FIRST THE ASSOCIATED PRESS PICKED UP THE story. Then it spread to the Internet, local newspapers, journals, and magazines, and finally around the world. A major discovery of a new fossilized impression of not just one, but three ancient amphibians, was announced. The find came not by digging in the mud, but through the keen observance and the trained eyes of our very own Dr. Edward Simpson ‘80, of the Department of Physical Sciences, and KU graduate David Fillmore ’05.

Released last November at the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America, the discovery is thought to be one of the oldest full-body imprints of land-living amphibians. The researchers found the imprints in sandstone rocks which had been collected from the Mauch Chunk Formation decades ago and stored in the Reading Museum. (See page 21.)

Discoveries like this do not occur every day. But when they do, we are all benefactors.

At KU, part of our mission is to help students discover themselves outside the classroom through field studies, sporting events, stage performances, gallery exhibitions, and more. These activities not only enhance the academic environment, but also enrich our lives as the hard work put in the classroom, in the field, or in rehearsal comes to full fruition.

No one issue of the Tower can contain all the special activities that occur on campus every year. The best we can hope for is a snapshot, an invitation to learn more, and the satisfaction of knowing that KU faculty, students, staff, and alumni are contributing in large and small ways every day.

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President
All that Jazz
With a recording program, national distribution of their CDs, and award-winning vocals, the Jazz Ensemble I is one hot band! Find out what makes these students swing.

Music ’n Education ’n KU
Through the bachelor of arts in music education, students are learning to become elementary through high school music teachers. But creating the university’s newest music degree took more than just a wave of the conductor’s baton.

GOBs of Music
This group of graduated melody makers continue to support the KU music program through performance and scholarships. Members of the Graduate Organization of Bands say the KU music program is tops, and they have the chops to prove it.

The Beat of Different Drummers
The Percussion Ensemble may perform in locales off the beaten path, but their music is universally appealing. Using everything from the traditional snare drum to automobile brakes in their performances, hearing the ensemble live is a new sonic experience.
Maroon and Gold and Blue Notes

BY CRAIG WILLIAMS

Kyle Fleetman '09, trumpet
Marybeth Kern '08

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Since 1997, the KU instrumental jazz studies and recording program has been under the direction of Dr. Kevin Kjos, who also is a professional jazz trumpeter, composer, and conductor. Some of his innovations include the creation of the Jazz Ensemble I as a feeder program for Jazz Ensemble II, establishing a recording program, implementing the Jazz Masters Series which brings big-name jazz artists to KU for public performances and teaching clinics, and the creation of the Jazz and Lunch series that brings local high school students to campus for clinics and observation of Jazz Ensemble I.

A unique feature of the ensemble’s special sound is the addition of singers who join the group for a variety of jazz standards. Though most universities have jazz ensembles, many do not commonly employ vocalists. Last summer, the ensemble’s featured vocalist, Kristin Grassi, was named best college jazz vocalist in “Downbeat” magazine’s 30th annual student music awards. Grassi performed with the group throughout the fall, and this spring, begins a music career in New York City. “Traditionally, many university-level jazz ensembles don’t have singers,” Kjos said, “but we have a strong program in vocal music, and I have been fortunate to be able to audition and choose from a number of qualified students.”

Adding to the excitement of studying jazz at Kutztown is the university’s proximity to the traditional jazz centers of Philadelphia and New York City. To leverage this resource, Kjos set up the Jazz Masters Series which brings world-class artists to campus to perform and offer master-class instruction. Up close and personal, the series has introduced KU students to the Count Basie Orchestra, the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, the Dizzy Gillespie All-Stars, Randy Brecker, Steve Houghton, Loren Stillman, Bob Mintzer, Rachel Z, and many more.

“We not only provide our students with learning opportunities on campus, but through the series, we give them the chance to establish a lasting relationship with some of the world’s great jazz performers and educators,” said Kjos.

“The Kutztown University jazz program is exceptionally comprehensive and energetic,” says Steve Wilson, lead alto saxophone player for the Maria Schneider Jazz Orchestra.

The end result is that the Jazz Ensemble I is recognized as one of the top university jazz groups in the nation. “It is a lot of coming in to start early and leaving late,” said Kyle Fleetman ’09, who noted that many students practice as much as four hours a day outside of band rehearsal. “And it is working at getting the sound you want out of your instrument.” Modeled after the traditional Count Basie-type big band with five saxophones, five trumpets, four trombones, and a rhythm section, the ensemble offers students a unique learning experience. “There are four guiding principals that make it a success,” Kjos said. “First, there is student ownership of the program. They run the show. Second, there is no competition. It is all about helping each other. Third, the university brings in professional musicians for the students to model. And fourth, we take the students into the recording studio every semester.”

As the icing on the cake, the recording program uses a modern digital recording studio on campus to lay down tracks. The tracks are later edited and engineered by Paul Wickiff, who has recorded everyone from Frank Zappa to Miles Davis, and is one of the most respected recording engineers in the nation.

Last year, Kjos found a national distributor for the ensemble’s CDs which are currently available at record and book stores and played on jazz radio stations across the nation. “University jazz bands can be really, really good,” said Kjos. “We don’t have national touring schedules like many big bands, so we can put a lot of time into rehearsal and practice.”

The program, along with Kjos’ insights on how to teach jazz, have been featured in the “2007/2008 Jazz Education Guide” of JazzTimes-America’s Jazz Magazine. To hear samples of the ensemble’s CDs which are recorded everyone from Frank Zappa to Miles Davis, and is one of the most respected recording engineers in the nation.

IF YOU DIG THE BIG BAND SOUND OR LIKE TO SNAP YOUR FINGERS TO COOL JAZZ, THEN GO TO YOUR LOCAL MUSIC STORE AND PICK UP A COPY OF THE KU JAZZ ENSEMBLE I’S LATEST CD “THE BEST IS YET TO COME.”

RDS WITH THE KU JAZZ ENSEMBLE I
In a music studio just below the Georgian Room, a conducting class is in full swing. Caitlin Bement '09, pictured below, has just taken the stand in preparation to become a music teacher. Conducting is just one of the many courses she will take in KU’s new bachelor of science in music education which was developed to meet the growing demand for music teachers from school districts across the nation.

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Officially, the music program at Kutztown began in 1972. Prior to that time, general music education classes were offered in support of the elementary education program. As the college transformed into a university, the music program grew. By the mid-1980s, the university graduated its first bachelor of arts in music which provides a solid foundation for performing artists and a springboard for continued studies at the graduate level.

To create a modern curriculum for the bachelor of science in music education, the Department of Music canvassed universities throughout the nation only to find that most music programs were created decades before, and few schools could recount how their programs were first developed. In response, KU developed an extensive survey and sent it to more than 500 high school and elementary music educators asking: “What makes a good music teacher.”

“We used these responses to design a music education program that would match the teaching needs of today’s school districts,” Dr. Will Rapp, chair of the Department of Music, said. Additionally, the university created two new tenure track positions specializing in music education to further support the program.

Chris Kimmey ’09, whose turn at the conductor stand presented a new perspective on music, said he feels confident the program will help him become an effective music teacher.

“I get everything I need: from hands-on music training to education classes. When I leave KU, I know I will be ready to teach,” he said.

More than just choir and band directors, music teachers are qualified educational professionals. Included in KU’s coursework are classes in lesson planning, teaching methodology, and a full semester devoted to student teaching.

“The faculty at Kutztown University are wonderful,” said Bement. “They make sure you learn the concept of teaching and prepare you for the classroom.”

Rapp said music remains an important part of a public education and is a key element in developing a well-rounded student.

“We, as a nation, continue to face administrators who feel music should be eliminated from the public school curriculum,” he said. “When one looks at the culture of any society, one looks at art, literature, and music. And we know that when students are nurtured in these areas, the end result profoundly affects who they become as individuals.”

To learn more go to: www.kutztown.edu/acad/music/BSMusic.shtml.
They are called the Graduate Organization of Bands, this group of dedicated alumni who get together to play for special events, football games, and jazz concerts. But to family and friends, they are known as the GOBs and have a reputation for mixing fun and good times with quality entertainment and memorable performances.

Comprised of the former members of Kutztown’s marching, concert, and jazz bands, the group pledges its allegiance to Richard G. Wells, professor emeritus of music and the director of all the bands at Kutztown from 1958 to 1996. Wells continues to serve as a rallying point for KU band boosters of all ages and is the director of the Alumni Jazz Band.

“The best part of the Graduate Organization of Bands is seeing all these talented musicians get together again,” he said.

Speaking of talent, Crystal Cammauf-Young ’93 & ’04, the current president of organization, has the ability to play both the smallest instrument in the band and the largest. She started out as a piccolo player with the KU marching band, but switched to the enormous instrument with the big voice in her junior year when she learned that all of the band’s tuba players graduated the previous spring.

Today, this special education teacher and curriculum administrator and can still belt out a mean um-pa-pa.

“Even though most of our members have gone into professions other than music, we continue to enjoy playing our instruments,” she said.

GOBs was established in 1972 with a dual mission of maintaining the friendships forged in Kutztown bands and providing support for students in KU’s music program. The group convenes regularly for special events, which include jazz concerts, football halftime performances, and the annual fall dinner dance in honor of the KU marching unit and its graduating seniors.

During last year’s Homecoming football game, Russell Zera ’06 joined his fellow band mates in Schaeffer Auditorium for a rehearsal just before they took to the field at halftime. He fondly remembers the cold winter days at Kutztown when the Tuba Band would gather in Old Main to play carols and offer their version of a musical holiday greeting card. Zera said the university has always provided numerous opportunities for professional and amateur musicians to perform.

“When I attended KU, there were at least 12 different musical organizations,” he said. “And if there wasn’t an opportunity to play, the students formed one.”

Today, the organization reaches out to KU students through two important scholarships: the R.G. Wells/Kutztown University Jazz Band Scholarship, established by Wells to provide support for members of the KU Jazz Band, and the Reid F. Lessig Scholarship, for freshmen interested in music.

“Jazz is about a creative process, getting to know the performer as a human being, guiding the student toward improvement, while learning something about yourself,” said Wells. “It is personality 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.”

GOBs member Ken Hoch ’84 remembers that Lessig ‘72 wrote many of the drills used for halftime performances and was a founding member of the Graduate Organization of Bands.

“I was still in high school when Lessig graduated from Kutztown State College,” Hoch said. “Throughout his life, he continued to be involved with the marching unit.”

Crystal Cammauf-Young said this kind of dedication is not unusual for GOBs members who work hard for the benefit of the university’s music program.

“We all had very good experiences in at Kutztown as students and look forward to coming back to campus to perform.”

GOBs OF MUSIC

Members of the Graduate Organizations of Bands keep the beat during special halftime and concert performances in addition to their continued support of the KU band program. Pictured by instrument are: Leon Moll ’80, trombone; Bill Folk ’80, trumpet; Richard G. Wells, professor emeritus of music; Kenny Hoch ’84, saxophone; Crystal Cammauf ’93 & ’04, tuba; and Russ Zera ’06, tuba.
The World Beat

KU’S PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE CAPTURES INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION


To pin a stylistic badge on the repertoire of the KU Percussion Ensemble is difficult. Sometimes the music is dressed in African poly-rhythms. Other pieces wear the mantle of jazz, or display the intricate designs of a Balinese percussion orchestra.

Whatever the style, the ensemble is a big hit with audiences both here and abroad.

Established in 1986, the KU Percussion Ensemble is an evolving expansion of the traditional orchestral percussion section. Over the years, the repertoire has grown from the concert-based instrumentation to embrace drums, rattles, and gongs from around the world.

To support the program, the artist-in-residence program was created in 1998 and has attracted such renowned artists as Brazilian Samba specialist Chalo Eduardo, African percussionist Leon Mobley, marimbist Michael Burritt, Brazilian composer Ney Rosauro, and recording artist/composer/arranger Dick Schory.

Today, the ensemble is directed by Dr. Frank Kumor 91, who came to Kutztown to study under Dr. Will Rapp, chairman of the Department of Music and Director of Bands. As a historian, researcher, composer, and author, Rapp has dedicated his life to expanding the repertoire of percussion music.

“Dr. Rapp is a world-renowned author on percussion and one of the most published percussion composers in the U.S.” Kumor said. “He was, and still is, my mentor.”


More than drums, cymbals, and marimbas, the Percussion Ensemble makes music on just about every percussive instrument conceived by man, and a few pieces of material found in the junkyard as well.

Their music is unique. Each composition is different. And the instruments are intriguing. Some surprising items used include a plastic drain pipe, small bowls found at a yard sale, and gongs imported from Asia.

In addition to playing both traditional and avant-garde compositions, the ensemble commissions works by modern composers each year. To do this, the students raise money to pay the composers for the new scores.

In recent years, the ensemble premiered two new works by composer David Himes, joined a consortium to commission David Gillingham to create a concerto for piano and percussion ensemble, and last summer performed a new piece by Dr. Brett William Dietz at the College Music Society International Convention held in Bangkok.

Historically, the modern percussion ensemble only came to prominence during the last half of the 20th century, propelled by the works of composers John Cage, Henry Cowell, and Edgard Varese.

Modern compositions vary greatly in texture and style, offering traditional melodic arrangements mixed with ancient rhythms. Regardless of the music’s orientation, a percussion ensemble concert is a dynamic experience.

At a recent performance, the instruments employed included a standard snare drum, automobile brake drums, a set of bells, and the xylophone.

“Throughout one particular piece, players may be asked to play five or more instruments,” said student performer and
music education major Andrew Smouse ’09. “With so many different instruments being played, there are many sounds and techniques that must be mastered by a single player. The variety of skills learned is endless.”

In some compositions, the percussionists are left to do what drummers do best, create intricate rhythmic patterns through the voice of the conga drum from Latin America, djembes and ashikos from Africa, or doumbeks from the Middle East.

“The ensemble changes constantly,” Kumor said. “No one composition uses the same instrumentation as another. Often, the audience is introduced to sounds and tonal colors they may have never heard before.”

To participate in this unique musical environment, students must form their own independent study groups. As they study together, students hone their interpretive skills and bring the music to life.

“The percussion ensemble is a special experience. It is like a big family,” said Brittany Hasler ’09, who plays marimba and xylophone. “I don’t think the music we present would be as good if we didn’t really care about each other within the group.”

Kumor said he is very proud of the students who take the extremely difficult scores and bring them to life. His task is to listen, offer suggestions, provide guidance and inspiration, and encourage the complex interaction among performers that makes the music work.

“Every person in the ensemble is playing 100 percent of the time, working hard, and learning new organizational, interpersonal, and planning skills,” Kumor said.

Popular around the world, the ensemble has been invited to play music festivals in Puerto Rico, Uruguay, and Thailand. In 2006, the percussion ensemble performed at the Paris Percussion Festival through a special invitation from the principal percussionist for the Paris Symphony Orchestra who heard the group play in Puerto Rico.

As the group heads into a new year, unknown musical adventures lie just beyond the horizon. One thing is certain, the Percussion Ensemble will continue to amaze and delight audiences with their special imaginative spark that sets the music on fire.

The Percussion Ensemble has received funding through gifts to the Annual Fund.
deans’ corner

THIS INSTALLMENT OF THE DEANS’ CORNER FEATURES THE STORIES OF STUDENTS WHOSE OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND DEDICATION ARE ONLY OUTPACED BY THEIR ENTHUSIASM FOR KUTZTOWN. THOUGH EACH REPRESENT A DIFFERENT COLLEGE, THEY ALL AGREE, KU IS THE PERFECT PLACE TO BEGIN A NEW CAREER.

OLIVIA MUIRU ’08 is a student within the College of Business and is pursuing a double major in finance and international business with an eye on a career in global economics. Though her home is in Kenya, Muiru was not the first in her family to choose KU for a quality education.

“Two of my sisters graduated from Kutztown last year,” she said. “I came to KU because my sisters were here, and because it represents a good, economic value.” At home in Kenya, the climate is warmer and the days are sunny. At Kutztown, the cold weather takes some adjustment, Muiru said, but extra-curricular activities keep her busy throughout the school year.

Muiru is the current president of the International Student Organization, a member of the Applied Investments Management Program funded by the KU Foundation, a member of the Phi Kappa Phi national honor society, and works at the Rohrbach Library.

“I like the classes at KU. They are all challenging,” she said. “And my professors are always available when I need help. They are phenomenal.”

JAROD FISHER ’09 is majoring in elementary education with a concentration in mathematics and coaching education. A native of Shillington, Pa., Fisher hopes to become a middle school math teacher in addition to coaching a sport. In high school he participated in wrestling, track, and cross-country, and was looking for a university where he could combine his interests.

At KU, he found the perfect match in the College of Education.

“When I was researching universities, I wasn’t sure what my concentrations should be,” he said. “Dr. Christine Lottes [professor of human kinetics] actually called me personally to help. It was very nice to find a college that would take the time to call.”

A commuter student, Fisher also works as an assistant wrestling coach for the Governor Mifflin School District.

“I am the first in my family to go to college,” he said proudly.

EMILY KIRCHER ’08 is an art education and crafts major in the College of Visual and Performing Arts.

“I’d like to become an art teacher,” Kircher said.

She is a member of the National Art Education Association student chapter, has worked as a campus tour guide and served as the historian and vice president for the “Friday Nights” community arts program. Kircher is also a member of the KU Honors Program.

Within the honors program, her senior thesis is focused on developing a curriculum to involve students in environmental science with the arts. This native of Exeter, Pa., says KU has all the right ingredients for her to succeed.

“KU has a supportive faculty, a comprehensive art program, and a close proximity to major cities that provides a lot of opportunity to get involved with art.”

Individual student success stories can be found in every classroom. They are a testament to the enthusiasm for learning that KU generates and a reminder that education changes the lives of all those who participate.
The Office of Alumni Relations in conjunction with the Tower Magazine is working to develop a library of names of alumni who participate in sporting events to raise money for charity.

It can be a 5K walk or run, a bike-a-thon, a triathlon, a golfing event, or even climbing to the top of the nearest peak. Whatever the endeavor or level of participation, we would like to hear from you.

Later, in a special “Team KU” issue of the Tower, we will present the stories and pictures of those individuals who give their all to help others. To get things started, Sue Stauffer ’91 has sent in her story:

“In May of 1991, on the heels of my graduation from KU, I walked into the Turkey Hill store on Main Street and picked up a brochure promoting the local MS 150 Bike Tour, a two-day, 150 mile bike tour to raise awareness and funds for people with multiple sclerosis. My first thought was that this looks like fun! I’m going to do this! My second thought was I can’t do this! I’ve never ridden more than five miles in my life! What am I thinking? My third thought was to volunteer for the event and experience it that way first.

“One month later, at the event in June, I witnessed hundreds of cyclists and volunteers coming together – regardless of background, age, income, race, religion, gender, or physical ability – to give of themselves for bettering the lives of others. It was 48 hours and 150 miles of bringing out the best in people. Smiles, generosity, helpfulness abounded. I loved it. And I felt that everyone in America and beyond needs to experience this.

“Fast forward: I signed up to volunteer again the next year, I joined the MS Bike Tour Advisory Committee the year after that, and things snowballed to the point that I was lucky enough to work for the Greater Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for more than three years. It was one of the best job experiences I could have ever had. When it came time for me to move on to another career in 1996, I promised my boss, along with other close friends on the chapter, that I would no longer volunteer for future MS Bike Tours, but I would sign up as a cyclist and ride all 150 miles – by the year 2000.

“I am happy to say I rode in my first MS 150 in September 1997, my second in 2000, my third in 2003, fourth in 2006, and fifth in 2007. Every ride has lived up to its reputation of making a positive human impact. Every year, the volunteers, the staff, the cyclists, the sponsors, and the MS clients come together and are so inspiring I get goosebumps!

“This past September, more than 7,500 cyclists and 1,000 volunteers participated in the City to Shore MS Bike Tour, and raised more than $4.5 million to fight multiple sclerosis. It was an awesome event.

“Why do I do the MS Bike Tours and other events? Because participating in these events truly brings out the best in people. It seems like, in some way or another, no matter what your role – participant, volunteer, staff person, client, cheerleader, etc. – everyone is giving and they are getting back even more.”

If you have a similar story, or would simply like to be counted as part of Team KU for your volunteering efforts, please write to Craig Williams, Tower editor, Kutztown University, P.O. Box 730, Kutztown, PA 19530 or cwilliam@kutztown.edu.
Quiles hoping for career in the NFL

BY JIMMY JOHNSON '09

Everyone who follows the National Football League knows that New England quarterback Tom Brady has several options at wide receiver, but if the Patriots organization would like to add another talented wideout at minimal cost, they should look no further than Kutztown University.

“I think I’d play for free,” senior Elfren Quiles said, with a laugh. “I’d play for free for a year and then we could work out a contract.”

Quiles, a native of New Britain, Conn., grew up around the Patriots, and after an illustrious two-year career at KU, he hopes to grab the attention of scouts from 32 NFL teams.

The 6-foot-2, 205-pound prospect played in the seventh annual Cactus Bowl in Kingsville, Texas, where he played the whole game, displaying his talent in front of several NFL scouts. The notable Division II All-Star game has paved the way for several NFL players.

In the game, in which the East defeated the West 42-13, Quiles made one catch for 13 yards.

Oh, what he would have done to make it for 14 yards.

While in the process of laying out for the catch, Quiles lost his balance. He used his momentum to propel him toward the goal line, but when he hit the ground with the ball extended forward, he found himself one yard shy of a touchdown.

“You don’t understand,” he said, recalling the moment. “It was a horrible feeling. You’re one yard away from scoring, and that was my shot to score, because I knew the wide-outs were coming out of the game and the jumbo set was coming in.”

Even without the touchdown, Quiles admitted that it was “pretty cool” to just be able to make a catch in the game. The rest of the time, he spent blocking for the running backs, who racked up 265 yards of offense in the game.

“I was out there still working,” he said. “I was out there blocking.”

Now, he has to make way for his future. Quiles will have an agent soon and will be preparing for more pro workouts. He worked out with scouts in the week leading up to the Cactus Bowl and he’ll have more opportunities to do so before the NFL draft.

“This is a chance for me to show them what I can do,” he said. “The ultimate goal is get drafted or picked up as a free agent, because there’s nothing I’d like more than to play in the NFL.”

Quiles’ reputation will not solely rely on his performance in the Cactus Bowl. His career at KU shined a great light on the potential he has.

The All-American led the nation in receiving for several weeks and finished second with 1,187 yards on 64 receptions. The yardage was a single season school record and his receptions were fourth most in team history.

He finished his career at KU with 2,003 yards (100.3 per game) on 118 receptions with 20 touchdowns. Overall, the Merrimack College transfer caught 252 passes for 4,136 yards and 43 touchdowns in his four-year collegiate career. He set a single-game school record with 308 receiving yards against rival Bloomsburg on Oct. 6.

He may not have been at KU for four years, and he’ll move on soon, but his name will remain. Quiles’ 2,003 yards were good for fourth place on KU’s career list, one yard more than former NFL All-Pro Andre Reed. His 20 touchdowns also ties for second on KU’s career list, while his 12 touchdowns in 2006 set a single season record.

“It’s a tremendous honor to have these records,” Quiles said. “You really won’t know how it feels unless you’re in my position. You’re never going in a game saying, ‘I’m going to beat this record. I’m going to set this one.’ And the fact that I did it in two years means a lot to me.”
A number of Kutztown University fall sports teams turned in stellar seasons to kick off the 2007-08 school year. Several spent most of the season ranked in various polls among the region and nation’s best at the Division II level.

The field hockey team had the highest ranking, spending the week of Sept. 25 as the top ranked team in Division II, according to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association [NFHCA] poll. The top ranking was the first on record for a Golden Bear women’s sport, and just the second ever after the baseball team was ranked No. 1 this past spring. The team finished 17-5, qualifying for the NCAA Division II playoffs where it fell in the quarterfinal round. Head coach Betty Wesner was named the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference [PSAC] and NFHCA South Region coach of the Year.

The KU women’s cross country team was ranked as high as No. 11 in the nation and first in the East Region, according to the US Track & Field/Cross Country Coaches Association. The men’s cross country team was ranked as high as ninth in the region. KU’s women, under the tutelage of head coach Ray Hoffman, finished third at the NCAA East Regional Championships, missing a berth at the national championships by one place. KU’s men finished 13th.

The women’s volleyball team earned a No. 4 regional ranking by the NCAA. The Golden Bears qualified for the NCAA Division II playoffs as the No. 5 seed from the Atlantic Region and upset fourth-seeded Shippensburg in the first round. KU, however, lost to eventual regional champion California (Pa.) in the second round. Coach John Gump’s squad set a school record with 28 victories this fall.

The Golden Bear men’s tennis team finished the fall portion of its season ranked No. 27 in the nation by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. KU is ranked second in the East Region. Highlighting the fall was the PSAC singles title for Santiago Baquerizo, and the conference doubles title for Baquerizo and teammate Lukas Labitsch.

On the club sport scene, the Kutztown University men’s rugby team enjoyed a stellar fall. The team finished 8-0 in the fall, and was ranked No. 1 in the country by GoffonRugby.com, an online rugby magazine. The ruggers, who compete at the Division I level, recorded wins over ranked teams from Delaware, Navy, and Penn State. In the spring, Kutztown will compete in the Mid-Atlantic Rugby Football Union playoffs.

Golden Bear Hall of Fame Inducts Six Members at Annual Banquet

Six new members joined the KU Athletics Hall of Fame this year. This year’s induction class included (left to right): Sean Kullman holding his son Michael, brother and nephew of the late Mike Kullman ’91, football; Timothy P. Clancy ’92, football; John Rozich ’01, baseball; Elizabeth A. Thoryk-Longenecker ’99, women’s swimming; James G. Bennett ’82, football; and Dr. Al Leonzi, longtime football coach and professor.
The Alumni Plaza is home to a wonderful courtyard full of pleasant memories revealed in the many memorial bricks placed in the plaza by alumni and friends of the university. In this issue we feature the brick of Patricia (Leinbach) Owens ’58, who writes:

“My freshman year at Kutztown State Teacher’s College was a social event. I willingly became independent and erroneously assumed that I was already prepared to teach. At the end of that year, my grades tumbled. I became doubtful, and my self-confidence ebbed. I pondered: ‘Perhaps I should drop out of college.’

‘My dad valued education. Two of his sisters graduated from Kutztown Normal School. He suggested I make an appointment with Miss Rickenbach, dean of women. Miss Rickenbach took time and carefully reviewed my records. While nervously waiting for her assessment, I reflected on my foolishly wasted time. She slowly raised her head, smiled, and proceeded to encourage me to continue college. She stated that I had the ability to be successful, if I applied myself. This incident proved to be a pivotal life experience.

‘When the university initiated the project for alumni to purchase a brick in the newly constructed plaza, I reflected on the numerous advantages Kutztown afforded me. I shuttered at the alternative, the possibility of unfulfilled goals without my education.

‘The plaza exemplifies the importance of education, not just for me, but for my children, grandchildren, and those to follow. My small brick is surrounded by numerous memorialized bricks, creating a type of labyrinth of motivational messages to all who pause to reflect - the value of education is priceless.’

If you are interested in purchasing a brick for inscription in the Alumni Plaza, call the Office of Development at 610-683-1394, and please visit the plaza the next time you are at KU.

The scramble, a sell out each of the past nine years, is $400 per foursome, and $220 per twosome, and is limited to the first 36 foursomes. The entry fee includes the following for each foursome: a tee prize; a pre-scramble lunch at Willow Hollow pavilion; driving range opportunities at Sittler Golf; a post-scramble barbecue and awards ceremony; the Golden Avalanche Brewing Company on-course beverage stop; golf cart and greens fees; a chance to win a new car or golf vacation in the Kutztown Buick-Pontiac-Cadillac-GMC Hole-in-One contest; special contests (included with entry fee: long drive, closest to the pin, putting competition); prizes for place-winners - open and co-ed; and a chance to win great prizes by participating in the Pot-of-Gold contest and raffle.

Player registration and sponsorship forms can be obtained by contacting the KU Athletic Advancement Office at 610-683-4755. The scramble benefits Kutztown University student-athlete scholarships.
Fiesta!

The annual President’s Scholarship Ball was held on November 3, 2007 in the Keystone Field House. Dinner, dancing, silent and live auctions, raffles, and other entertainment provided a dynamic and festive experience for the nearly 300 guests. The Mexican-themed event, as in past years, raised money for student merit scholarships.

Traditional native foods such as tortillas, empanadas, and ceviche were served at dinner.

The Spanish Department displayed genuine memorabilia and artifacts to acknowledge the “Day of the Dead” holiday.

KU’s mascot, Avalanche, got into the festive spirit by sporting a sombrero and zarape blanket.

MaryAnn Sutton (center) won the Emerald cut necklace designed by art major Russell Phillips (right) and donated by gemologist John ’75 and Donna Rhoads. The Rhoads also donated the metal for the necklace in addition to sponsoring the design contest and three student scholarships.

President and Mrs. Cevallos, as well as retired math professor and Class of 1955 alumnus, Bob Wolff, burned up the dance floor until late in the evening.
Professor Emeriti Tom Schantz (art education & crafts) and John Landis (communication design), Professor Elaine Gunfer ’83 (communication design), President Cevallos, and Professor Emeritus Dave Bullock (communication design) gather in the Graduate Center lobby for the College of Visual and Performing Arts reunion.

Before the football game, Tailgate City again hosted fraternities, sororities, and other student organizations along with their respective alumni visitors. Clockwise from top left: Phi Sigma Sigma, Theta Phi Alpha, KU Dance Team with Men’s Lacrosse Club, and Zeta Tau Alpha.

College of Education alumnae had a “blast from the past” at their reunion lunch, under the big tent. Pictured left to right: Dorothea Robinson Quatra ’75 & ’10, Diane A. Mento ’77, Donna Di Giacomo Schoen ’77, Arlene Laballe Lund ’77, Ellen Malone ’77, Anne Dempsey ’77.
Professor Emeriti Joe Piscitelli (biology) and Bob Wolff ’55 (mathematics) joined President Cevallos to serve hot dogs and other delectables to College of Liberal Arts and Sciences alumni including Kathy Fridirici ’77 (left picture), Bob and Barb Bennett ’67, and Matt Fridirici ’08 (right picture).

Electronic Media alumni gathered for their reunion mixer in the Rickenbach TV studio.

GOBs (Graduate Organization of Bands) celebrated their 35th anniversary on Homecoming with a special luncheon and halftime performance at the football game.
After the game, many alumni headed to the big tent and the 5th Quarter Party for food, fun, and to catch up with old friends, professors, and classmates.

For the second consecutive year, the College of Business reception was held at the Kutztown Tavern where faculty members, the dean, and the provost greeted alumni and their families. Left to right: Joel Garnick, Gregory Kuritz, Bernie Selvey, Kathryn Kuzo, Pamela Vargas, and Provost Carlos Vargas-Aburto.

Alumni children enjoyed their own festival of games and surprises on Homecoming day.
New Hall Named for F. Eugene Dixon, Jr.

The newly constructed 860-bed residence hall on South Campus has been named in honor of F. Eugene Dixon, Jr., a long-time member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Board of Governors. This magnificent six story building stands above the surrounding landscape and provides residents on upper floors a view of the valley and mountains.

Dixon served for more than 17 years as chairman of the Board of Governors for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE). He was named to the board by then-Governor Dick Thornburgh in January 1983, shortly after PASSHE’s creation. Dixon subsequently was reappointed to the board by both Gov. Robert P. Casey and Gov. Tom Ridge. His colleagues on the board elected him chairman every year of his tenure.

Early on, Dixon recognized that private fundraising would be essential to the long-term success of the universities and committed more than $1 million to help them get started. In Harrisburg, the Dixon University Center is also named in his honor; however, the new KU residence hall will be the only facility at any of the 14 PASSHE schools to carry his name.

The new residence hall offers 285 junior suites and 13 efficiency apartments. Amenities include: air-conditioning, two laundromats, wireless network access in the lounge areas, multi-purpose room, and courtyard; wired Internet access and telephone hookup in each bedroom; one card access for building and suite doors; and a staffed front desk 24-hours, seven days a week. Dixon Hall is fully accessible and Americans with Disabilities Act compliant. A 5,000 square-foot retail space on the lower level will offer convenience store items and provide space for student gatherings and special activities. The residence hall will be completed and ready for students by the beginning of the Fall 2008 semester.

Visit www.kutztown.edu/admin/harlo/headlines for floor plans and more information on the new hall.

KU Office Opens in India

The university opened a marketing office in Chennai, India, last September with a ribbon cutting ceremony conducted by President Cevallos and Provost Carlos Vargas. This initiative provides prospective Indian students with access to the KU India Website via on-site computers supplied by the university. Prospective students can print and complete applications with the assistance of university consultant Indu Palaniappan, who coordinates operations in Chennai.

“International recruitment and initiatives of this type are in line with strategic directions identified by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education,” said James Hubbard, assistant provost.

Preliminary studies of the marketing office in India indicated great interest in programs such as MBA, computer science and nursing. This Fall, the university anticipates an enrollment of 15 to 20 Indian students through the initiative. For more information, visit http://www.kutztownindia.com.
The internationally acclaimed Rodale Institute celebrated its 60th anniversary helping to develop sustainable organic agricultural practices in third world countries. Many dignitaries attended the afternoon event held at the institute’s organic farm in Pennsylvania. Pictured (left to right) are U.S. Congressman Charles Dent; Si Yu Yuan, KU MBA candidate from Capitol University, Beijing; Ardath Rodale ’50, chair of Rodale Press and Rodale Institute, honorary doctorate recipient; Javier Cevallos, KU president; and John McKowen, assistant director.KU SBDC.

KU Small Business Development Center Awards $25,000 to Area Business

The KU Small Business Development Center [SBDC] and the Ben Franklin Venture Investment Forum, in conjunction with Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Central and Northern Pennsylvania, awarded $25,000 to The Markenson Group as winner of the Central Pennsylvania Big Idea Business Plan. The company submitted a prototype design of a single use, portable cooling agent for ice massages used to control pain and inflammation during the rehabilitation of acute and chronic musculoskeletal conditions.

“The business plan contest was not only a great way for entrepreneurs to seek funding to bring their ideas to fruition, but it also helped prepare them by allowing them to present their ideas to other potential investors,” said John McKowen, assistant director of KU’s SBDC.

Sculpture Tackles Football Memorial

This is a picture of the Amos Alonzo Stagg Sr. and Jr. Memorial Bronze sculpted by E. Richard Bonham ’66 of Lewisburg, Pa., who retired from teaching art at Bloomsburg High School for 38 years and now works as a sculptor and art restorer. The one-and-a-half-life sized bronze sculpture was commissioned by Susquehanna University and depicts father and son during their time as Crusader football co-coaches from 1947 to 1952. Bonham writes of the commission: “Amos Alonzo Stagg Sr., nicknamed ‘The Grand Old Man of Football,’ was a pioneer of the sport. His contributions to football became such integral components of the modern game that Knute Rockne once said, ‘all football comes from Stagg.’ These 34-inch busts were sculpted in clay and cast in bronze using the lost-wax process.”

Decide in 2008 to Go to the Decision Makers Forum

A limited number of tickets are still available for what promises to be a scintillating discussion between former Florida Governor Jeb Bush and former New Jersey Senate Bill Bradley during the 19th Annual Kutztown University Decision Makers Forum on Thursday, March 27. With Dr. Roger Whitcomb, KU professor emeritus of political science, moderating the forum, this timely presentation is a plus for a presidential election year and offers a unique opportunity to glean political insights from two of the nation’s most well-known political figures.

For tickets or more information, call the KU Foundation at 610-683-1394 or visit www.kutztown.edu/decision.shtml.

Pictured Left to Right: Ernie Post, director, KU SBDC; Senator Michael W. Brubaker, Senate District 36; Brian Peers, president, The Markenson Group; Representative John C. Bear, House District 97; and John McKowen, assistant director, KU SBDC.

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Science Sleuths Shed Light on Fossil Find

Last fall, Dr. Edward Simpson ’80, Department of Physical Sciences, and geology student David Fillmore ’05 announced the discovery of full-body fossil impressions of not just one, but three ancient amphibians, and in the process made headlines around the world. Revealed at the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America, the find is thought to be one of the oldest full-body imprints of land-living amphibians.

The fossilized body imprint of the amphibians [pictured] was discovered in 330 million-year-old rocks from Pennsylvania. They show the unmistakably webbed feet and bodies of three previously unknown foot-long salamander-like creatures that lived 100 million years before the first dinosaurs.

As a result of the find, Simpson published the paper “Amphibian Body Impressions from the Mauch Chunk Formation” with Spencer G. Lucas, of the New Mexico Museum of Natural History, and Fillmore.

Interestingly, the rock specimen had been sitting in the Reading Museum for decades. While working on his senior thesis, Fillmore, who is a retired computer programmer, discovered the imprints as he searched through plaster casts of the museum’s collection.

Though the fossils lacked any bones of the animals, the imprinted evidence of webbed four-toed feet identifies the animals as true amphibians. Formed when the creatures laid in wet sand which later hardened, the stone images provide body proportions and important clues to the outer skin, which is smooth and not armor plated as many would have expected.

The fossilized imprints were collected from the reddish-brown, fine-grained sandstone rocks of the Mauch Chunk Formation which runs throughout eastern Pennsylvania. Michael A. Fayers, Reading Museum science curator, said they may be part of the collection donated in the 1930s by amateur geologist and Pottsville dentist Dr. Howard J. Herbein. Simpson and Fillmore have confirmed the specimens originated from the Tumbling Run Reservoir which is southeast of Pottsville.

Governor Appoints Two Council of Trustees Members

Two new members have been appointed by Governor Ed Rendell to the Council of Trustees to replace open positions. Jacob Sayshen ’42, of Kutztown, will serve as a member with KU junior Andrew Smouse ’09, who was named as student representative.

Sayshen previously served on the Kutztown State College Board of Trustees for 12 years through an appointment by Governor Shapp from 1972 to 1983 and held the position of chair. He was treasurer of the Pennsylvania Board of Trustees for 10 years, and a member of the Association of State College and University Trustees.

He graduated from Kutztown State Teachers College with a bachelor of education degree in mathematics. He was president of Kutztown Shoe Inc. from 1950 to 2000. Active politically, Sayshen has been the treasurer of Berks County Democratic Party for more than 15 years, and in 2007, was nominated for the Pennsylvania Voter Hall of Fame.

Majoring in music education, Smouse specializes in percussion instruments with a focus on concert band music. A native of Bedford, Pa., Smouse is a Dean’s Scholar, Presidential Ambassador, and member of the KU Honors Program. Student council trustee members serve two-year terms as voting members.

In addition, three current trustees were reappointed as members of the Council of Trustees: Roger Schmidt will serve until January 2011. Guido Pichini ’74 and Ramona Turner Turpin ’73 will serve until January 2013.

The Council of Trustees of Kutztown University is comprised of 11 members appointed by the Governor. The Chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education and the President of Kutztown University also serve on the council as ex-officio members.
class notes

1940s

1945

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Ruth Jean (Grassi) Stitzer moved to Willow Valley Retirement Communities in Willow Street, Pa.

1946

Grace (Trimmer) Lefever participated in a senior member’s exhibition, “A Celebration of Longevity” from January 14-28, 2007, held by the York Art Association. She was the second longest member at 66 years (1941). Grace also participated in the spring and fall members exhibits in 2007. Grace is the owner of Sonnewald’s Natural Food Store in Spring Grove, Pa. She offers herb, edible and medicinal “Weed Walks” every May and June.

Raymond Rauenzahn was inducted into the Kutztown High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He earned seven varsity letters in two years. He was the captain of the undefeated basketball and baseball teams.

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Jerry Gottschalk and wife Margaret enjoyed breakfast with KU Alumni Director Glenn Godshall ’75/’90 at the Airport Diner. The couple, from California, was in town for Jerry’s 50th high school reunion in Fleetwood.

Past BEARFEST coordinators and advisors will be honored during a special reception on Saturday in the Wiesenberger Alumni Center.

The event began in 1979 as a three-day celebration of the spring season and is organized by the BEARFEST student committee who creates the theme and plans all the events. For more information and a schedule of events visit http://bearfest.kutztown.edu.

Kathryn Flexer has been retired for 10 years after 31 years as an elementary librarian at Northern Lehigh School District. She is still active in storytelling, writing stories, writing and directing plays, and traveling. She is also enjoying her great nephews and great nieces. In June 2007, Rev. Dr. Joseph R. Foster accompanied a team from Vermilion, Ohio (where his daughter Kristi is an associate pastor) to Simbo, Western Providence, Solomon Islands, where they provided training to pastors and lay leaders as well as personal trauma counseling to those affected by the earthquake and tsunami on April 2, 2007.

Kathy Wotring (&’70) is teaching Sumie, a style of Japanese brush stroke painting, at Brevard Community College in Palm Bay, Fla. She was featured on channel 15 in Melbourne, Fla., on December 20, 2007. She performed a 30-minute demonstration of Sumi-e brush painting on the program titled “Focus.”

John Krill, adjunct faculty member in the Winterthur/University of Delaware program in art conservation, received the prestigious Sheldon and Caroline Keck Award for “a sustained record of excellence in the education and training of conservation professionals.” He has worked at the Baltimore Museum of Art (1971-73) as assistant curator of Prints and Drawings/Paper Conservator, and has been paper conservator at the National Gallery of Art (1973-76) and currently at the Winterthur Museum. He served as guest curator at the Victoria and Albert Museum (1987) for the exhibition “English Artists’ Paper;” is in its second and revised edition (2002) published by Oak Knoll Press and the Winterthur Museum.

Linda Currain retired in June 2006. She was a part-time math teacher in 2006-2007, and now volunteers as math teacher once a week.

Judith Wanfried retired in 2003 after 38 years of teaching. She was a partner in Scaramouche Costumes in Bethlehem but sold the business in 2004 after 33 years. She then moved back to Lebanon County in 2006.

Nancy (Holland) Lounsbery enjoys volunteering at West Lawn/Wyomissing Hills Library.
Candida manager for PennDOT, and was his responsibility to the Commonwealth as an internal communication. He was a French teacher for 14 years. He also contributed to the Susquehanna Township School District in Harrisburg. He taught for 30 years of service to Susquehanna Township.

John K. Robinson
1968

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The new book "Educational Assessment: Reform and Accountability" was released. It offers a critical perspective on the accountability movement. Russell H. Miller retired in June 2003 after 36 years of teaching at Spring Ford Area School District. He still works part-time for Paul W. Moyer & Sons, Inc.

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William Kreitz, president of Hampson Mower Kreitz Agency, accepted the Outstanding Corporate Award for small business at the annual Northampton Community College's Community Fabric Awards in October 2007. He is a volunteer at Kutztown University where he established the Dr. William Kreitz Endowed Scholarship.

Bruce J. Weidenhammer went on a photo safari to Kenya with fellow KU alumni in November 2007.

Jim Suyforth (67) recently published a book titled, "The Pond." It is available through Amazon.com.

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Nancy (Black) Bowman (67) retired from Kutztown Area School District in June 2007. She and her husband Roger (66&'71) live on a farm near Lebanon, PA where they raise sheep and exhibit sheep at various shows in Pennsylvania. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Alexander Nagy's eldest daughter Angela is teaching 2nd grade Elizabethtown School District. His younger daughter Amanda is a freshman at Widener University majoring in nursing.

Kristen (Wittwer) Ritter has retired as a school psychologist from Nashua School District in Nashua, N.H. She began her career 37 years ago as a special educator in Exeter, Pa., and has been working in New Hampshire since 1980. She has been married to husband Alan for 37 years and their son David is a junior at Georgia State University in Atlanta.

1971

Cheryl (Taylor) Bagenstos and her husband Brian are both retired from teaching. Their son Kyle is a sophomore at Temple University. Daughter Erica '92 married husband Brian in May 2005. Their grandson Aidan was born in August 2007. Daughter Amanda, who graduated from Penn State in 2001 and is a reading coach in Reading School District, married husband Bill in July 2007.

Jeffrey C. Ebert (67) retired in June 2007 from East Penn School District after 20 rewarding years in the teaching profession. Sharon (Kline) Hauffe recently began her 20th year as librarian at Allentown State Hospital. She is involved in updating the Palo Alto War Memorial as a member of the memorial committee.

Richard Smith retired as director of elementary education from the Banger Area School District. He is enjoying his second career as an account manager for A. Scott Enterprises.

1972

June Pansing retired in 1993 and has been traveling ever since. Her last trip was to Iceland in May 2007.

Linda Grin retired in June 2007 from Kutztown Area School District.

Susan (Welch) Amante recently retired after 35 years of teaching in the Reading School District.

Linda (Brobst) Moyer has been married to her best friend Jim for 35 years, and has been living in Monroe, N.C., since 1981. She began teaching adults with low literacy skills in 1983. Fifteen years later she became co-founder...
and executive director of a community-based non-profit organization that trains volunteers to teach adults how to read, write, speak and understand English.

1973

Pamela Quinn received a certification in special education and elementary education in December 2007. She has a son who is a junior at Portland State University majoring in graphic design.

Stephen Bliis finished the 2007 Philadelphia marathon in five hours and 54 minutes, averaging 13 minutes and 32 seconds per mile. He walked the entire 26.2 mile course. It was the first time he participated in a marathon.

1974

Under Susan Anthony's leadership, the Patriot News Department of Educational Readership Initiatives received the World Association of Newspapers "2007 Young Reader Prize for Newspaper in Education."

1975

KU Alumni Director Glenn Godshall ('60) jams with Echoing Heart at KU's Fall Harvest Festival in the South Dining Hall.


Kristine (Gemmler) Strickler's eldest daughter, Michelle is a graduate of LaSalle University and will graduate from Abington High School after 30 years as an English and speech teacher. On the night of graduation, the class of 2007 presented him with a plaque in appreciation of 17 years as the commencement speaker advisor. Major Benjamin F. Brooks is a management consultant and founder of Major Ben's Consulting Agency, specializing in assisting companies to more effectively implement their cultural diversity programs.

1980s

In 2007, Dean McDermott was named to the Board of Trustees of the DaVinci Science Center. He is a former assistant professor of business and economics at Cedar Crest College and lectures at the Lehigh Valley Institute at Lehigh. Elizabeth (DuBois) Haberman's daughter Lori is attending KU for a master's in counseling degree. Her son Luke is a freshman in the engineering co-op program with Penn State.

Nancy (Hartline) Berchon married her husband Brett in 1998. They have two sons: Frank (8) and Benjamin (3).

Patricia Logue-Hand is an art director for Landis End Business Outfitters Division, specifically handling national accounts. Raymond Strednak celebrated his 20th anniversary in the hotel/hospitality industry. The last 10 years he has been in Washington, D.C., working as a revenue/reservations manager.

Jennifer M. (Kelly) Smith is vice president of her own computer graphics training company: Aquent Graphics Institute. She has written several books on various graphic arts software products: "The Adobe Creative Suite CS for Dummies;" "CS2 for Dummies;" "CS3 for Dummies;" "The Adobe Illustrator CS and CS2 Classroom in a Book;" "The Adobe GoLive Classroom in a Book;" and "Dynamic Learning: Adobe Photoshop CS3."

In November, Frederick Sheeler was elected Berks County Recorder of Deeds. He previously was the owner and operator of Hamburg Mortgage Service.

Scott Eldredge, director of Public Relations/ Web for Lock Haven University, was selected for honorable mention in the 2007 PR People PR People Awards national competition. He was one of four finalists in the PR Professional of the Year - Academic Institution category. Eldridge began in 1999 as the university webmaster and was appointed public relations director in 2001. He completed his master's of liberal arts degree from Lock Haven in December 2006. He and his wife Deanna (Mayer) ’82, son Nathan (20), and daughter Rebecca (16) reside in Williamsport, Pa.

John Trovato, assistant vice president in the Customer Service Department at Chevy Chase Bank in metropolitan Washington, D.C., was recently honored as the Customer Contact Center Manager of the Year at the 2007 Star Awards. At the 2006 awards celebration, John Trovato was recognized as Team of the Year. He and his son lanen reside in Laurel, Md.

1987

Ronald Reichert is teaching exceptional student education in Grades 3-5 at Glynn Elementary School in Key West, Fla.

1989

Karen Legmann recently celebrated 20 years of remission from cancer. She owes her quick diagnosis of Hodgkin's Lymphoma to a doctor at the KU Health Center during her freshman year. She works at West Haven, Conn., VA Hospital where she teaches orientation and mobility to veterans who are legally blind. In her spare time, she also teaches at training seminars for Harley Owners Group, a division of Harley-Davidson.

Cynthia (Daniel) Hendrick was recently appointed assistant principal.

1990s

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Wendy (Welbert) Swiegart continues to serve as director of outreach education for the Susquehanna Art Museum in Harrisburg, Pa. In addition, she continues her involvement with the Pennsylvania Art Education Association serving as exhibitions coordinator and co-chair for the 2008 statewide conference in Harrisburg.
Donna (DelCiotto) Sattler have two sons, Wyatt (7) and Luke (2). Hinkle have been married for 11 years. They have two sons: William (4) and Joseph (2). Jennifer Kazi received her doctorate in clinical psychology from La Salle University. Her post-doctoral position at a forensic mental health agency involves assessment and treatment of victims and perpetrators of sexual abuse, as well as children and adolescents with a wide range of emotional and behavioral problems who are involved with the court system. Todd has also been an adjunct psychology instructor at Bucks County Community College for the past five years.

Jeremiah Iannacci continues to draw and paint. He has a mural business during the summers when he is not teaching. He runs 40-50 miles a week and is preparing for a marathon.

Mark Burke has two sons: Nate born in September 2002, and Will born in June 2004. Robert Munsey recently relocated to London with his wife, Jacqueline and sons, Pierce (4) and Drew (2). Munsey works for Bank of America as a global markets risk quality control artist on a project called Itty Bitty Kitty, Inc. Her site may be viewed at www.ittybittykitty.org. Jennifer Kazi has been happily married for 10 years with two children: A.J. (7) and Violet (4). Chris Rouleau and his wife moved back to Pennsylvania after living in New Hampshire for 10 years. Kristine (Newman) Stoffregen is married and living in New York. She and her husband, Norman have a 3-year-old daughter and 6-month-old twins. Kristin Corson-Ricci recently earned a master’s degree in supervision/curriculum and instruction from McDaniel College.

Stacey Curry recently earned a master’s degree in supervision/curriculum and instruction from McDaniel College. Timothy Donohue married Carey Cain on November 13, 2004. They are expecting their first child this month.

Jonathan Krause completed his chaplain residency at Lehigh Valley Hospital under the supervision of John Valentino. He began work as a hospice chaplain at Doylestown Hospital.

Jill Todd recently earned her doctorate in clinical psychology from La Salle University. Her post-doctoral position at a forensic mental health agency involves assessment and treatment of victims and perpetrators of sexual abuse, as well as children and adolescents with a wide range of emotional and behavioral problems who are involved with the court system. Todd has also been an adjunct psychology instructor at Bucks County Community College for the past five years.

Kevin Coyle is a digital paint artist for DreamWorks, the company which recently released “Bee Movie” starring Jerry Seinfeld. Coyle worked as a quality control artist on the movie. Other films he worked on since being employed by DreamWorks include: “Shrek the Third,” “Shrek the Halls,” and “Kung Fu Panda.” He also earned screen credits on “Catwoman,” “Shark Boy and Lavash,” “Pirates of the Caribbean: 2,” “Sin City,” and “The Host.” Heather (Anderson) Hinkle and Blair Hinkle have been married for 11 years. They have two sons: Wyatt (7) and Luke (2). Donna (DeCloutt) Sattler captures the beauty of a pregnant woman’s form through photography. Her website, www.amothermimage.com, showcases her art. Dave Kaufman is now the group controller for Brenntag North America in Reading. He was the recipient of the Early Career Excellence Award from the KU Alumni Association in 2007, and he is a volunteer in the KU Foundation’s Business & Industry Campaign.

Kristin Corson-Ricci is living in Haddon Heights, N.J., with her husband Michael and their two children, Emily (2-1/2) and baby Sophia.

Paul Bealer is the managing editor of The Valley Voice newspaper based in Hellertown. He recently competed in the 2007 Pennsylvania Press Club Communications Contest. He won a first place feature photography award, first place in the sections/supplements edited category, second place award in news reporting, second place in sports writing, and an honorable mention in feature writing. His first place entries went on to national competition in the N.F.P.W. Communications Contest where he earned second place in the sections/supplements edited category.

Vickie (Woodcock) Saltzer was hired as the high school librarian for Gettysburg Area School District.

2009

Sharon (Swiegart) Wert married Philip Wert ’03 on June 26, 2007. They are currently living in and loving West Reading, Pa.

Christine Tarlecki bought a house in Mont Clare, Pa. She is doing freelance work for many national publications. She enjoys traveling internationally and recently spent time in NYC working on a film and acting as an extra on several movies coming out this year.

Vail Heist is the owner of C&C Productivity Training for businesses, and owner of The C&Clutter Crew for homeowners. She recently completed the required course of study to become a certified GO System trainer, a system that helps people become and stay organized.

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organized. He is a professional organizer and has a monthly column in the Sunday Reading Eagle: “Ask the Organizer.”

In 2003, Crystal King received a master’s degree in instructional technology from Misericordia University in Dallas, Pa. She is currently working on a master’s in reading from King’s College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. King became engaged in August 2007.

2000

Erin (Tingle) Hibshman ’00 is an elementary school librarian at Easton Area School District. She and her husband Chad ’99/01 purchased and moved into a home in Lebanon with their daughter Molly (1).

In 2001, Jill (Beckwith) Williams received her master’s in social work from Marywood University. She and her husband George were married in 2003 and are now expecting their first child.

Theresa Brown is engaged to Major Alexander Kuhn, U.S. Army Reserve. The happy couple are planning an October wedding in Washington, D.C.

Michael Kelly and his wife Courtney have a son, Noah, and are expecting their second child in June. Kelly recently earned his real estate license and is working part-time while teaching.

2002

While teaching in the Pottstown School District, Antoinette “Toni” Rapp earned a master’s in education degree last year from Gratz College in Melrose Park. At the age of 51, Toni was nominated for Who’s Who in American Teachers, a prestigious award given to the top 2 percent of teachers. Rapp believes it is never too late to go back to school to pursue your dreams.

Shannon Smigo completed a master’s of science degree in counseling and college student personnel from Shippensburg University in May 2007. She is now working as a coordinator of residential education at West Point, Pa. He was recently promoted to staff position of counterfeit drug analyst in West Point, Pa.

Sara Kuzma was honored by the Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce’s “Industry’s Rising Star Awards” program.

Eileen Taff has been featured in the 2007 Northampton Community College Foundation Annual Report in its “40 Fabulous Alumni” article for excellence and dedication in the field of nursing.

Myhuong (Cara) Ngo married Timothy Brown on September 1, 2007. Bridesmaids Jennifer (Shultz) Chaffier ’02 and Lisa (Martino) Reynolds ’02 are pictured at the left of Ngo.

Graphic designer Jennifer (Conrad) Fink collaborated on a children’s coloring book that was unveiled at the Colonial Day Celebration in Allentown, Pa., on September 22, 2007. The book features Pip the mouse, a long-time iconic figure that promotes U.S. history.

As well as receiving a juris doctor from Temple University, Jay Kurtz passed the Pennsylvania Bar Exam. He continues to work as an assistant district attorney in Berks County.

Kara Getzko is a freelance writer for The Valley Voice based in Hellertown. She recently competed in the 2007 Pennsylvania Press Club Communications Contest. Kara took first place in feature writing among non-daily newspapers and third place in education writing.

Molly Logan is engaged to be married to Christopher Garavito in May.

David “Randy” Artz moved to Virginia in 2004 and is a contracting officer for the Department of Interior in Herndon.

After serving six years for Congressman Charlie Dent, Andrew Block has taken on a new challenge by becoming a major gifts and sponsorships officer for Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network.

In March 2007, Thomas Healy accepted the position of counterfeit drug analyst in West Point, Pa. He was recently promoted to staff scientist. He continues to live in Lansdale with his wife Deb. They celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary in January.

Officer Brian Morgan graduated in July 2007 from the United States Capitol Police Academy. After training in Georgia and Washington, D.C., he received a Class 152 and was inducted to service.

Zachary Artz and Jammie Brownlee ’07 were married on August 11, 2007. They currently live in Las Vegas where Artz is pursuing a master’s degree in economic geology.

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In Memory
1934
Karen (Kaufmann) Matthews 11/16/07
1935
Lorraine (Huber) Deischer 10/16/07
1940
Beatrice (Williams) Grimm 8/12/07
1943
Edith Mertz 12/8/07
1950
Harold Block 11/05/07
1952
Harry Leftwich 3/21/07
1955
Nonwood Lawler 10/3/07
1958
Virginia (Tavish) Maurer 8/23/07
1959
Janet (Peterson) Schadler (6/77) 11/13/07
1960
Gladys (Zerdy) Hopko 3/28/07
1962
Kenneth Stauffer 5/23/07
1968
Fred Valenit (6/72) 11/4/07
1979
Richard Reed 9/29/07
1985
Peter Apostolopoulos 9/29/07
Karen (Westenberg) ’95 and Anthony Galante, sons: Matthew Robert 11/11/03 and Christopher Barack 12/6/06
Robin (Zeigler) ’92 and Michael Mammola, a son, Andrew James 7/10/07
2000s
Karen (Green) ’95 and Ezekiel Sheard ’07, a son, Ezekiel James Sheard Jr. 10/20/07
Angeline (Peguero) Cafiero ’00, a daughter, Camryn Linda 8/16/07
1990’s
Karen (Birth) ’96 and Michael Rosenburg, triplets: Marcus Anthony, Owen Michael and Nora Marie 7/3/2007
Kim (Brown) ’99 and Matt Turnbull, a son, Colin Thomas 4/2/07
Karen (Fuchs) ’98 & ’04 and Andrew Guidas Jr., a daughter, Gianna Marie 10/28/07
Crystal (Lugo) ’96 & ’01 and Douglas Shearer, a daughter, Caitlyn 6/25/05, and a son, Ivan Jacob 8/31/07
Elizabeth (Reedy) ’96 and Scott Dunn, fraternal twins: Christopher Jude and Grace Ann 12/16/06
1988
Thomas Mayshock 10/30/07
1996
Michael Filippone 11/7/07
Emeriti
Leonard Kulseth 6/11/07
Christine Lemieux 11/19/07
CORRECTIONS:
The Summer 2007 Class Notes should place Robert Regan in the Class of 1965 for his entry: Robert “Bob” Regan and wife, Ann, recently completed building a lakeside home in western North Carolina. They are interested in seeing old friends, alumni, and football teammates, and have hosted many gatherings over the years.

2006-07 PRESIDENT’S ANNUAL REPORT CORRECTIONS:
Please note there corrections from the 2006-07 President’s Annual Report featured in the 2007 Fall issue of the Tower.

ALUMNI
Class of 1954
Contributors Club
Marilyn Longenecker Poore ++
Class of 1971
Century Club
Ronald L. Miller +++
Class of 1976
Century Club
Lynn Malinchoc Nagel +++
Class of 1977
Century Club
Michael E. Nagel +++
Class of 1978
Contributors Club
Florence Tusher Dyer +
Class of 1980
Contributors Club
Kent A. Dyer +
FACULTY/STAFF
Tower Club
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas W. Wesner
HONOR/MEMORIALS
In memory of Linda K. Mazlum
Mr. and Mrs. Self-E-Bin Madum
KU Alumni Day at the Kutztown PA German Folk Festival

Wednesday July 2, 2008

Advance orders for alumni day tickets — 1/2 price if ordered by June 17!

Adult tickets – $6.00
Senior tickets – $5.50
Kids under 12 – free

Call (800) 682-1866
Stop by our hospitality tent and say hello.

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Travel with Kutztown and the alumni and friends of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education to Canada/New England, Hawaii, or the Holy Lands including Egypt, Israel, Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine and more!

June 28 – July 5: Canada and New England Cruise
Discover North America’s most scenic, historic, and culturally rich region on a Canada and New England cruise aboard the ms Maasdam of Holland America.
Ports of call include: Quebec City, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; Sydney, Nova Scotia; Halifax, Nova Scotia; Bar Harbor, Maine; and Boston, Mass.
A two-night, pre-cruise package in Montreal is available. Prices start at $1,348.

August 7 – 17: Hawaii Cruise
Sail aboard the Pride of America roundtrip from Honolulu to the breathtaking islands of Kaua'i, Maui, O’ahu and the big island.
Visit Honolulu, the North Shore, Waikiki Beach, and Iolani Palace. Hilo is home to the spectacular Akaka Falls and Volcano National Park. Maui offers golfing, swimming, snorkeling, and windsurfing. There also are optional tours to Lanai available. Explore the beautiful tidal pools of Kona, the Captain Cook Monument or the sacred Pu’uhonua o Honaunau.
Kaua'i is the land of rain forests, mountains, waterfalls, and towering ocean cliffs.
Prices start at $2,368 per person/double occupancy and include taxes and government fees (subject to change) all transfers; and air from Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, or Harrisburg (subject to change). Other airfare is available. Please call for prices. There is a two-night, pre-cruise hotel package at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort in Honolulu available at additional cost.

September 29 – October 11: Black Sea, Egypt and Holy Lands Cruise
Discover the magic of the Mediterranean on board the ms Rotterdam. This trip begins and ends in Greece with ports of call in Istanbul, Turkey; Varna, Bulgaria; Odessa, Ukraine; Constanta, Romania; Haifa, Israel; Limassol, Cyprus; and Alexandria, Egypt. Prices start at $3,442.

Visit www.kutztown.edu/alumni/wiesenberger/travel/ for details and itinerary information.
Dear Editor:

It was 1989 when I graduated from Kutztown University and entered the workforce.

The hiring manager at my first job looked at my resume and gave an unintentional but audible snort when she subtracted about 21 years from my graduation date. ‘Born in 1967 huh? That was the year I graduated from high school.’

I smiled and nodded, uninterested. But now, 18 years later, I was the hiring manager looking at a new intern’s paperwork and his birth date. I tried to grasp the idea that I was now working with someone who was born the year I graduated from college. It was not possible. I was still the young kid in an office full of middle-aged Baby Boomers.

But here they were, these new “Generation Y” kids born 1980-2000, in the workforce, and they were confident and smart, socially and environmentally conscious, and techno-wizards. My youth and energy were being diluted. I regrouped. Instead of feeling threatened, I quickly realized: ‘They can teach me stuff. Then I’ll have my experience plus their knowledge.’

“When I think back, I realize that my KU experience had already prepared me for an intergenerational world from my work study job with the staff in Career Services to my foreign exchange student experience, to my senior year when I lived off campus with a German woman who was a non-traditional student.”

—it Rachel Roland ’89

Hindsight Revealed

In the last issue of the Tower, we ran this picture of Chez Nous and asked if anyone knew the location and correct spelling of a second student snack bar operating on North Campus in the late 1970s early 1980s.

To say that the reader response was enormous is an understatement. Everyone seemed to remember Chez Nous, housed in the lower level of Rothermel Hall, and its ‘great ham and cheese sandwiches.’ Others remembered the pinball machines and jukebox. And a few of our alumni recognized themselves in the picture.

Unfortunately, the years have not been so kind to the other snack bar which was located in the student center. There is no picture, and the correct spelling of its nickname has ranged from Two Chez, to Tou Chez, and Tous Chez, the latter of which, by consensus, is considered to be correct.

But one element remained common to all the letters received: fond memories of good friendships forged over a quick snack and hot cup of coffee abound.

Stephen Canfield ’83 had one of the most complete narratives describing the gastronomic delights of eating on campus in the early 1980s. He writes:

‘Oh yeah, we definitely ate there. Remember at that time the South Dining Hall took pride in the fact that it could feed a student on an average of $2.35 a day. Every sixth Tuesday night was the dreaded “mystery meat”: the baked Creole fish or sautéed liver menu, which prompted a lot of us to head to Sal’s [Pizza] and other places downtown, or wait until Chez Nous opened. I remember correctly, Chez Nous was only open in the evening after the dining hall closed, something like 8 p.m. until midnight. Tou Chez was open during the day, but closed before the South Dining Hall opened for dinner.

“The snack bars included the basics: hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, coffee, etc. — plenty of junk food to keep college students happy. I was partial to the soft pretzels with cheese myself — nothing like loading up on fats, carbohydrates, and a soda after a night of studying and before heading to bed.

‘Tou Chez was probably more of a rendezvous point. We were the only college in the Pennsylvania State College System that didn’t have a Student Union Building — they decided we would get two student centers instead. The North Student Center included Tou Chez, as well as some meeting rooms, the Student Government Offices, and I think a location for a few other organizations like the student newspaper. Because it was on the north side of campus near classrooms, it was a common meeting point for students between classes. It was also very popular with commuting students, who didn’t participate in the meal plan at the dining hall, and didn’t have a dorm room to go to between classes. Personally Tou Chez became a common stopping point for me to pick up a cup of coffee after classes.”

A special thanks to: Thomas Alter ’84, Robin Anlian ’72, Jeffrey Bieber ’77, Margaret Braddock ’82, William Bray ’74, Francis W. Chickilly ’76, Susan P. Chickliman ’76, Roberta Ciszson of the KU Department of Speech Communication and Theatre; Judith Cuffney ’78, [anne Ernst’84, Linda Horton] Hayes ’76, Brian K.Hoffner ’83, William R. Host ’74, Amy Keeney [a current student], Eileen [McKenna] Lash ’77, Holly [Nixon] Mack ’88, Lorraine Smith Mikulski ’74, [john o. Orlando] Orland ’78 & ’84, Vito Petitti ’82, Ruth Redes ’72, Roberta Sheckler ’74, Nancy Little Spencer ’73, Rodney Tryon ‘77, Charles R. Underwood ’70 & ’73, Kevin Volz ’77, Daniel Walter ’82, Robert W. West ’77, William Wiggins ’93, and the many others who wrote in or called to help with this Hindsight.”
**Alumni Day**

**SATURDAY MAY 3, 2008**

**9 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.**
**KU Bookstore Open, McFarland Student Union (lower level)**
Browse through the wonderful selection of KU clothing and gifts. The KU Bookstore will be offering alumni a 25 percent discount off clothing and gift items in the store. Sign up at the front of the store to register for 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 A.M. – Noon**
**12th Annual Alumni Art Show, McFarland Student Union (lobby)**
View the creative work of KU alumni representing classes from 1953 to 2003 who are celebrating a five-year reunion.

**10:30 A.M.**
**Rohrbach Library Tours**
Self Guided Tour of the $7.7 million restoration.

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**Class Reunion Celebrations, McFarland Student Union**
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**Class Reunion Celebrations, McFarland Student Union**
Receptions for the classes of 1963, 1968, 1973, and 1978. Details for each reception have been mailed under a separate cover.

**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.

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Kutztown, PA 19530

I am interested in information about lodging in the area

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We’re not sure whether these women are members of the Kutztown cheerleading squad, or just enthusiastic students. If you know any of these exuberant individuals, please feel free to share your insights. 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 ’07 Hindsight photo, please turn to page 30.