involvement with ROTC events, and communication with peers.

Pennsylvania German Society Moves to Campus

The 18th century Zimmerman Log Cabin on the grounds of the Pennsylvania German Heritage Center at Kutztown University is the new home to the Pennsylvania German Society.

The society is a nonprofit educational society with more than 1,000 members and is international in scope. It is recognized as one of the leading authorities in the study, publication, and preservation of the Pennsylvania German culture, language, and heritage.

Founded in 1891, the Pennsylvania German Society has had several homes over the last 100 years. Its most recent location was the Kutztown Historical Society Building in Kutztown.

In addition to a voluminous list of publications, the society has a speaker’s bureau, a lecture series, and provides a paid internship for KU students interested in studying the various aspects of the Pennsylvania Germans. The university currently offers a minor in Pennsylvania German Studies.

The KU percussion ensemble (from left to right): Jack Steiner, Joe Chudyk, Eric Shuster (back), Frank Kumor, assistant professor of music (front), Brittany Hassler (center), Joe Nebistinsky, Tyler Kulp, Matt Tanzos, and Terrell Smith.

Percussion Ensemble Performs in Paris

KU’s percussion ensemble performed at Perkumania, the Ensemble Percussion Festival in Paris, France, in November. The six-day festival is the second largest of its type in the world and is held at the Conservatoire de Paris.

The students performed a world premier of a new work by composer Brett William Dietz along with American composer Steve Reich’s piece “Six Marimbas” during the event. The group was selected to perform after attracting the attention of Paris event organizers during a 2003 appearance in Puerto Rico. KU was the only university represented at the festival.

The KU Percussion Ensemble was formed in the fall of 1986. Since that time, over 150 students have participated in making music on percussion instruments.
1930s

1938
S. Helen (Fergus) Barnes and husband Bill enjoy traveling to Elderhostels. They attended their 43rd in October 2006 in Superior, Wisc.

1940s

1946
Grace (Trimmer) Lefever frequently travels to Indiana and Washington to visit her three children, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She also attends cruises and three great-grandchildren.

B. Lewis Langdon celebrated his 55th wedding anniversary with his wife Doris (Lindemuth) Langdon (’51).

Joseph Todak exhibited his artwork, ‘Retrospective: Works from 1946 to Present’ at Connexions in Easton.

Paul Wilson has an elaborate Lionel standard and “0” gauge train layout exhibited in the lobby of Ann’s Choice retirement community.

1950s

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Ardath (Harter) Rodale exhibited a collection of needlework at Baum School of Art in Allentown.

1960s

1964

Jeffrey Dorn retired in 2004 after 32 years at Xerox Corporation.

Jane Taylor plans on retiring this year.

1966
Bob Blanchard recently exhibited ceramics at Trojan Art Gallery in Allentown.

1968
David Ehrig published his sixth book, “Muzzleloading for Deer and Turkey.”

James Mengel retired after 30 years of service with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Henrietta Patrick retired after 37 years with the Philadelphia School District. She served as an elementary principal for the last 19 years.

Doris (Tshudy) Paradis has completed mentor training for the state of Connecticut, and has been named assistant director for the Visual Arts Department in Stafford.

Jean (Horning) Sweigart retired and volunteers at her church, at Mifflin County library, and as tutor. Her son Matt Sweigart (’98) will soon graduate from Mt. St. Mary’s University with a master’s degree in classroom technology.

1969
Evelyn (Rourke) Burton retired in June 2006 after 34 years teaching art at Susquehanna Township High School.

Lee Heffner retired after 35 years with the Hamburg Area School District. He was an elementary school teacher for 24 years and assistant principal for 11.

Richard Lyons retired from teaching chemistry at Governor Mifflin School District in 1999.

Ginger (Reed) Miller retired in 2006 as Art Department chair at Ridgely Middle School. Though she’s retired, Susan Shuler works part-time for Reading Area Community College and for a tax preparing business owned by KU alumnus Ken Bauer (’69). She is also recording secretary for The Reading Liederkranz German Singing and Sport Society.

1970

Keith Brintzenhoff is a speaker for the PA Humanities Council and travels all over the state presenting programs. He also performs with the band the Toad Creek Ramblers, whose information can be found at www.toadcreekmusic.com and www.keithbrintzenhoff.com.

1971

Patricia Gontar has been nominated to the KU Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Sharon (Klein) Haffey continues to be active in her community, working on a history book project for the 150th anniversary of the founding of Palo Alto and as chairwoman of the Palo Alto Community Committee.

Ronald Kreitz (& ’74) retired from the Allentown School District after 35 years of service. His last five years were spent as principal of Trexler Middle School.

Jan (Mclaren) Squillace is currently working as a technical support consultant for SAS.

1972

Richard Asberry earned his Ph.D. in 2005 in counseling psychology.
Kristie (Croyle) Augenblick is a regular volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. Her favorite hobbies are cycling, hiking, and traveling.

1973

Rose-Emma Calabrese-Klejbuk and husband Kenneth have been married for 24 years and have six children and one grandson. She is head of youth services for the Greenwood Lake Public Library in New York. (NOTE: Although she graduated in ’78, Calabrese-Klejbuk did the majority of her studies in ’73 and asked to be included in this section with her friends)

Robert Millar is in his 30th year of teaching at Reading Area Community College.

1974

Dennis Boyer is directing a two-year citizens deliberation project on “Rewards for Work” and will publish a report early this year.

Janet (Haerer) Gebhardt earned her Ed.D. in education/reading and language arts from Widener University in 2004.

Donna (Miller) Scholtis is principal at Washington Elementary School in Allentown which was recently recognized by the PDE for outstanding academics and for surpassing standards.

1975

Carrie (Enicks) Fickes completed 30 years of employment at St. Mary’s County schools. She recently returned from her son’s wedding in China, where he teaches English.

Valetta Eshbach received the Ellen Frei Gruber Alumni Award from Alvernia College (she received a B.S. degree in ’68) for outstanding service to the college and community. Her volunteerism includes: Judge for Berks Best, Berks Outstanding Young Woman, and Math Olympia. Eshbach is an instructor of mathematics at Penn State-Berks.

Robert F. Holden retired from teaching at the Ocean City Intermediate School in Ocean City, N.J., after 31 years and has become an adjunct history professor at Atlantic Cape Community College. He also teaches a holocaust/genocide studies program at the Trocki Hebrew Academy and will supervise student teachers through The Richard Stockton College. Holden recently spent three weeks studying in China and lectures widely. He will celebrate his 30th wedding anniversary with wife Janice this year.

William F. Miller, Jr. received a master’s degree in information systems from the University of Phoenix.

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1980s

1981

Kevin McGarvey was installed as the “head of school” (headmaster) of the Dwight-Englewood School in Englewood, N.J., a top private secondary school. He has lectured internationally on math education.

Connie (Williams) Malafarina is interning in counseling psychology-marital and family therapy at Berks Counseling Center. She will be graduating with a master’s degree from KU in May.

1981

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Vicki (Tyndall) DaSilva can be found on the web at www.vickidasilva.com.

Mark Weaver (& ’85) was featured on NPR’s “Talk of the Nation” in October 2006, where he represented the Republican party view on the upcoming elections.

1984

Bonnie House retired from teaching graphic design at Fitchburg State College in Massachusetts. She now works with klin formed glass. Her work is carried in four galleries and can be seen online at www.bonniehouseglass.com.

Kevin R. McGarvey (& ’86) is associate professor of arts and humanities at Cumberland County College in Vineland, N.J. He and wife Heidi (Kemp) McGarvey (’78) have a son, Zach.

1985

Nancy Wooden is working on her master’s degree in Christian counseling.

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1986

Louise Diehl-Oplinger is a nurse practitioner and has her own private practice in Phillipsburg, N.J.

Richard Ginnett and wife Holly have a 5-year-old daughter, Rhiannon.

1987

Darlene Berk's daughter Corrie is a junior at the University of Pittsburgh.

Kimberly (Archbold) Checolo married husband Tom in June 2006. The couple and her two children, Alex (14) and Jordan (9), now live in Cape Coral, Fla.

Lori (Gottshall) Scholl still lives, and is raising her family, in Kutztown.

1988

Kevin Bradley qualified for and became a member of Mensa.

Jean Mooney has been teaching at Wyomissing Valley Preschool for 23 years. She has a 5-year-old grandson and enjoys cooking, gardening, reading, and watching the NFL.

1989

MaryAnn (Bartek) Green has been married since 1995 and has one son. She is working toward her master's degree in education leadership and sings in a local band.

David Brewster and wife Christy have four children: Zachary (7), Carleigh (4), Jeremy (2), and Cassidy (6 months).

Irvin Jones will be retiring in May 2007. He is the proud grandfather of five boys and one girl.

Christine (Querry) Van Bloem owns The Kitchen School in Frederick, Md. She and husband John have two children, ages 10 and 7.

1990

Stephanie (Bartol) Pallante is married to John Pallante ('90).

Wynton Butler received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Alvernia College, where he earned an M.Ed. degree in urban education '03. He is currently principal of Reading High School and is the 2006 recipient of Alvernia's Outstanding Principal Award.

Rebecca Herb Weiler married husband David in August 2004.

1991

Lisa (Smitreski) Draper teaches seventh grade geography and is an adjunct professor of education at Lehigh University and Moravian College. She lives in Northampton with husband Andrew and their 3-year-old son, Joseph Andrew.

1993

Deborah Doherty earned an M.A. degree in cultural and linguistic diversity from Immaculata University.

Rosemary (Egan) Tabone and husband Steve recently had their third child, Angelina May, in July. She joins brother and sister, Stephen Angelo (5) and Julia Evalyn (3).

Jennifer (Jaycox) Odenwald was included in Who's Who of American Teachers. She is expecting her third child in April.

1994

Alisa Carr Kaeser acquired an arts management company. DC Artists Management features a variety of artists and musicians that tour both nationally and internationally.

Bianca (Lopez) Mackrey has two sons, Aramis James (A.J.) and Caleb Bryce.

1995

Dawn (Cartagena) Williams and husband Dave have two children: Adrian (7) and Ashlyn (3).

Gina D'Amelio-Osorio completed her first Ironman Triathlon event in Panama City Beach, Fla. The event consisted of a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride, and a 26.2 mile run. She completed the race in 13 hours, 12 minutes and raised more than $6,000 for charity.

Dan Evans has been working in New York City for the past 10 years and recently got married.

Erin (Poindexter) Pace and husband Eddie have two daughters: Mekayla Renee and Abigail Amber.

Darren Schulke is married with three children. He currently teaches art in the Brandywine School District.

Nicole Snyder ('99) accepted a new position as director of career development at Moravian College in Bethlehem.

Marnie (White) Zimmerman teaches second grade.

1996

Jacqueline Alexander Woodruff was named a Milken Educator and presented with a check for $25,000. She teaches at Washington Elementary School in Allentown.

U.S. Grant Ervin earned a master's degree in geography from West Chester University. He is married with a baby on the way.

Lori (Crouthamel) Kane was married in 1998, had a son in 2004, and is currently on maternity leave from teaching first grade.

Kerry Herrmann has recently returned to the Philadelphia area after spending five years living in Pittsburgh, Manchester, and England.

Heather (McLaughlin) Swartwood and husband Warren have two sons, Collin and Brenden.

Elmer Veith married wife Christine in August. He recently joined Total Structures, Inc. and is in charge of their eastern U.S. sales.

1997

Eric Belfanti and wife Natalie have two children, Eric, Jr. (3) and Patrick (1).

Christopher Carlin was married in July 2004 and recently started a new job at the National Archives and Records Administration.

C. Eric Stoltz and wife Andrea have two children, Callie and Dylan.

1998

Deborah (La Fiura) Melson is a homemaker who has started a mobile notary public service business. She also volunteers with Vita Education Services and tutors ESL students.

Nicole Lang-Hoinowski exhibited her artwork at Marywood University's MFA graduate exhibition at Mahady Gallery in Scranton.

Matt Sweigart will graduate from Mount St. Mary's University with a master's degree in classroom technology.

1999

Alana Mauger earned a master's degree in education from Capella University in 2006. She plans to start working on her Ph.D. in non-profit leadership at Eastern University in 2008.
Kristi (Wickard) Birmingham and husband Jason recently had their first son, Garrett Carl. She is completing a master’s degree in educational leadership and policy at Shippensburg University.

2000

Jennifer (Cerqueira) Marazas and husband Tom Marazas (’02) had a daughter in August 2006: Isabelle Grace.

Paul Havanko (& ’03) is in his third year as a librarian at Hamburg Elementary School.

Sarah (Rogers) Eckenrode and husband Chris had their second son, Aiden, in June 2006. He joins husband David Baker.

Jennifer Welsh had a son on May 12, 2006.

2001

Mary Jo Heacock enjoys her job at Villanova University’s law library and her post as music librarian for Pottstown’s Coventry Singers, with which she also sings. Heacock and daughter Autumn (8) live in Boyertown.

Jennifer (Miller) Hyneman has a two-year-old son, Rylan. She enjoys spending time with her family and riding horses.

Deborah (Morello) Linnell married husband Charles in November 2005. She is a seventh and eighth grade English teacher in the Ramsey, N.J., school district.

Jennifer “Peanut” (Sheppleman) Dager and husband Douglas have a daughter, Madison.

Angel Strelish-Noone finished her master’s degree in educational leadership from Wilkes University in 2003 and is a fifth grade teacher at the Pittston Area Intermediate Center. She and husband Patrick are expecting their first child this spring.

Aaron Vandermeer was recently on the CBS Early Show performing Concertina for Cell Phone and Orchestra, which encourages audience participation with cell phone ringtones. He is currently completing his doctoral work under the piece’s composer, David Baker.

2002

June Bair has been called to St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in Lumberton, N.C., as a full-time pastor. She was ordained as pastor in December 2006 in Kutztown.

Edward Cruz recently earned his master’s degree in student affairs in higher education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He moved to Athens, Ga., to work at the University of Georgia in the Department of University Housing.

Antoinette “Toni” Rapp has completed the master’s of education program at Gratz College with a 4.0 GPA. She continues to teach special education at Pottstown High School.

Eileen Taff received the Distinguished Service Award from Northampton Community College recognizing her participation in the college’s programs and the advancement of its mission.

Tom Marazas and wife Jennifer (Cerqueira) Marazas (’00) had a daughter in August 2006: Isabelle Grace.

Sarah Wesner-Greer is expecting her first child.

2003

Crystal Miller is teaching at Macungie Elementary School in East Penn School District in grades first through fifth autistic support. She recently moved back to the area after living in northern Virginia where she worked as a special education teacher for children with various needs.

Scott Blair (’06) joined the office of residential life at Syracuse University as a residence director.

2004

Renee Fox is currently a police officer.

2005

Maria Haverovich received a Fulbright Scholarship to complete a teaching assistantship in Spain for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Jessica Minio works in government sales at 911 Safety Equipment in Norristown, Pa., selling fire and homeland security supplies to military bases in the United States and Europe.

2006

Allison B. Collevechio is a second grade teacher living in Jupiter, Fla.

Brittany A. Collevechio is employed full-time in the Human Resources Department of Carbon County. She currently lives in Lansford, Pa.

Golf Scramble Set for June 1, 2007

The Ninth Annual Great Golden Bear Golf Scramble returns on Friday, June 1 at Willow Hollow Golf Course. Shotgun start is set for 1:30 p.m. The scramble is tentatively $400 per foursome, and $220 per twosome, and is limited to the first 36 foursomes. The scramble benefits KU student-athlete scholarships.

For more information, call 610-683-4755, e-mail ogeka@kutztown.edu, or visit www.kubears.com.

2006

Andi Berger (left) to Kevin (right) 9/23/2006

Nicole (Burkhart) ’03 to Michael Niklauski 9/16/2006

Keri to Richard Clee ’01 12/21/2006

Angela (Selby) ’98 to Rob Urban 9/19/2006 (left)

Yolanda to Marc Weiner ’93 3/23/2002

2007

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Marriages

1970’s

Joyce (Kanzelmeyer) ’74 to Mark Jennings 8/6/2006

1990’s

Holly (Hitchcock) ’90 to David Barnes 10/8/2006

2000’s

Nicole (Burkhart) ’03 to Michael Niklauski 9/16/2006

Keri to Richard Clee ’01 12/17/2005

Deborah (Morello) ’01 to Charles Linnell 11/20/2005

Karen (Savage) ’00 to Charles Berger 9/23/2006

Births

1990’s

Desiree (Bath) ’93 and Jim Comunale, a son, Dominic Austin 12/21/2005

Christina (Closi) ’96 and Michael McCormick, twin girls, Julia Hope, Olivia Belle (above) 10/14/2006

Kristi (Birmingham) ’99 and Jason Wickard, a son, Garrett Carl 3/21/2006

2000’s

Jennifer (Chapman) ’97

Melissa and Jason Bozzone ’98, a son, Peter Carlo 11/20/2006 (left)

Valerie (Chapman) ’97 and Frank Lil ’97, a son, Brendan Michael 10/27/2006

Sharon and James Cicman ’94, a daughter, Sydney Mina 9/26/2006

Sarah (Geroulo) ’96 and John Rutledge, twins, Colin and Gavin 4/22/2006

Jennifer (Krokos) ’96 and David Garlinski ’97, a son, Griffin David 10/29/2006 (left)

Andrea and C. Eric Stolz ‘97, a son, Dylan Matthew 5/2/2006

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Yolanda and Marc Weiner ’93, sons, Jake 2/12/2005 and Andrew 3/29/2006
Tara (Wirth) ’94 and Gary Rider, a daughter, Paige Elizabeth 10/2/2006
Tracie (Yanders) ’97 and Frank Feddor, twins, Isabella and Toby 2/8/2006

2000's
Vicki (Hricak) ’00 and Jeremy Roth '01, a daughter, Aubrea Rose 4/9/2006
Nicole (Wentz) ’01 and Shane Peev, a daughter, Ciara 5/2006

In Memory
1928
Ethel (Hickernell) Dinger 10/10/2006

1931
M. Alice (Royer) Anthony 11/15/2006

1935
Alice (Schaffer) Shiffer ’35 & ’38 11/14/2006

1941
LaVerne McLean 7/4/2006
Verle (Rohrbach) Trexler 10/16/2006

1949
Emma (Eichler) Pursel 9/18/2006

1954
Shirley (Yost) Hartz 4/14/2006

1963
Gloria Gehman ’63 & ’66 9/14/2006
Ruth Scheid 11/26/2006

1977
Linda Lutz 12/9/2006

1978
Jody Cwik 10/27/2006

1983
Caren (Holsberger) Eberly 10/31/2006

1990
George Holingjak 11/25/2006

2005-06 President’s Annual Report Corrections:
Please note corrections from the 2005-06 President’s Annual Report featured in the 2006 Fall issue of the Tower.

Class of 1967
Contributors
N. Bruce Holtzman

Class of 1973
Board of Overseers
William F. Ribble, Jr.

Class of 1974
Board of Overseers
Joanne Quinn Ribble

Class of 2002
Tower Club
Martha L. Hafer

Parents
Contributors
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kredatus

The Fall issue of the Tower featured a picture of the Black Theatre League which was active during the late 1970’s, perhaps even the early 1980’s. Though we received a number of e-mails on the picture, only a few individuals were identified by our readers. The most complete identification was provided through the sleuthing efforts of Anselm Richards ’82 and Taylor Hightower ’00. Hightower writes:

“I recognize Kim [bottom left, and I don’t remember her last name], Craig Coleman [second from bottom left], Sam Hall, Sharon [don’t remember her last name], Tyrone Macey ’82, and Dr. David Dunn. Top: I recognize all of them, but only remember Cindy’s first name [last on right].” Pam Desch ’79, said she has fond memories of Dr. Dunn who was a professor of French and the faculty advisor for the French Drama Guild and the Black Theatre League:

“As a French major, I had the great privilege of being his student. Dr. Dunn’s passion for teaching and reaching each student was always evident. He encouraged all French students to participate in the plays he directed for the French Drama Guild, not just those of us who were majoring in it. He saw theater as a way to make the language come alive and to give us practice with it that we wouldn’t get in the classroom.

“No professor had a more profound influence on me and my education than Dr. Dunn. Sadly, he died much too young. Those of us who were students at KSC during the days of this Dashiki-clad professor were so fortunate. I will never forget him.”
Alumni Weekend
Saturday May 5, 2007

9:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
KU Student Bookstore Open,
McFarland Student Union (lower level)
Browse through the wonderful selection of KU clothing and gifts. The Bookstore will be offering alumni a 25 percent discount on all merchandise in the store. Sign up at the front of the store and receive a free gift.

9:30 A.M. – Noon
Registration, Coffee, Tea, and Cookies;
McFarland Student Union (lobby)
President F. Javier Cevallos, deans, and administrators will greet alumni and guests.

10:00 A.M. – Noon
11th Annual Alumni Art Show,
McFarland Student Union (lobby)
View the creative work of KU alumni representing classes from 1952 to 2002 who are celebrating a five-year reunion.

10:30 A.M.
Rohrbach Library Tours
Self-guided tour of the $7.7 million restoration.

Hotel/Motel Accommodations
If you prefer to stay in the area, accommodation information is available through the Alumni Office. Please indicate your interest on the reservation form.

10:30 A.M. – Noon
Alumni Awards Luncheon
McFarland Student Union (Multipurpose Room)
Alumni and guests have an opportunity to relax and chat with friends during lunch which is followed by the presentation of awards to distinguished alumni.

2:30 P.M.
Rohrbach Library Tours
See a.m. schedule.

2:30 – 4:30 P.M.
11th Annual Alumni Art Show,
McFarland Student Union (lobby)
See a.m. schedule.

3:00 – 4:30 P.M.
Class Reunion Celebrations,
McFarland Student Union
Receptions for the classes of 1962, 1967, 1972. Details for each reception have been mailed under a separate cover.

Alumni Day 2007 RESERVATION FORM (please detach and return)

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To register online visit our web site at: www.kutztown.edu/alumni
This issue’s Hindsight is a modern aerial picture of the North Campus. Designed to complement the South Campus cover photo, the growth of the academic side of the university is evident in this picture taken in August 2006. Submissions to Hindsight are always welcome. Send to Craig Williams, Tower editor, Kutztown University, P.O. Box 730, Kutztown, PA 19530 or cwilliam@kutztown.edu. For the answer to the Fall ’06 Hindsight photo, please turn to page 30.