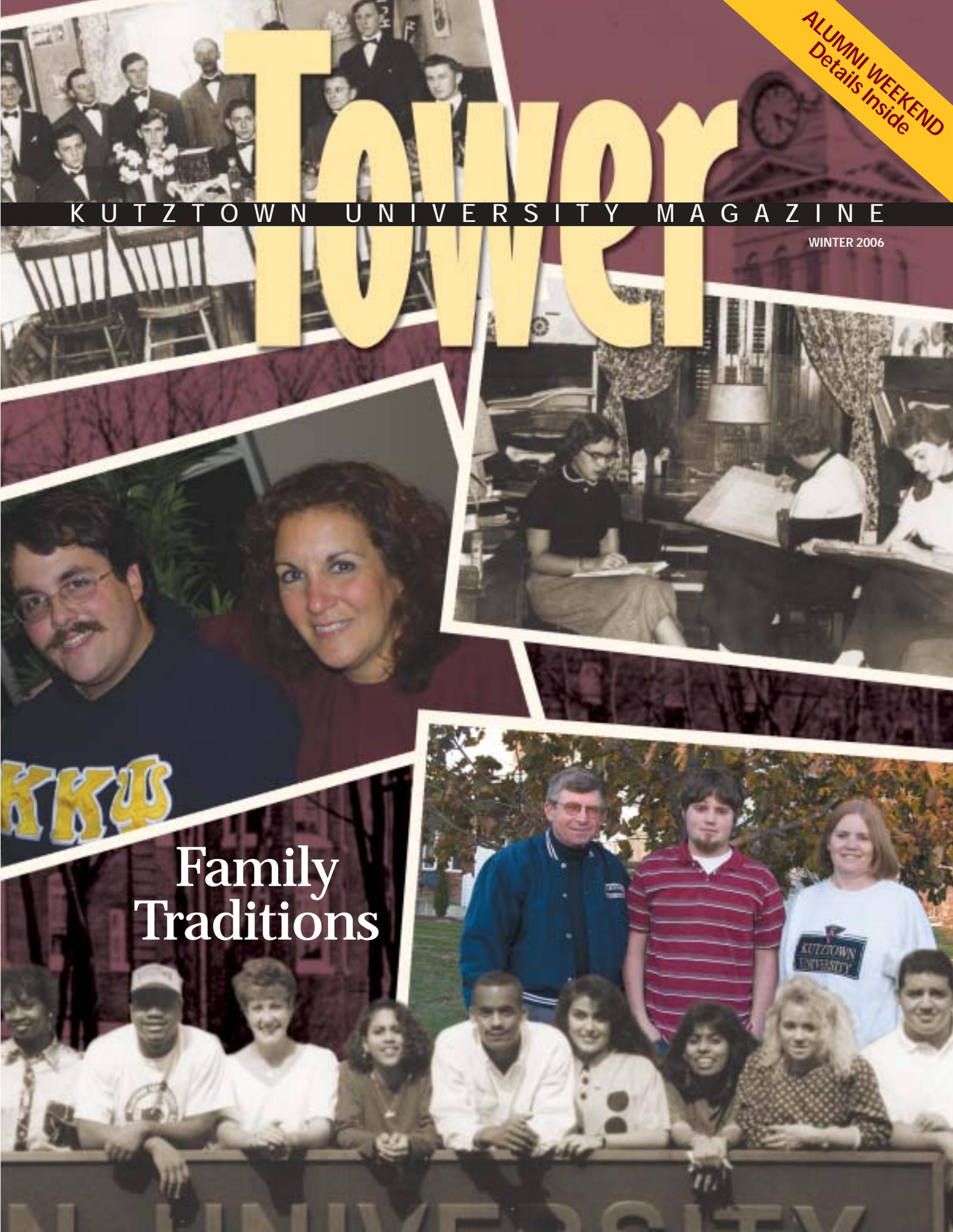


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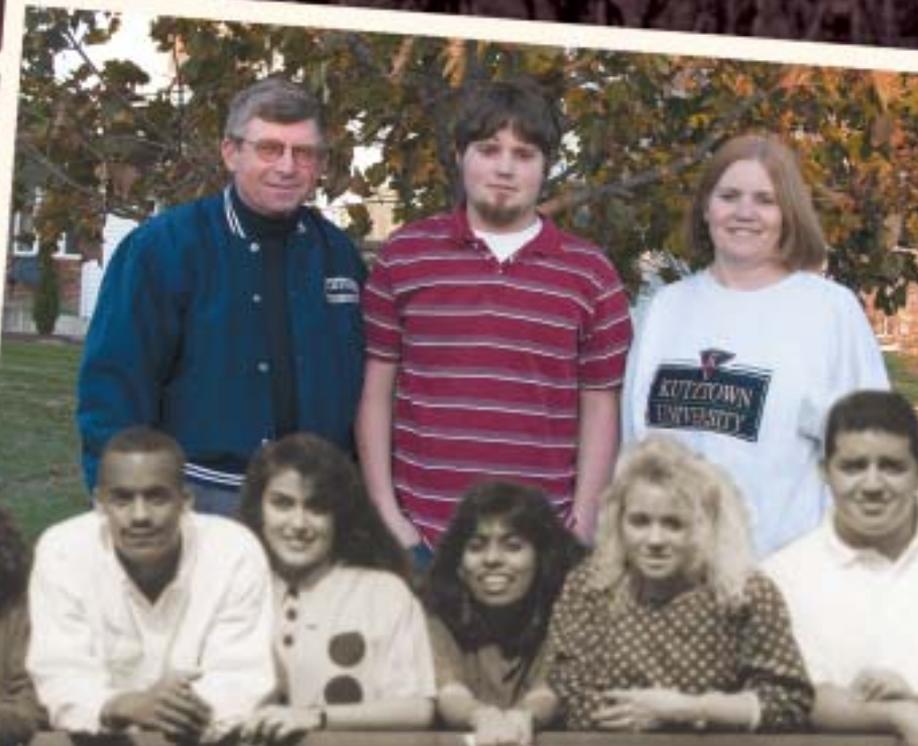
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to our readers



THE COLD WINTER DAYS PROVIDE A GOOD REASON to sit down with a yearbook and reflect on the many pleasant times and friendships developed while at Kutztown.

This issue of the Tower invites you to take a trip back to your school days. We feature our alumni who have made KU a family tradition, memorable faculty members who have touched lives in ways even they could not have foreseen, plus a sports feature on an alumna who is becoming a big hit in

the world of professional softball.

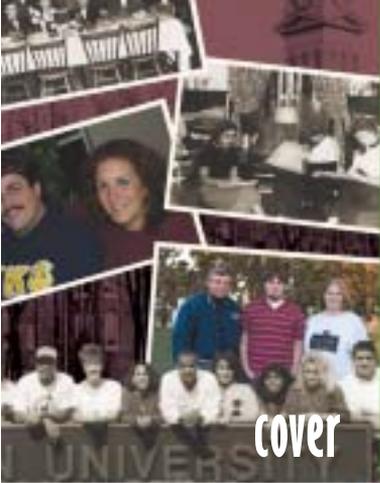
And for those who love trivia, this issue includes a little quiz filled with facts about your alma mater. This time you will not be graded on your answers.

Our mission continues to be the same, to provide the best education available while shaping future leaders, but we also realize it is important to take a break, appreciate all the rich experiences the university has to offer, and even indulge in a little nostalgia.

While we look forward to spring, I hope this issue will bring a ray of sunshine into your life as the Tower takes a unique look at what makes KU special.

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



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FAMILY TRADITIONS

BY CRAIG WILLIAMS

For many households, going to Kutztown has become a family tradition with parents, children, grandparents, aunts, and uncles all claiming the maroon and gold as their true colors. • Of course, every time a dusty photo album or yearbook is opened, memories of late-night pizza at Chez Nous, impromptu concerts on the DMZ in May, or video game marathons, stimulate a family conversation about what has changed and what has remained the same at their alma mater.

Did dad actually have long hair? Look at those penny loafers and pleated skirts the girls used to wear. Whatever happened to the guys on the football team?

Today's students are like any generation of college students. They are involved with academics, sports, music, theatre, art and socializing with their friends. What has changed is that the record hops, rabbit ears, and buffalo sandals have been replaced by compact discs, digital cable, and flip flops.

The number of alumni with familial ties to the university are too numerous to mention. But enough individuals have bravely stepped forward, admitted to wearing bell bottoms or bow ties, and provided this fascinating, though brief, glimpse into life as a student at Kutztown.

THE GROSSMAN FAMILY

John Grossman '49 and his family have watched the campus grow for more than half a century. Grossman retired in 1987 as professor of art education after more than 30 years of teaching.

Grossman said the formality of the student code of conduct at Kutztown State Teachers College in the 1940s cannot be imagined by today's students. For courting couples especially, the campus was not the best place to cuddle as faculty members took turns making sure there was the proper amount of daylight between the sexes.

"There was even a dean of women back then," Grossman reports. "My [future] wife used to come from Harrisburg and



John Grossman '49 taught art education at Kutztown for more than 30 years. Next to him are his sons Randall '75 and Michael '85.

visit me in the concourse of Old Main," he remembers. "We were allowed to sit there, but not very late."

The Grossmans had three sons attend Kutztown: Bob '73, Randall '75, and Michael '85.

Today, Randall Grossman is the senior pastor of Grace Bible Fellowship Church in Reading. Because his father was a faculty member, Randall attended the elementary laboratory school in the Stratton Building in the early '60s. By the time he started college he knew the campus well.

One of his most memorable experiences as a college student was when the men of Rothermel decorated the residence

hall for the holidays. It was a moving and beautiful scene, though he said his classmates were anything but angelic the rest of the year.

"We used to have a competition among the dorms to see who could decorate for the holidays the best. All the guys brought in Christmas trees. When the judges came to our dorm, it looked like a winter wonderland with paper snow flakes, trees, and decorations everywhere. We even had a choir singing in the background. Rothermel was a men's dorm at the time, and they were usually a pretty rowdy bunch. But they came off as choir boys that year."

The pastor also fondly counts the famous tale of the Old Main clock tower as one of his favorite Kutztown stories.

"It looks like a chicken," he said. "If you squint and look at the face of the clock, I guarantee the clock will never look the same again."

His brother Michael came to campus almost 10 years later to join the emerging student-run campus television station – high-tech for the period– and earn his degree in telecommunications. But what was cutting edge technology then is antique by today's standards, he said.

"In the early '80s, there were no personal computers, no laptops and no Internet. We were hand-writing our television scripts. Our cameras used tubes, there were no digital chips. They were much bigger and heavier. In order to cover the football games, we would use a remote truck."

Michael Grossman said he remembers Kutztown also had a reputation for being a quiet center of academic achievement. Or as he put it: "The campus was pretty dead on the weekends. It was a very casual kind of time. And the school was a lot smaller then."

students sunning themselves, displaying artwork, or playing guitar and singing folk songs, Benninger said.

"I also remember there were sit-ins, minor protests of social issues which were very well-organized events, held on the DMZ," he said

He said the region's Pennsylvania German cultural heritage gave the campus a rural charm. Students would walk to the farmers' market on Saturdays and supplement their diet with fresh produce from the surrounding farms.

"It was not uncommon to see a horse and buggy travel past Old Main on the weekends. Kutztown was just a friendly, nice place to go to school," he said.

His son Brad Benninger '02 said the 1990s was a period of growth and expansion.

"During my last year at Kutztown, they were starting to construct more dormitories," he said. "But the story about the horse and buggies on campus still holds true."

Both agree the university has grown so much that a drive through campus today is a totally new experience.



Thomas M. and Thomas J. Legath both received their degree in education from Kutztown and have gone on to successful careers as an alternative education teacher/head basketball coach and elementary principal, respectively.

THE LEGATH FAMILY

Thomas J. Legath '75 returned home to the Lehigh Valley from U.S. Army service in the early 1970s. When he started, there were approximately 4,200 students on campus, of whom 600 were veterans. Legath said the influx of former military personnel dramatically changed the tone on campus, and the freshman class seemingly grew up over night.

"Instead of being 18- to 20-year-olds, we were 21- to 23-year-old veterans. We had a more mature class," he noted.

Legath remembers the veterans accepted an unwritten responsibility to improve the quality of campus life. One of the group's projects was creating social activities where students could mix and mingle in a safe setting under the watchful eye of the older classmates.

"We had our own parties at the armory," he said of dances held at the U.S. Army Reserve building on Lytle Lane. Legath said they were popular events for all ages. "At one time we had more than 1,000 students show up for a dance.

"Plus we ran basketball and softball tournaments for the veterans," he said. "A lot of the professors were veterans as well."

Legath met his wife, Vicki [Miller] '75, '77 at Kutztown. After graduation the couple settled in town, so his son Thomas M. Legath '01 grew up just down the street from the university.

The younger Legath said he chose KU after looking at nine other schools because of the university's reputation for strong

PHOTO BY AMY FUHRMAN



Wayne, Brad, and Susan [Rowlands] '74 Benninger continue to be loyal KU supporters.

THE BENNINGER FAMILY

"I wasn't much into the fashion of the day," admits Wayne Benninger '68, '72. "I paid my way through school by loading trucks, and did not have the long hair [style]."

Benninger said campus life in the '60s wasn't as liberal as many believe.

"During my first three years at Kutztown, I remember the ladies were required to wear skirts and sign in and out of the dorms. And during your freshman year you had to wear a little maroon beanie or the upper classmen would give you a hard time."

Around 40 years ago, the lawn between the men's dormitories in Beck and Deatrick halls, and the women's domiciles in Schuylkill and Lehigh halls, was dubbed the DMZ, or demilitarized zone. On a nice day, the grassy mall would be crowded with

academics. But his love of basketball and dedication to school work left little time for anything else.

"Playing sports at the university level is so time consuming. It's like a full-time job. And the students today seem more serious about academics," he said of the demands of finding a good job after graduation.



Matthew and Kathy Fridirici enjoyed going to concerts and socializing with friends while at Kutztown.

THE FRIDIRICI FAMILY

When there is a break, Matthew Fridirici '08 plays saxophone in the marching band and jazz ensemble, or just hangs out with his friends and roommates.

"I live in University Place, and we play a lot of video games. On the weekends, I get together with other band members, and we play a friendly game of football."

His mother, Kathy Fridirici '75, '78, said it was the same when she went to college.

"You hang out with the people you know. We often went to Chez Nous, which was a little restaurant in the basement of Rothermel Hall, where for 25 cents you could get a slice of pizza or a soda."

Though students continue to congregate around pizza, they usually stay close to their rooms, which are now packed with all the conveniences of home.

"When I was in school, we would visit a friend to watch television," said Kathy. "When we got there, we would find about 15 people packed into one room, because that was the only student in the dorm who had a television."

Matthew said some of his friends have about three television sets per room.

In addition, the entire campus is wired. Kutztown was one of the first universities in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education to offer high-speed fiber optic access in all its residence halls in addition to a full range of web-based and computerized instructional tools in the classroom, library, and laboratory.

"They have more electronics in one room than I have in my whole house" Kathy said. "When I went to school, I only had one radio that could pick up one station."

THE DAVIS FAMILY

By the late '70s, the campus community was beginning to expand. One of the first African-American groups on the scene was Beta Psi Phi, started by co-founder Dennis Davis Sr. '79. Davis passed in early 2005, but his memory continues in a newly established scholarship.



Dennis Davis Jr. and his mother, Carol Davis, remember the legacy of Dennis Davis Sr. as one of support and groundbreaking opportunities for multicultural students.

Beta Psi Phi also was the first fraternity of its kind in the State System. A ground-breaking institution, the fraternity worked to engage the emerging African-American student population in the early 1980s. Their goal was to create new opportunities for growth and enrichment through mutual friendship and support.

Dennis Davis Jr. '08 said the pioneering efforts of his father and the brothers of the fraternity helped to fundamentally change the cultural climate on campus.

"My father, and his work, influenced me very much," Davis Jr. said. "He set a positive image. And because of his guidance and leadership, eventually I want to become a legislator."

Though Beta Psi Phi is no longer represented on campus, it served as a model for other multicultural groups. Today, Kutztown is home to the African-American sorority Delta Sigma Theta; the multi-cultural fraternity Lambda Sigma Upsilon; and Mu Sigma Upsilon, KU's first Latina sorority.



Dennis Davis Sr.,

STILL THE SAME AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

At the beginning of the 21st century, campus social life centers on friends, food and information. Students gather at the many snack bars scattered across campus. From coffee kiosks to pizza stands, the food choices are numerous. Students can enjoy their own home cooking if they opt for a fully furnished apartment in Golden Bear Village.

Gone are the days when a hotplate was the only means of warming a midnight cup of coffee.

Big screen televisions light up many student lounges as hanging flat screen panels keep the campus informed of current events. Few residence hall rooms are without all the electronic comforts of home. And the cell phone has replaced the community telephone as the primary means of calling family and friends.

"We had a phone in the hallway, and they would knock on your door when the call was for you," Wayne Benninger remembers.

But one facet of university life remains: KU's charm is unsurpassed. Students from both rural and urban environments say the natural beauty and congeniality of the region are part of the reason they chose to come to Kutztown.

"The character of the people remains the same," said Brad Benninger. "The town has kept that mom and pop atmosphere. I really liked that feeling."

cultural changes at KU

BY JENNIFER EBERT '05

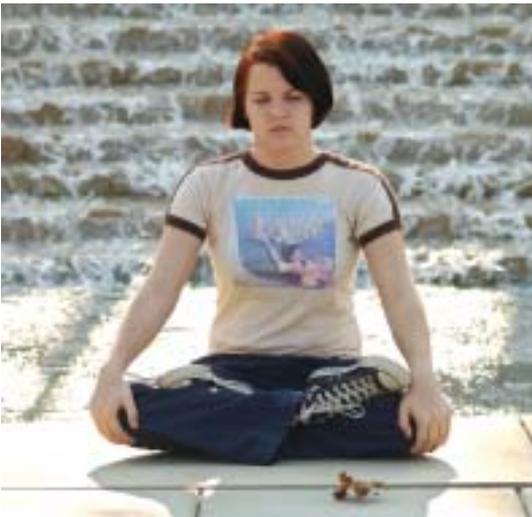


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With a history dating to the 19th century, Kutztown University has undergone significant cultural changes throughout the years.

For instance, did you know that in 1909 the trolley line connecting Kutztown with Allentown and Reading served as the first means of transportation for commuting students? And dress codes during the 1960s required students to wear suits and ties to meals?

Now, KU students drive to campus, dress casually, enjoy a variety of food selections at the South Dining Hall or sip hot java in the Bear's Den. On a sunny day the DMZ lawn is still crowded with activities, while students seeking more solitude practice yoga in the Alumni Plaza.

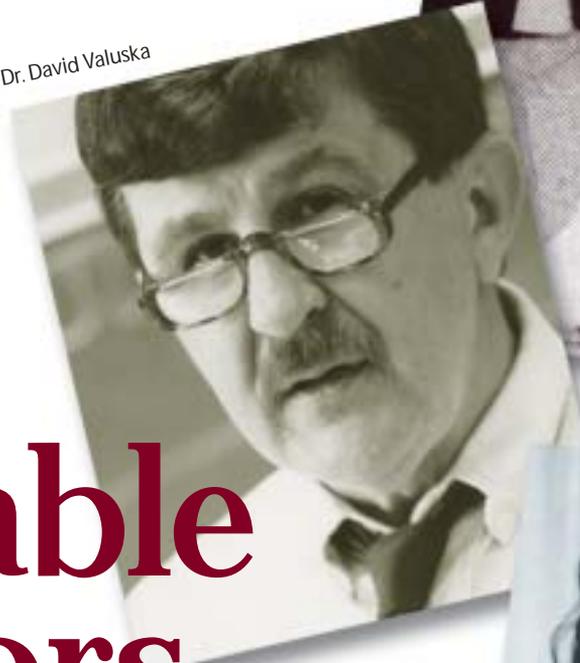
To see how much you know about Kutztown's days of yore, try to answer the following trivia questions:

1. How did the DMZ get its name?
2. What year did the school change its name from a college to a university?
3. When was the multicultural Greek organization Mu Sigma Upsilon formed on campus?
4. What KU football players went on to play in the NFL?
5. How many principals/presidents have presided over the school since its founding in 1866?
6. During the 1960s, women under the age of 21 had curfews after scheduled dances, evening performances and games. What time was their curfew on Friday nights?
7. What year did the school introduce its four-year course load for students?

See answers on page 11.



Dr. David Valuska



Dr. Gordon Dustan



KU ALUMNI RECALL

memorable professors

BY V. MARIE COOK '01, '04, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

"He was smashing in his red velvet cap and gown from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He made Robert Burns come alive," remembers Karen Coleman '63 when asked about her most memorable professor, **Dr. Gordon Dustan** of the English Department.

"I can still hear his raspy, craggy brogue," she said.

Coleman isn't alone with her vivid memories of Kutztown faculty. For many alumni, regardless of the decade they attended, the influence of a special professor remains a common experience and source of reflection.

Constance Hartman '77 offers similar sentiments for history professor, **Dr. David Valuska**, who retired in 2003 after three decades of service to the university. Hartman said she battled boredom in many of her high school history courses, but found that wasn't the case when she entered Valuska's classroom.

"He brought history to life" with a passion for teaching the subject, she said.

Hartman also fondly remembers **Dr. Mary Williams**, who is retired as a professor of psychology, and said her no-nonsense teaching style more than rubbed off.

"Dr. Williams was the ultimate professional," states Hartman. "She always carried herself with such authority, dignity and professionalism." In fact, Hartman now teaches at the college-level and models much of her teaching style on that of Williams.

Dr. Mary Williams



John Loomis



Dr. Jack Treadway



Dr. Mary Laub



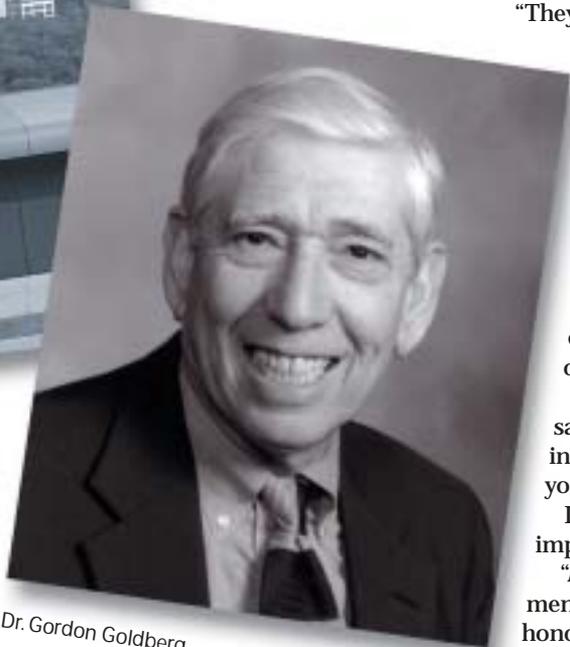
Dr. Michael Gabriel



Patricia Norred Derr



Dr. John Delaney



Dr. Gordon Goldberg

James Ferrani '80 recalls astronomy professor **John Loomis'** zeal for teaching and the personal attention he gave to all his students.

"He gave me my first college job as his planetarium assistant," Ferrani said. "This enabled me to present my very own rock-and-roll planetarium shows to students and the public."

Melissa Hershey '87 is thankful for the help **Dr. Jack Treadway**, chair of the Political Science Department, provided during a pivotal point in her life. Through Treadway's encouragement, Hershey applied for an internship program with the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, the outcome of which had unforeseen life-changing benefits.

"That internship allowed me to gain valuable experience and make the important contact which eventually led to my current position as Director of Senate Republican Caucus Services in Harrisburg. I couldn't have done it without Dr. Treadway's encouragement and support," Hershey said.

And right into the 21st century, the legacy of KU faculty providing academic and professional mentorship to students continues to touch and change lives.

"My most memorable professor has to be **Dr. Mary Laub**," assistant professor of elementary education, said kindergarten teacher Crystal Patton '03. "Dr. Laub inspired me to learn all that I could to be the best teacher for my future students."

Almost solely the providence of the teaching profession, the ability to empower individual lives continues to be the hallmark of Kutztown's teaching tradition.

Joseph Zagorski '00 said the influence of **Drs. Michael Gabriel**, chair of the History Department, and **Patricia Norred Derr**, assistant professor of history, went well beyond the classroom.

Zagorski, who is currently pursuing a master's degree in history at the University of Tennessee, said he not only appreciates the advice and inspiration of his professors, but the tremendous personal support he received from them as a student.

For example, when Zagorski donned the uniform of a Revolutionary War soldier for a dress battle re-enactment held on campus, Gabriel cheered him on. When he was inducted into Who's Who Among American College Students, Gabriel and Derr were present to applaud his achievements.

"They were always there for me," Zagorski said.

Today, the tradition continues. Stacey Bogus '07, a history major, declares without reserve that **Dr. John Delaney** is more than just a professor of history.

"He is an amazing professor who has further instilled in me the passion I have to be an educator," Bogus said.

Her father, Joseph Bogus '72, has also been touched by caring faculty members. In particular, **Dr. Gordon Goldberg's** influence remains a cherished part of his Kutztown memories.

"Dr. Goldberg, with his unique sense of humor, made class enjoyable. He taught me more about our Commonwealth than I ever dreamed I would know."

As a social studies teacher in Phoenixville, Pa., Bogus said he continues to use Goldberg's insights into teaching, and shares them with another generation of eager young minds.

Derr calls it the "bequeathing effect," and said it is an important role for educators.

"As professors, we're always paying it backward to the mentors who inspired us," she said. "And we are always honored by students who use our example to help others down the line."



PHOTOS BY HUB WILLSON

This photo of Old Main on a snowy, winter night was taken from the north side of Alumni Plaza.

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A N S W E R S



1. The DMZ holds a unique place in the history of Kutztown University. Before 1973 when residence halls became co-ed, men were housed on one side of the broad expanse of lawn between Beck and Schuylkill halls and the women on the other. The open space separating the sexes was dubbed the demilitarized zone, or DMZ, and the name stuck.

2. The institution was chartered in 1866 as Kutztown Normal School and offered two-year programs to train teachers for the new public school systems in the region. The original location is where Old Main stands today.

In 1926 the school became Kutztown State Teachers College, and in 1960, Kutztown State College. In 1983, the institution transitioned into Kutztown University of

Pennsylvania, and is now a comprehensive regional university, one of 14 in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

3. The Mu Sigma Upsilon sorority, founded at Rutgers in 1981, organized at KU in 2003. Their motto is "Women Always United."

4. Doug Dennison, Dallas Cowboys; Bruce Harper, New York Jets; Andre Reed, Buffalo Bills and Washington Redskins; and John Mobley, Denver Broncos.

5. Eleven: John S. Ermentrout, 1866-1871; Abraham R. Horne, 1872-1877; Nathan C. Schaeffer, 1877-1893; George B. Hancher, 1893-1899; Amos C. Rothermel, 1899-1934; Quincy A. Rohrbach, 1934-1959; Italo de Francesco, 1959-1967; Cyrus E. Beekey, 1967-1969; Lawrence Stratton, 1969-1987;

David McFarland, 1989-2003; and F. Javier Cevallos, 2003-Present.

Prior to 1866, Henry R. Nicks worked to turn Maxatawny Seminary into a state-supported school. He remained principal of the seminary until Keystone Normal School was officially recognized by the state, at which point the board of trustees officially appointed Ermentrout as principal.

6. 12:30 a.m. Saturday

7. 1910

deans' corner

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College of Education • Dr. Regis G. Bernhardt

The College of Education endeavors to keep our alumni informed of the latest college news. Three items of interest include our Homecoming event and discussion, our accreditation, and the Children's Literature Conference.

At Homecoming last fall, College of Education alumni got together to talk about developing a resource network for young graduates. A panel comprising three alumnae talked about what confronted them after graduation. Following their presentations, those in attendance offered their input. All agreed that the three months following spring graduation are crucial; it's a time when support in the job search is needed the most. It was suggested that the structure of the support system could provide support for new graduates and for graduates wanting to return to teaching.

Ideas for the network included the use of e-mail and a list-serve to share information and the development of a resource base comprising graduates and faculty to be accessed as needed. Work will take place during the spring semester to initiate the network.

At the end of February accreditation teams from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education [NCATE] and the Pennsylvania Department of Education will be reviewing the College of Education. Faculty, staff and students have been busy preparing for the review. The data we have organized include information about current students and alumni.

I hope you will join us for the 8th annual Children's Literature Conference, April 28-29, on campus. This year's featured authors are Ted Lewin, Betsy Lewin, Diane Stanley and Gerald McDermott. The full conference offers six hours of Act 48 credits. For more information, check the KU elementary education web site at: www.kutztown.edu/academics/education/elementary_ed.shtml

Please stay in touch. We enjoy hearing about your successes.

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College of Business • Dr. Eileen Hogan

The College of Business is proud to house the KU Small Business Development Center. The center helps entrepreneurs beat the daunting statistics that show nearly 50 percent of all small businesses fail in the first five years. Data reveals that businesses started with the help of the KU SBDC survive longer and grow faster.

The center provides low- to no-cost learning and free consulting to existing business owners and potential entrepreneurs. It is part of a statewide network of SBDC's supported by the federal Small Business Administration and by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

Kutztown's center serves 10 counties in south-central and southeastern Pennsylvania, providing assistance to a variety of industries through counseling and workshops.

Recently, the center was recognized by the Small Business Administration for its cutting-edge work with online learning opportunities. As a result, the KU SBDC website is now integrated into the administration's national website and counts more than 60,000 visits a year. For more information go to www.kutztownsbdc.org

The KU SBDC also:

- Appears live on Berks Community Television on the "Business Skills for Success" program
- Assists the Chester County Economic Development Council, the Phoenixville Main Street Program, and the Phoenixville Chamber of Commerce in economic development activities
- Worked with the City of Coatesville, the Pennsylvania Weed and Seed Program, and others to present the CREATE – Coatesville Regional Entrepreneurial and Training Endeavors – programs
- Offers the Business Skills for Success program in Spanish and English at two locations: Kennett Square and Coatesville, Pa.

The KU SBDC is an invaluable resource for the university and the College of Business. By serving the university's mission of public engagement, the SBDC allows our students to come in direct contact with SBDC consultants and clients, and provides real-world experience to the next generation of business professionals.



College of Liberal Arts and Sciences • Dr. Bashar Hanna

The founding dean of Academic Affairs for DeVry University in Pennsylvania and serving as the chief academic officer for that university's four in-state sites before joining KU last fall, Dr. Bashar Hanna earned his bachelor's of arts degree in biology, master's degree, and a doctoral degree from Temple University. After completing his doctoral work, Hanna focused on restructuring undergraduate math and science education at Temple where he served as the assistant director of the Ronald McNair Faculty-in-Training Program, was the principal investigator of the Alliance for Minority Participation Program, and was the founding director of the university's Math and Science Resources Center.

I am happy to say I have successfully completed my first semester at Kutztown. I accepted my post as the new dean of the college in August 2005, and have enjoyed engaging with our students, faculty, and staff ever since. It's great to be once again living and working in the area where I grew up!

Now more than ever, Kutztown is the place to be! As the region's center for excellence, the university continues to forge ahead in academics, cultural enrichment, and public engagement.

As educators and administrators, we remain committed to the continuous improvement of this great university. As we continue to move ahead, it is my hope that our alumni and friends will embrace our progress, reconnect themselves with campus, and become involved!

It was great to meet so many of you who attended the homecoming festivities. I'm glad to see that the rain did not keep you away. Thanks for introducing me to your great alma mater, and for all that you do for KU.



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College of Visual and Performing Arts • Dr. William Mowder

Visual and Performing Arts alumni, faculty, and emeriti are on the move at KU and throughout the community. New friendships have been formed along with a renewed sense of devotion to the college, which all contribute to a growing list of network opportunities with business professionals, artists, and educators.

Homecoming in October brought back the college's alumni for a visit with faculty emeriti during a morning reception at the Sharadin Gallery. Those in attendance also enjoyed the gallery show "In Response to Healing" by Peg and Glen Speirs. Later, many renewed old acquaintances during the alumni brunch at Keystone Fieldhouse.

Two of our communication design graduates returned to campus in November to share thoughts on the challenges and joys of their professional careers. Mike Anderson '73 and

Kathy Ember '76 said they were honored to be a part of the Dave Bullock Return of the CD Grad program – a program renewed through the financial support of alumni and friends.

The KU Art Education conference, "The Art of Healing," was held in November with more than 100 in attendance. The keynote speaker was Charlee Brodsky, a documentary photographer.

Bear Voices, an a cappella group, was "bought" during the silent auction of the President's Scholarship Ball and traveled to Maryland in February to perform at a corporate gathering. Another bright note is the arrival of new uniforms for the KU Marching Band. The decommissioned KUMU uniforms are being used as a "donor benefit" for gifts of \$50 or greater. Call the Music Department at 610-683-4550 for information.

Alumni from New York City enjoyed a special time together with old friends and former faculty in early December. Two of the Dean's Scholars recipients shared their appreciation for the opportunities provided by the scholarship program, including the study abroad program in Paris offered in January. Another New York alumni event is scheduled for late April.

Members of the fine arts faculty, including Phoebe Adams, Dr. Lisa Norris, Dr. Morris Perinchief, and Dan Talley, visited Boston for the 94th annual College Art Association conference in February.

As our alumni are doing their part to give back to KU, so are our students. Kappa Kappa Psi-Zeta Mu recently made the commitment to provide two scholarships for instrumental instruction classes at KU. These students were inspired by others who shared their talent, encouragement and support – they were inspired by you!

KU Provides Numerous Options for Planned Giving

BY RICHARD L. BUTTON, ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT, OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT

Increasingly alumni are choosing to make gifts to KU through a charitable gift annuity, whereby a donor makes a gift to Kutztown University, and in exchange, the Kutztown University Foundation pays the donor a fixed amount annually for life.

The annuity rate is based on the age/s of the donor/s and the payments may be for one life or two. In today's environment, annuity rates are usually higher than rates paid on commercial certificates of deposit. When the tax advantages are considered, returns may be significantly higher.

Donors who make gifts through charitable gift annuities enjoy several advantages:

1. Lifetime income for up to two individuals.
2. Part of your gift is immediately deductible on your 2006

income tax. If you make your gift with appreciated securities, you may enjoy further savings on capital gains taxes.

3. A portion of your annuity income is tax-free.

What is most important is that the students of Kutztown University will benefit from donors' generosity for generations to come.

Below are charts of sample rates for one-life and two-life annuities. Sample annuity figures are included for an annuitant aged 72 and for a two-life annuity with annuitants aged 72 and 75.

If you have questions about charitable gift annuities or any other type of planned gift (including bequests or trusts) please contact Richard Button at 1-800-682-1866, ext. 1394 or button@kutztown.edu

Gift Annuity Rates

One Life		Two Lives		
Age	Rate	Younger	Older	Rate
50	5.3%	50	50+	4.7%
55	5.5%	60	60	5.4%
60	5.7%	60	61+	5.5%
65	6.0%	65	65	5.6%
70	6.5%	65	66-70	5.7%
75	7.1%	65	71+	5.8%
80	8.0%	70	70-71	5.9%
85	9.5%	70	72-74	6.0%
90+	11.3%	70	75-77	6.1%
		70	78-82	6.2%
		70	83+	6.3%
		75	75	6.3%
		75	76-77	6.4%
		75	78-79	6.5%
		75	80-82	6.6%
		75	83-85	6.7%
		75	86-88	6.8%
		75	89+	6.9%

Kutztown University uses the Suggested Charitable Gift Annuity Rates approved on April 18, 2005 by the American Council of Gift Annuities for July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

Annuity	One Life	Two Lives
Age of Annuitant/s	72	72 – 75
Principal	\$10,000	\$10,000
Annuity Rate	6.7%	6.2%

Benefits	One Life	Two Lives
Gross benefit	\$670	\$620
Tax free Income	\$403	\$370
Ordinary Income	\$267	\$250
After Tax Benefit	\$603	\$558

Tax Savings	One Life	Two Lives
Tax deduction for 2004	\$4,159 ¹	\$3,453
Tax Savings (25%)	\$1,040	\$863
Out-of-pocket cost of Plan	\$8,960	\$9,137

Return	One Life	Two Lives
Rate of Return (income as a % of cost)	7.5%	6.8%
Equivalent Rate of Return (adjusted upward for tax-free portion of income)	9% ²	8.1%

¹ Tax deduction subject to IRS limitations

² Adjusted upward because tax-free portion of \$403 makes the \$670 annuity equivalent to \$804 of taxable income for a beneficiary in the 25% Income Tax bracket.

NOTE: These illustrations are for educational purposes only and are merely intended to provide information based on certain assumptions. Donors should not interpret this information as legal, tax, or financial advice. Therefore, before entering into a planned or deferred giving arrangement with the Kutztown University Foundation or any charitable organization, the donor should seek competent and relevant legal and tax opinion.



Passport to the Universe

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BY KIM PETROSKY, KU SPECIAL EVENT COORDINATOR

PHOTOS BY BRAD DREY

The 2005 President's Scholarship Ball transported our honored guests to a galaxy far, far away. Just 10 miles north of the KU campus, Tek Park, formerly the Agere Complex, came stunningly to life as 360 alumni and friends of the university wined, dined, and danced the night away to raise money for scholarships.

On initial approach, guests from Allentown and Reading followed the swirling searchlights as they drove to the docking port at Tek Park. Greeted by the Cyborg Strutters, incredible 12-foot tall robot stick puppets, they soon realized that this evening would be an out-of-this-world experience from beginning to end. Their transportation units were docked by one of our 30-student volunteer docking crew, recruited from the ranks of the many Greek organizations on campus.

Entering the complex, guests basked in the glow of a laser light show as they were beamed through an entrance portal for the main event. The night was immortalized on film as each guest had his or her passport snapped to gain admittance to KU's universe, and by passing through a spectacular display of twinkling lights in Tek Park's atrium.



Traveling through the space tunnel while listening to KU's student Jazz Trio, they entered their first stop on the night's journey, the Planet-Hopping Silent Auction and Reception. More than 100 items were donated by local businesses, alumni, staff, students, and friends. The highlight of the reception was a performance by Bear Voices, KU's a cappella group.

As guests proceeded to the dining and dancing area, they were enticed by the Corona Borealis Dinner Buffet. The evening continued with dancing as fun became the operative word. Everywhere the guests turned, one of the "fun police" would ticket them for a chance to win a weekend get-away in Philadelphia.

The Solar Eruption Live Auction pitted guest against guest for stellar auction items that included a diamond necklace, a heart and roses quilt, an original oil painting created that evening, dinner for 18 at the Stirling Mansion, an original watercolor of Old Main, and the naming rights for the fountain in the new Academic Forum building. The evening was truly an out-of-this-world experience for all and raised more than \$50,000 in scholarships for future Kutztown University students.

The Most Underhanded Woman in the Valley

Catching up with softball pro and Hellertown native Jaime Wohlbach BY JILL GLEESON

KU alumna Jaime Wohlbach has been a big hit around the world, both as a professional softball player and catching coach. In addition to being a renowned softball player for the Golden Bears, Wohlbach has earned a special place in the hearts of softball fans throughout eastern Pennsylvania. In 2005, she landed a contract with the newly formed National Pro Fastpitch league and will be playing with the Philadelphia Force at Pates Park in Allentown this spring. The following is reprinted with permission from the Lehigh Valley Magazine, May–June 2005 issue, and has been edited for format.

Trying to catch up with Jaime Wohlbach '00, '02 is like trying to keep pace with the Tasmanian Devil. The Hellertown native and beloved Looney Tunes cartoon share some common traits. They're both bundles of energy, whirling through life, with big toothy grins, joyously embracing their next adventure. While Wohlbach has been known to spend time tearing up the turf in Australia, her similarities with Taz end there. Wohlbach's boundless drive, enthusiasm and charm have catapulted her to the top of professional softball.



From running softball clinics worldwide, to catching and coaching in a stunning array of far-flung countries, to hunkering down behind home plate for National Pro Fastpitch's California Sunbirds and the Nebraska Comets, it seems Wohlbach has done it all. At just 26, she has racked up enough achievements to make a thorough cataloguing of her accomplishments a daunting task. When asked how she has managed it all, Wohlbach chuckles, "I guess I do have a lot of energy."

Although softball has taken Wohlbach farther than she ever imagined, it was not easy. By all accounts, Wohlbach was a tomboy in pigtails, toddling after big brothers Cory and Scott. The boys were natural athletes, following in the footsteps of father David Wohlbach, who played fast-pitch softball locally. If Cory and Scott did it, so did Jaime, and by high school, she was tackling not just softball, but also basketball, field hockey, and intramural volleyball; she even had a stint on the boy's soccer team. Softball, however, remained Wohlbach's first love.

"It's the sport I excelled the most at and received the most feedback and support from coaches. It also combines my competitive edge and leadership skills," she said.

During her tenure on the Saucon Valley High School team, seasons spent in Little

League, and her early years on local in-house leagues, Wohlbach played first or second base. Although she had no problem making the teams, Wohlbach claims she didn't expect to fare as well as she did when she got to college.

"I chose to go to Kutztown University because it was right for my education," she said. "My freshman year, I was a walk-on recruit. I didn't think I'd even make the team."

But in Wohlbach's sophomore year, everything changed. Due to an injury [on the team], the Golden Bears were left without a catcher. Wohlbach volunteered to take over the position, and she never looked back.

"Jamie did whatever she had to do to play," says Kutztown coach Judy Lawes. "She had no fear. She took right to the dirt; she'd warm up by sliding back and forth in it. I used to tell her she looked like Pigpen! She really worked and learned the position."

For a go-getter like Wohlbach, simply training with her team wasn't enough. She soon sought individual attention from family friend and former amateur softballer Rod Haney. The pair began working out in Haney's Wassergass barn on evenings and weekends, honing Wohlbach's hitting and catching skills.

This exhaustive regimen paid off. Wohlbach was chosen as team captain of the Golden Bears from 1998 through 2000, and was selected to the All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference in 1999 and 2000. While catching for the Amateur Softball Association's Allentown Patriots, Wohlbach went to the ASA Nationals several times from 1998 to 2003.

In December 2000, the same month she graduated with a bachelor's in elementary education and special education, Wohlbach decided to try to make her softball dream a reality. She tried out for the Women's Professional Softball

League and made it, garnering a contract with the Tampa Bay Firestix.

Then that spring, Wohlbach received news she termed “heartbreaking.” The league – the only professional American softball organization at the time – had decided to fold, citing financial troubles.

Looking to fill the hole in her schedule left by the league’s demise, Wohlbach began trying out for international teams and was soon snapped up.

She spent six months in 2001 playing professionally in Holland, with a stint in Prague, where she participated with the Dutch National Team in the European National Tournament, and in Italy, where she competed and coached a Dutch all-star team. [In 2004], she played in Greece for Great Britain in the test event for the Olympics. [Last] winter, Wohlbach headed to Hawkes Bay, New Zealand, to catch and coach. And as she had done every year since 2002, Wohlbach spent two weeks in Australia coaching a team of 18-and-under American all-stars.

It helps Wohlbach’s marketability that in addition to being a talented player, she is also an ace coach.

“I learned how to do a nice clinic when I was at Kutztown, because I did them there as part of my volunteer work,” she said. “So I began offering them on my own, building on the instruction I’ve gotten throughout my career. I specialize in catching clinics, because usually catchers are overlooked.”

Wohlbach has operated softball clinics across the country. In addition, while working toward her master of education degree at KU, Wohlbach student-coached the school’s softball team. In 2002, after wrapping up her degree, Wohlbach parlayed that experience into a job as an assistant softball coach at the University of Pennsylvania.

But old dreams die hard, and the next year, when Wohlbach learned the professional softball league was reforming as National Pro Fastpitch [NPF], she decided to take another crack at it.

The Sacramento Sunbirds drafted her in 2003. Though the Sunbirds struggled



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JAIME WOHLBACH AND THE PHILADELPHIA FORCE.

[in 2004], finishing with 15 wins and 43 losses, manager Tim Kiernan appreciated Wohlbach’s drive and dedication.

“Jaime brings a lot of energy and hustle,” said Kiernan. “She is very much a team player and is very coachable.”

Don’t expect Wohlbach to start slacking off just because she’s played pro ball in the United States. While she has yet to make the very competitive U.S. Olympic

team, the Italian team has pursued her; both of her grandmothers were Italian, so she is considering applying for dual citizenship in time for the 2008 Beijing games.

As Wohlbach looks to the future, she figures softball will always be a part of her life. “I have some years left in me as a catcher,” says Wohlbach. “But after that, I’d like to continue to provide lessons and clinics, maybe at my own facility.”

UNDER THE tower



Art Major Never Canceled His Plans to Create History

From the space station to the Wright brothers, VJ Day to the Woodstock Music Festival; the artistry of Bob Longo '48 has graced many envelopes during 15 years of creating unique cancellation drawings for collectors of new stamps.

A proud World War II veteran, Longo served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a bomber pilot trainer. After the war, he received his degree in art education from Kutztown and went on to a career as high school art teacher, muralist, and painter.

Primarily a watercolorist, his pictures are exhibited in many galleries and museums throughout the northeast. Among his notable work are the paintings of the "Molly Maguires" movie set (1969) used to promote the film.

But his love of drawing has led him to create the collectible artwork which the U.S. Postal Service uses to stamp envelopes receiving first-day cancellations on new postage stamp issues.

Topical and informative, the pictorial postmarks celebrate events not often recognized by the postage stamp, but complementary to the theme. To date, Longo has 80 designs.

"Collectors throughout the world send in their letters by the thousands to receive the stamps and the postmark. I love doing it, because I get letters from people all over who tell me how much they enjoy my art," he said.



Pictured from left to right are: President F. Javier Cevallos, Judge Forrest Schaeffer, Dottie Schaeffer, Mike Corrigan, and Pennsylvania State Representative Thomas Corrigan

PHOTO BY CAMILLE DEMARCO '81, '01

Log Cabin Joins Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center Collection

The Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center, on the campus of Kutztown University, has added the Corrigan Cabin to its collection of architectural examples of early life in Berks County. The log cabin was provided in memory of Mildred Corrigan '30, who was a long-time Kutztown resident, loyal university alumna, and regional educator, having taught for more than 30 years within the Kutztown school system. She also served as member of the KU Council of Trustees and was awarded the KU Alumni Citation, the highest honor bestowed on an alumna or alumnus. The cabin is made possible by support from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Francis Michael Corrigan, the Kutztown University Foundation, and numerous friends and supporters of the Heritage Center.



National Champions Form New Chess Club

A new chess club, the Kutztown University Chess Organization, has been formed and is attracting students from across campus. The club boasts three national high school chess champions: Demetrius Carroll '06, Earl Jenkins '06, and Nathan Durant '06, all of whom hold key offices within the university's club sport.



Cevallos Honored by State

President F. Javier Cevallos was honored by the Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs as one of the top 25 Latino leaders in the state during a special ceremony in Harrisburg celebrating September 2005 as National Hispanic Heritage Month. Norman Bristol Colón, executive director of the governor's commission, recognized the leaders as pioneers in their fields who have made Pennsylvania a better place to work and live.



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KU Alumnus on Assignment

Steve Handley '80 (right) went on assignment for CNN in September 2005 working with Anderson Cooper (left) covering the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Steve was part of the first convoy of television crews to enter flood-ravaged New Orleans and saw, first-hand, the complete devastation of the city. He spent many weeks in Louisiana riding boats through ruined neighborhoods, following police and military search and rescue units, and assisting in reporting on the relief and recovery efforts.

KU community works together for Katrina relief

Last fall, students, faculty, and administrators joined together to provide relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Through fund raising events, collections, and appeals, the campus community raised \$8,300 for the American Red Cross relief efforts. Among the many activities: the Presidential Ambassadors collected donations tossed in the Alumni Plaza fountain; residents of Rothermel Hall sold wristbands; RHA operated the "Kids for Katrina" project; Johnson Hall created the "Care for Katrina" program; the Community Outreach Center sold decorative hearts; the Student Volunteer Coalition sold special KU armbands; and the athletic department, through the coordinated efforts of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, held an on-campus fund raiser. In addition, each of the five colleges collected supplies and necessities which were sent to families in need.





KU Coaching Education Program Earns National Recognition

Approximately 30 to 45 million youth, ages 6 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 meet that need, Kutztown University's concentration in coaching education has been newly accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education [NCACE] and has become one of only six accredited university programs in the nation.

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; psychosocial 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.

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," Smith said.

The program is designed to provide coaches who contribute to the overall development of the student as a complete person, taking with them the values and ethics learned into their careers and the workplace. Though the concentration was developed for students in the elementary education major, the coursework is open to students from all majors.



PHOTOS BY JEFF UNGER

Dr. Abraham Verghese discusses his book "My Own Country: A Doctor's Story" with the freshmen class of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Generous donations from Ms. Ardath Rodale '50, [inset], and Dr. Herbert Hyman helped to bring the author to campus.

KU Sponsors Bring Noted Author to Campus

BY CHRISTINA SCHOEMAKER, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

In the fall issue of the *Tower*, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences introduced its required freshmen reading, "My Own Country: A Doctor's Story," by Dr. Abraham Verghese.

In the book, Verghese penned a memoir, which chronicles his experiences as a young infectious diseases specialist in Johnson City, Tennessee in 1985, when the city's local hospital treated its first case of AIDS. Verghese became an AIDS expert out of necessity. *Time* magazine acclaimed his account as one of the best books of the year.

The college was able to invite Verghese to campus in November thanks to the generosity of Ms. Ardath Rodale '50, chairman of the board of Rodale Inc., former KU Trustee, former member of the KU Foundation Board, and recipient of a KU Honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1995; and Dr. Herbert Hyman, retired gastroenterologist and former KU Trustee, through the Herbert Hyman Lecture Series.

"Dr. Verghese's address touched our hearts, and I realized how important it is that we continue to tell the story of AIDS," Rodale said. "It has a strong message for people of all ages."

class notes

1920s

1923



John Schrack turned 100 years old in October 2005! Katie Brock, a KU Presidential Ambassador, was on hand to lead everyone in "Happy Birthday."

1930s

1937

Harold Stauffer recently turned 90 years old in November. He still plays clarinet in two orchestras.

1938

S. Helen (Fergus) Barnes and husband Bill drove to Houston, Texas, in October to celebrate their youngest son's 50th birthday, then traveled to San Antonio for an Elderhostel. This was the 42nd Elderhostel they have attended.

1940s

1942

Margaret (Preston) Schuldt's 9th and 10th great-grandchildren recently arrived—twin boys!

1946

Grace (Trimmer) Lefever spent the past year traveling. Her favorite location was Egypt, which she called "the most awesome trip ever."

1950s

1950

Paul Bernhardt and his business partner have patented a new type of watercolor palette called The Eversoft Palette. It keeps tube watercolors soft by placing the pigment in a ceramic tub which sits on a damp sponge.

The water is wicked up into the tub thereby keeping the pigment from drying out.

1952

Windolyn (Lincoln) Stevens is active in raising Arabian horses. She is also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and collects books on George Washington and the Revolutionary War.

Lois (Whipple) Fritz is proud to have two grandchildren studying art in Maryland, one of whom will be graduating soon.

1957

Jack Eagle's sculptures and drawings were recently shown at the Trojan Art Gallery in Allentown, Pa.

Neil Moyer retired after 35 years as an elementary school teacher and principal in the East Penn School District, and 11 years as an adjunct professor in KU's Elementary Education Department.

1958

Carol (Ostrom) Allen has adopted quilting for her medium as an artist. She previously painted and drew with pastels and oil paints. Allen and husband David recently traversed the Panama Canal and plan to travel to Scandinavia this summer.

1959

Renee (Long) Dietrich received the Outstanding Fundraising Executive of the Year Award presented by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Central Pennsylvania Chapter.

Janet (Peterson) Schadler (& '77) retired and is involved in volunteer work for veterans and active military through Ray A Master Post 217, Topton American Legion.

1960s

1962

Shirley (Roth) Hader and husband Elmer recently celebrated

their daughter Jennifer's wedding on the Virgin Island of Saint John.

1963

John Paul Trygar and wife Ann recently took a cruise to the Baltic Capitals and Warsaw, Poland, for their 40th anniversary.

1964

Carole (Wagner) Newall has been teaching Spanish and English as a Second Language for the past 35 years in California, where she moved after getting married and teaching Spanish and German in Pennsylvania for four years. She has two grown children.

Roy Riegel recently moved to Phoenix, Ariz., after 24 years in New Hampshire.

1966

Gail (Schaffer) Neubert has retired and moved to Hilton Head, S.C., after 30 years in education as a teacher and director of special services.

Sally (Unger) Lemma has retired in Florida. Her hobbies include ceramics, golf, the Red Hat Society, mahjong, and she continues to exercise, read, and sew for her six grandchildren.

1967

Virginia Bernd (& '75) is the coordinator of an international youth program for the Creative Education Foundation. She recently returned from South Africa where her team of teachers worked with over 200 students teaching creative problem solving.

C. Richard Houser recently retired after teaching sixth grade for 38 years in the Wilson School District.

Robert and Susan (Kubiak) Pennington retired and are living in Bar Harbor, Maine.

1968

Maria M. (Metz) Wassell is currently serving as the president of the KU Alumni Association Board.

Jerry Rockhill is semi-retired and does part-time accounting work from his home. He enjoys golf and spending time with his family.

Susan (Steinberg) Miller retired in June 2004 after 36 years and more than a half-a-million miles as an itinerant teacher of students with visual impairments, and as an orientation and mobility specialist: six years with Bucks County IU and 30 years with Lancaster Lebanon IU. She is content (for now) with staying close to home and reading – but for pleasure only!

1969

Robert and Linda (Schoop) Seibert have both retired after 35 years of teaching elementary school art. Robert was with the East Penn School District in Emmaus and Linda taught for the Pottsgrove School District in Pottstown, Pa.

1970s

1970

Alexander Nagy's daughter Amanda is on Manheim Town-

CORRECTION:

The first name of Jenni Maria [Miscenic] Wenhold '96 was incorrectly listed in the Annual Fund section of the Fall '05 issue of the Tower.

ship's varsity field hockey team. His other daughter Angela recently graduated from Millersville University with a B.A. in elementary education.

David Sestak's work, "Summer Salon: Black & White Photography by David Sestak," was recently featured at The Beveled Edge in Bethlehem, Pa.

1971

Patricia (Dini) Angus and husband Mitchel live in Laguna Beach, Calif., where she is the chair of the Westminster High School Language Arts Department, teaches English in the Advanced Placement Prep Program, and is a language development specialist for English language learners. She is currently listed in Who's Who Among American Teachers.

Sharon A. (Kline) Haffey is chairperson of the Palo Alto Community committee, which supports civic events and preservation of local history.

Doris (Miller) Waud volunteered with the Nature Conservancy in Chiapas, Mexico, where her duties included water quality monitoring, bird banding, teaching English to Spanish speakers in environmental work, and coordinating medical donations. She also traveled to Mayan ruins.

1972

Georgianne Bonifanti celebrated her 30th year as library media specialist at Manchester Elementary Middle School. She recently met with other KU alumni at AASL-Pittsburgh and shared a room with KU professor Eloise Long.

1973

William C. Fenstermaker was recently named director of elementary education services for the Northern Lebanon School District, where he has been employed since 2000 as a principal.

1974

Daria (Yaremko) Soroka is featured in the 2005 edition of Who's Who Among American Teachers. She is a guidance counselor in Philadelphia and recently received certification in elementary and secondary principal administration.

Craig Zieger is president of the Bethlehem Education Association and returned to KU in Fall 2005 to teach EDU 100, "Perspectives of American Education." Wife **Carole (Lamm '74)** is a reading specialist in Bethlehem.

1975

Ingrid (Benjamin) DeBellis retired from Hazleton Area School District in June 2005 after 34 years of teaching French and Spanish.

1976

Mary C. Erdman is semi-retired and a substitute teacher for Central Catholic High School. Her husband William is president of Keystone Consulting Engineers, and her two children Will and Mary Fate attend Penn State University and Lafayette.

Tom Hallman is proud to announce the launching of his new website, www.hallmanstudio.com. It was designed and created by his son Jon and features many of his recent book cover illustrations.

1978

Keith Gery relocated to Jacksonville, Fla., where he is the marketing promotions specialist for The Florida Times-Union. He recently published his third book of poetry, "Surrendering to the Futilities that Make a Man Crazy." Gery's fourth book is nearly completed and he is currently writing a screenplay.

Bobb Kurinka earned an A.S.C. in pastry arts from Lehigh Carbon Community College in May 2005. He is a part-time instructor at LCCC and at Culinary Corner in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Mark Vinci and his paintings were recently featured in Phoenix Home and Garden magazine, where fellow KU graduate **Brian**

Goddard ('97) acts as associate art director.

Diane (White) Sennett has been teaching elementary school art for 27 years. In February 2005, her homebred, long-haired, mini dachshund Dual Champion Shadach's CorbyCo Piper was shown at the Westminster Kennel Club in New York City.

Jeffrey Wagner was recently promoted to the position of senior production editor of science journals at Haworth Press, Inc., in West Hazelton, Pa.

1979

Angelo Manuel Cintron was married on August 19, 2005 in Cambridge, Mass.

1980s

1980

James Ferrani was elected to a four-year term on the KU Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Frederick Gross attended the National Defense University, part of the National War College, and received DoD CIO and Advanced Management Certifications. He is now employed at the Naval Facilities Engineering Command in the CIO Headquarters Office in Washington, D.C. To find out how the Seabees are helping Hurricane Katrina victims, visit www.navfac.navy.mil.

1981

Marjorie (Bender) Stevens recently became director of volunteer services at Parkland Community Library.

Karlene (Kemp) Brintzenhoff (& '91) has two children, Jacob and Katrina.

John Bond recently wrote a book titled, "You Can Write and Publish a Book: Essential Information on How to Get Your Book Published," which details how the average person can find an agent or publisher, write a manuscript, and become a published author. More information can be found at www.youcanwriteandpublish.com

1982

Scott Calpino finished third place in the 2006 Pennsylvania



"OLD MAIN" BY NICHOLAS P. SANTOLERI

This print of KU's beloved Old Main is now available as reproduced from the original watercolor painting by Nicholas P. Santoleri using the highest quality craftsmanship and printing on pH-balanced paper.

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Waterfowl Management Stamp Design Competition. After working for 21 years for Petro Oil, he went back to school at the Reading Hospital School of Surgical Technology. He graduated in June 2005 and is now employed by the Reading Hospital as a surgical tech on the general surgery team. He is married to fellow KU graduate **Lori Bauder ('89)**.

Deanna (Mayer) Eldredge is a part-time instructor at the Pennsylvania College of Technology. She teaches computer graphics, typography and type design. She and husband **Scott ('84)** have two children, Nathaniel and Rebecca.

Ruth (Howells) Schlechter is owner of The Jewelry Source in Blandon, Pa.

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

1984

Lisa (Auwarter) Shearman received the Governor's Agency Star Award from Governor Mark Warner in May 2005. She has three children, Evan, Nicholas, and Catherine.

Scott Eldredge is the director of public relations and webmaster for Lock Haven University. He and wife **Deanna (Mayer '82)** have two children, Nathaniel and Rebecca.

Jennifer (Kelly) Smith is married with five children. She founded AGI Training, an international consulting group dedicated to the needs of graphics professionals. She is the lead technical writer for several of the "Adobe Classroom in a Book" series and also wrote "Creative Suite for Dummies."

Laconia Therrio has been a professional storyteller since 1993 and has been in private practice since 2000.



Jacqueline (Ward) Barrett (above) has published her first children's book, "The Size of My Family Is Just Right for Me." She spent 20 years working in the graphic design industry and received numerous awards and industry accolades for her portfolio of work. She has recently focused on other creative interests such as writing and photography, and currently resides in Monmouth County, N.J., with her 9-year-old daughter Sabrina.

1985

Glenn Horter completed his master's degree in school administration at the University of Virginia in December 2004. He became the principal at Holmes Elementary School in New Britain, Conn., in July 2005.

Zaharati Morfesis performed her one-woman show, "Persephone and Hades," at Rutgers University as part of the Philly Fringe Festival.

Melissa (Wilkins) Schmitt recently left AT&T after 17 years as the director of consumer marketing for a new position at Barnes & Noble College Booksellers as the director of marketing and sales.

1986

Patty (Stake) Keim lives in Median, Ohio, with husband Sonny and two golden retrievers. She works at First Energy as manager of generation management systems (IT). She also volunteers her home for a local golden retriever rescue and loves to spend her spare time with her horse Adam.

Suzanne (Krzaczek) Loftus has two daughters, Katherine and Erin. She is a librarian in the Council Rock School District.

Judy (Holmes) Wilt was named a Top 50 Business Woman in

CORRECTION:

The following scholarship was inadvertently omitted from the list of scholarships in the Fall '05 issue: The Craig R. and Jacob D. Holtzman Scholarship was established by Neil and Marion Holtzman '62 in memory of their son Craig R. Holtzman and grandson Jacob D. Holtzman to provide scholarship assistance to a student of good character majoring in special education.

We apologize for the error,
Kutztown University Foundation.

Pennsylvania in 2005. She owns Once Upon a Time in Wyomissing and the newly opened Plato's Closet in Reading.

Kerrie (Miller) Tilney recently married and had a baby girl born on June 27, 2005.

1987

Chris and Stephanie (Donofrio) Lubben reside in Oradell, N.J. Stephanie is an accountant and Chris owns a wholesale meat business. Chris has coached soccer at River Dell High School for the last 15 years and is currently the assistant head coach for the varsity team. The Lubbens have three children, Brett (9), Alyssa (8), and Amanda (4).

1989

Nina (Clark) Green is married to **Shawn ('89)** and has two children, Wynnie and Olivia. She enjoys teaching fourth grade and being a mom.

1990s

1990

Carmine "Chuck" Caniglia married his high school sweetheart and has a 3-year-old son named Connor. He's been working with QVC for almost 15 years and is currently a supervisor of broadcast graphics and animation.

Pamela (Knitowski) Hebel married husband Ray in 1999. She has three sons, Joseph, Jonathan, and Ethan.

Richard Swett recently became the new drummer for Queensryche. He has also recorded with Live and Warrant.

Wendy (Wolbert) Sweigart was promoted in May 2005 to the position of director of outreach education with the Susquehanna Art Museum in Harrisburg, Pa. She is responsible for the development and implementation of all educational programming for the museum. Sweigart also continues to serve as Region 7 co-representative for the Pennsylvania Art Education Association.

1992

Kendy (Klahr) Hinkel has been married for nine years. She earned her master's degree in educational administration and is the current assistant superintendent in the Juniata County School District.

Janene (Sollenberger) Naugle was recently hired as the director of development for The Children's Home of Reading.

1993

Janine (Bailey) Bertoti has been married to husband Harry since 1994. The couple has two daughters, Jenna and Megan. She has been teaching first grade in North Penn School District since 1994.

Ann (Boyce) McGonigal has been married for five years and has three children.

Amy (Lapides) Grossman was married in November 2005.

Bryan Leese recently returned to the U.S. after living in London. He and wife Elizabeth have two daughters, Hannah (7) and Maris (1).

Kim (Waldman) Zaretsky married husband Jonathan in July 2005. They reside in Edgewater, N.J.

Marc Weiner has been married to wife Yolanda since 2003. His son Jake was born in 2005. He has been working for ESPN for 11 years.

1994

Alisa (Carr) Kaeser celebrated her one-year wedding anniversary with husband Steven in October. She recently moved from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C.

Catherine Nemetz is owner of Envisions Art & Design Inc.

Scott Nessel and wife Christine are both Lutheran pastors in Connecticut. The couple has two children, Rachel (6) and Ethan (3).

Jennifer (Witkowski) Stefanow has been married for five years. Both she and her husband own their own businesses in Arizona. She is currently training for "P.F. Chang's Rock and Roll Marathon."

Wadid Yunez recently welcomed his second daughter into the world, Celseste Ivanna Yunez-Cosme.

1995

Nancy (Dorkowski) Pushart married **Andrew J. Pushart ('97)** in 2001. She lived in Okinawa, Japan, from 2001 to 2004 teaching preschool children with special needs for the Department of Defense Schools on Kadena Air Force Base, and also taught English to local Okinawan children. She gave birth to daughter Maria Grace in May 2005.

Melissa Mathias is an RN in the orthopedic unit at Reading Hospital with a specialty certification in orthopedics. She and husband Shane have three children, Storm (12), and twins Orion and Jaeden (7).

Cathleen (Schroeder) Car recently had her first child, a girl. She's self-employed, returned to school to study physical therapy, and is still painting. She is active in running events in the Lehigh Valley and is training for her first marathon in Phoenix, Ariz.

Tammi Lynn (Trauger) Minix is currently teaching library research to students in pre-K through sixth grade in the Paulsboro School District. She is pursuing a degree in fire science, and in her spare time is fire marshal for the Gibbstown Volunteer Fire Company.

1996

Karen (Birth) Rosenburg is president and co-founder of the Keystone Rugby Club. She is currently the head coach of the St. Joseph's University women's rugby team in Philadelphia.

Daniel Dewey earned his MBA at Penn State University in 2003. He married in 2004 and has two children.

Catherine "Cami" Miller was cast in the opening of the New Castle show of "Cinderella-bra-tion" at Walt Disney World, and has

recently relocated to Tokyo, Japan, to be part of Tokyo Disney Sea.

Heather (Mueller) Nowell married husband Lance in November 2000. Her daughter Zoe was born in July 2004. She recently started making and selling her own jewelry line, Zen Creations.

Elizabeth R. (Reedy) Dunn recently finished a successful run directing "Guys & Dolls" with the historic Longmont Theater Company in Colorado. She directed her husband Scott and daughter Rebecca, who made her acting debut.

Travis Townsend's work was recently shown in "Furniture on Paper—and Off," an exploration of the process of designing and hand-making studio furniture at Lehigh University's Zoellner Arts Center.

1997

Brian Goddard is associate art director of Phoenix Home and Garden magazine in Arizona. He designs, art directs, and on a recent shoot, met fellow KU grad **Mark Vinci ('78)** who was being featured by the magazine.

1999

Kyle Atwell bought a home in Harrisburg with his daughter Kamryn. He has been working in the communications field for the last four years and recently began swimming competitively in the master's swim program.

Todd Barnes has entered into his fourth year practicing law.

Cristina DeBlasio is engaged to be married to Nick DiSilvestro. The couple is planning a wedding for September and will be relocating to Chicago, Ill.

Dawn Rohlfing has been married for eight years to husband Corey and has two children, Alexis (5) and Lindsay (3).

Dale Snyder was married in the summer of 2001. His son Kenny was born in December 2004.

2000s

2000

Dana Cianfrani is currently working toward her master's degree in marine biology at California State University-Long Beach.

Jack Gottlieb presented a program titled, "Why Most Organizations Don't Work and What to Do About It," at the 14th annual Garden State Council Conference and Expo for HR professionals.

Brian Hollingshead produces "Pennsylvania Outdoor Life," a weekly half-hour television program featuring all the great state of Pennsylvania has to offer. The show has been the highest-rated, locally produced program for the past several years. He is engaged to **Erin Hammod ('01)**. The couple lives together with their dog Max.

Sarah (Rogers) Eckenrode has been married to husband Chris since August 2001. They had a son Gabriel in June 2003 and are expecting a second baby this June.

2001

Joyce (Ziegler) Sassaman has been married for three years and working in the accounting field for two years. She has two children, a 3-year-old daughter and a 6-year-old stepson. She and her husband bought their first home last year.

2002

Danielle Pulaski married husband Jason in August 2005 and is a second-year graduate student in social work at Temple University. She is expecting a baby in June.

Robert Fried is planning a June wedding to fellow KU grad **Katie Murray ('03)**.

2003

David Borden was selected to become an officer in the United States Marine Corps. He attends Officer Candidate School, and when finished will be commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Crystal Miller has moved to northern Virginia where she works as a special education teacher for kindergarten and first grade children of various needs. She will soon begin her graduate work at the University of Virginia.

Katie Murray is planning a June wedding to KU alumnus **Robert Fried ('02)**.

CLEVELAND ROCKS!

Alumni trip to the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame
in Cleveland, Ohio
Saturday, April 8 and Sunday, April 9, 2006

Check our website to register online:
www.kutztown.edu/alumni

Nicole (Villanova) Payonk married in September 2005.

2004

Sean Smith recently returned from Japan after a three-month deployment with the U.S. Air Force.

Kara Getsko won a second-place award for newspaper editorial in the annual Pennsylvania Press Club Communications Contest. The award was for a March 2004 movie review on the film "Passion of the Christ." This year, she joined the state press club and the National Federation of Press Women.

Brian McGraw is earning his master's degree in education at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmittsburg, Md. He is engaged to a fellow KU graduate.

2005

Sarah Bem has been named reservations coordinator for the DaVinci Discovery Center of Science and Technology in South Whitehall Township. She spent the last seven years as a reservations assistant, public relations assistant, and store cashier at the center. She also freelances for "The Valley Voice."

Magda Vicente-Graciano became the assistant to the mayor of Reading, Pa., in September 2005.

Nathan Young recently purchased his first home in Easton, Pa. He traveled to Hawaii and bought a time share on Waikiki Beach. He plans to work on his master's degree soon.

Marriages

1960's

Deborah (Gould Martenis) '69 & Thomas Stover 6/18/05

1970's

Angelo Cintron '79 8/19/05

1990's

Heather (Cai) '97 & Daniel Nowosad 8/2004

Bonnie (Everett) '98 & Brian Strauss 6/29/02

Susan (Falk) '93 & '96 & John Kappock 7/29/05



Kelly (Koppenhaver) '91 & Scott Kuntz (above) 6/18/05

Sheri (Moore) '99 & Jason Weppel 7/9/05

Laura (Searle) '99 & Robert Melnick 8/5/05

Rose (Smisko) '98 & Carlos Santana II 7/30/05

Melinda (Snell) '99 & James Garner 10/2003



Elena (Sperendi) '97 & Thomas Gibney (above) 10/2/04

Tammi (Trauger) '95 & Randy Minix III 6/25/05

2000's

Danielle (Blodnikar) '02 & Jason Pulaski 8/6/05

Kelly (Christie) '02 & Brian Taylor '03 7/16/05

Gabrielle (DeVito) '02 & Edwin Noepel 10/22/05

Kerri (Schuler) '01 & '05 & Norman Straus III '05 8/20/05

Amy (Wolrich) '00 & Jason Moskovitz 10/23/05

Births

1990's



Victoria (Beyer) '90 & William Swinburne '87, a daughter, Emerson Elise (left) 6/10/05

Lisa (Brophy) '98 & Robert

Coller, a son, Nathaniel Francis 8/29/05

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Heather (Cail) '97 & Daniel Nowosad, a son, Jack 3/2005

Nancy (Dorkowski) '95 & Andrew Pushart '97, a daughter, Maria Grace 5/26/05

Cinnamon & Thomas Draper '97, a daughter, Chloe Niveah 11/3/05



Janel (Fry) '96 & Matthew Smith '98, a daughter, Alaina Kathryn (left) 7/26/05

Michelle (Gladfelter) '94 & Matt Small, a son, Logan 1/27/04

Kimberly (Lauer) '94 & John Fuechslin, a son, Ian 7/2005

Dana (Limongelli) '96 & Christopher Moore, a daughter, Taormina Maria 7/15/05



Shannon McBride '99 & Louis McBride, a son, Liam Garivan (left) 5/10/05

Michelle (Miller) '97 & Jeremy Garges, a daughter, Adilyn Noelle 3/7/05

Christine (Walsh) '93 & Matthew Sherman '93, a son, Thomas Richard 5/25/05

In Memorium

1923

Ethel (Simmons) Zehner 6/4/05

Dorothy (Staudt) Baker 10/11/05

1925

Dorothy Kauffman '25 & '35 10/15/05

1927

Elizabeth (Styer) Hallman 11/4/05

1930

Auline (Barrett) Wimmer 4/7/04

E. Lorraine (Kutz) Rotz 7/7/05

Emma (Swavely) Rhoads 8/15/05

Gladys (Whetstone) Giltner 9/28/05

1932

Walter Jones 7/13/05

1933

Helen Anderson 1/2/04

Marguerite (Edwards) Haverkost '33 & '52 8/31/05

1934

Anna Benjamin 8/7/05

Helen Evancho '34 & '48 8/8/05

1936

Bertha (Kriebel) Shade 10/2/05

1938

Edith (Griesemer) Nye '38 & '50 11/11/05

1941
Hilda (Eckert) Fisher 8/29/05

1942
Bettinia (Brubaker) Dresher 12/8/04
Pearl (Havassy) Wagner 9/2/05

1943
Joseph Moffitt 8/13/05

1947
Jane (Fry) Hutt 6/1/05

1948
Vincent Artz 9/1/05
Rosanna (Neal) Ness 3/9/05

1950
Donald Dennis 8/15/05

1951
Robert Johnston 10/19/05

Mary (Watkins) Cunning 4/15/05

1953
Donald Rohrbach 11/23/05

1954
Constance Klees 10/05

1955
Fred Passante 09/2005

1956
William Carr 1/22/05

1961
Thomas Lenhart '61 & '66 2/19/05

1963
Rhea Knipe 9/11/05

1969
Richard Adam 5/18/04
Carol Mook 9/13/05

Ruth Rheel 2/8/03
Robin Shoup 2/5/05

1970
Joan Pucillo 5/25/05

1971
James Reitnauer 11/11/05
Karleen Ruiz 12/28/02

1972
Bruce Hutchison 9/18/05

1973
Mary Snyder 7/25/05

1975
Joan (DeOrio) Wilson 5/3/05

1977
Helen Sharkey 11/1/04

1979
Marjorie (Miller) Borden 10/31/05

1980
Michael Mahala 6/13/05

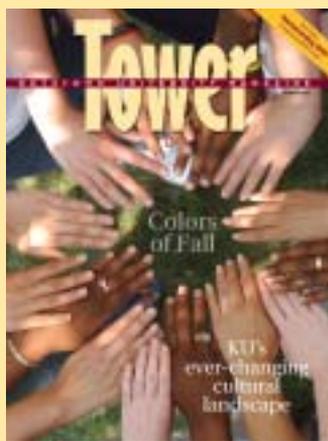
1986
Dale Brezner 9/2/05

1993
Michael Santerelli 10/4/05

2000
Mary Costigan 4/16/04

Emeriti
William Collier 12/10/05
Thomas Sanelli 9/19/05
Ray Sunderland 9/13/05

letters TO THE EDITOR



I just read your Summer 2005 issue, especially the article on cultural diversity at Kutztown.

I entered Kutztown in 1960. At the time there was one female black student – she was my roommate – and, as far as I know, one African-American male.

He was elected president of our class. I held some other office, treasurer, I think. One fall evening I thought we could meet and plan for our class. We met and walked toward Chez Nous. After leaving

Old Main, he told me we could never be seen alone together, that it would be dangerous. I was naive, and did not have a clue as to what he was talking about. I was hurt and never pursued contact or held any interest in the office again... I never forgot, however, his warning of danger.

It thrilled me, brought tears to my eyes, to actually see those hands touching on the cover. I thought "and nobody had to be afraid!" I hope he read it too.

Sincerely,
Jane Taylor '64

Hindsight Revealed

This time we know all the individuals pictured in the Hindsight photo featured in the Fall '05 issue of the Tower. According to documentation on the back of this archived picture, the group is departing Philadelphia airport June 16, 1966 for a summer school session in Mexico City. There were a few Shippensburg students tagging along as well.



The names of the participants at the time of the photo are:

Front row, left to right: Edward Schiffer, William Gledhill, Paul Cerra [Shippensburg], Bruno Bonacei [Shippensburg], Leonard Freudenberg, Andrea Valeriano, Diane Mundell, and Dr. Homer Welsh.

Back row, left to right: Judy Delong, Barbara Bahner, Janice Arnold, and Joan Sipos [Shippensburg].

"Thank you for the trip down memory lane. It's hard to believe it has been nearly 40 years since this photo was taken," writes Janet

White Lehman '67, who helped clarify the identification of the faculty coordinator. "I have such great memories of KSC. I wave to the tower on Old Main every time I drive back to Allentown."

Thanks to the many alumni who wrote in to confirm our identification.

Letters to the editor are welcome and may be addressed to: Tower, University Relations Office, 213 Stratton Administration Center, Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA 19530 or e-mailed to cwilliam@kutztown.edu



Alumni Weekend – May 6, 2006

9 AM-4:30 PM

KU 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 AM-NOON

REGISTRATION, COFFEE, TEA, AND COOKIES; MCFARLAND STUDENT UNION LOBBY

President F. Javier Cevallos, deans, and administrators will greet alumni and guests.

10 AM-NOON

10TH ANNUAL ALUMNI ART SHOW, MCFARLAND STUDENT UNION LOBBY

Enjoy the creative work of KU alumni representing classes from 1951 to 2001 who are celebrating a five-year reunion.

10:30 AM

ROHRBACH LIBRARY TOURS

Self-guided tour of the \$7.7 million restoration.

10:30 AM

CLASS REUNION CELEBRATIONS, MCFARLAND STUDENT UNION

The following classes will host reunion receptions: 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946, and 1951. These classmates and their guests will attend the Alumni Awards Luncheon and receive special recognition.

NOON

ALUMNI AWARDS LUNCHEON, MCFARLAND STUDENT UNION MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

Alumni and guests will have an opportunity to relax and chat with friends during the lunch which will be followed by the presentation of awards to distinguished alumni.

2:30 PM

ROHRBACH LIBRARY TOURS

(see AM schedule)

2:30-4:30 PM

10TH ANNUAL ALUMNI ART SHOW

(see AM schedule)

3-4:30 PM

CLASS REUNION CELEBRATIONS, MCFARLAND STUDENT UNION

Receptions for the classes of 1961, 1966, 1971, and 1976 will be hosted in the student union. 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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Awards Luncheon*	\$15	_____	_____
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Library Afternoon Tour.....	Free	_____	_____

*Names of people with whom you wish to be seated

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hindsight

SCENES FROM THE PAST



Now that we have a new bear mascot with the name of Avalanche, how many remember his ursine friend of the football team? While we're at it, can anyone name the team members pictured in the photo or the event? Submissions for Hindsight are always welcome. Send photos and corresponding details to Craig Williams, Tower editor, Kutztown University, P.O. Box 730, Kutztown, PA 19530 or cwilliam@kutztown.edu. For the answer to the Fall '05 Hindsight photo, please turn to page 26.



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