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“Celebrate Centennial!” This issue of *Kent State Magazine* invites you to a boastful birthday party. The cover story in this issue, “Celebrate Centennial!” offers 100 reasons (in print and continued online) to celebrate Kent State. After you read our favorites, I invite you to visit the magazine Web site — www.kent.edu/magazine — to share your memories of Kent State’s greatness through the decades. I also encourage you to attend any of the numerous Centennial events occurring over the next year.

In 1910, Kent State was founded as one of the original four-corner universities for the state of Ohio. (The other “corners” are Miami University, Ohio University and Bowling Green State University.) After nearly 100 years, Northeast Ohio’s senior public university proudly stands as an internationally renowned research institution with eight campuses. We are now the third largest university in Ohio, the largest residential university in the region, and can boast of countless “firsts” and “onlys” in our academic programs, research innovations, and faculty and student achievements.

Indeed, Kent State has a proud tradition and much to celebrate as we look toward our next century of service in the public good. Our commitment to academic excellence and the success of our students (who, of course, become proud and successful alumni!) remains as strong today as ever. In fact, I don’t know of another public university with more positive momentum than Kent State. It’s been gratifying to see our focus on excellence being recognized widely. Most important, as we approach our Centennial, we are pursuing numerous exciting opportunities, many of which you have been — or will be — learning about in these pages, on our Web site or in the news.

As promising as the future appears, Kent State is facing a number of serious challenges. According to the Ohio Board of Regents, the cost of doing business per full-time enrollment for university main campuses increased 6.6 percent from 2003–2007, while state support per full-

time enrollment decreased 11.7 percent during that same period. With funding from the state reduced, the rest must come from other sources, including private and corporate donations and student tuition.

To meet the growing needs of our students and the state, including the need to keep higher education affordable and accessible, we must continue to aggressively seek new revenue sources. Launching with the Centennial Celebration is our Centennial Campaign, through which we are reaching out to alumni and other friends of the university to help us reach new heights of excellence. Kent State was successful in its first capital campaign a few years ago. We will work for even greater results in the Centennial Campaign, which will be critical to our ability to thrive in the coming years. You can read more about the campaign in this issue and online.

From building academic excellence to building an endowment, I am confident that we will have made significant progress toward meeting our challenges and our excellence agenda by the time 2010 arrives.



President John E. McGilvrey and faculty members pose with the first graduating class of 1914 on the steps of Merrill Hall. Today the university has nearly 200,000 alumni worldwide.

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Illustration by Nick Moore, '90



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CELEBR

BY LINDSAY KUNTZMAN, '06, M.A. '09

Stand up. Put your hands together. Make some noise.

The university's 100th birthday celebration begins this fall.

Let's face it — after a century of service, our alma mater* has good reason to celebrate. In fact, she has, at least, *100 great* reasons ... Our founding in 1910 as **Kent State Normal School**, for training teachers, demonstrated that education is the bedrock of success.



Before the Normal School opened its doors, classes were offered in area cities in Extension Centers that gave way to today's **Regional Campuses**.

While serving individuals in the farthest northeastern part of Ohio, the **Ashtabula Campus** has seen enrollment increase more than 30 percent in the last year.

In fall 2008, **Kent State Salem** constructed a multimillion-dollar Health and Sciences building.

Founded in 1964, the **Geauga Campus** is the only institution of higher learning in Geauga County.

Kent State University and **King Saud University** have inked a \$3.4 million pact for Kent State to provide entrepreneurial instruction and curriculum development at Saudi Arabia's largest and most respected university.

The **College and Graduate School of Education, Health and Human Services** begins its second century of service. Its graduate program in counseling was ranked No. 14 in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report*.

The **East Liverpool Campus** has implemented the Seniors to Sophomores program, which allows high school seniors to take college classes for free.

**Alma Mater, Latin for fostering mother. Kent State University may be 100, but she's still hip. Even if she's not your alma mater, you can still be friends. Visit her on Facebook.*

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Founded in 1912, the **Stark Campus** was the first Kent State Regional Campus and remains the largest — serving 10,000 students.

Founded in 1965, the **Liquid Crystal Institute®** turns 45 years old in 2010. *Forbes* magazine named liquid crystal displays one of 85 inventions that changed the way we live today.

The **College of Arts and Sciences**

provides the foundational coursework for students throughout the university and has had more Distinguished Teacher Award-winners among its faculty than any other college.

As part of the university's Excellence Agenda, president **Lester A. Lefton** formed the **Sustainability Task Force** to identify opportunities to make Kent State a leader in sustainability in a variety of areas, including operations, conservation and education.

Joyeux anniversaire! — from the Kent State campus in Geneva, Switzerland.

Kent State University's College of Nursing is the fifth largest in the U.S.



The Cohn Jewish Student Center is the new state-of-the-art building for Hillel at Kent State.



Kent State's distinguished alumni include **12 Pulitzer Prize winners**. Most recently, *Connie Schultz*, '79, columnist with Cleveland's *The Plain Dealer*, landed a Pulitzer in 2005.

In 1935, the Ohio General Assembly approved the creation of a **College of Business Administration**, which celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2010.

The School of Visual Communication Design, in the **College of Communication and Information**, is the largest program of its kind in the U.S.

The **Emilio Ferrara and Herb Page Golf Training and Learning Center** is a state-of-the-art complex that provides year-round functionality.

The **Veterinary Technology** program at **Kent State Tuscarawas** is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association and approved by the Ohio Board of Regents.

WKSU-FM, the university's award-winning NPR affiliate, went live on air for the first time on Oct. 2, 1950.

Kent State's **Aeronautics Division** in the **College of Technology** is recognized as one of the top flight schools and best university aviation programs in the country by major airlines and the military.

ENNIAL!

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The **Olga A. Mural Financial Engineering Trading Floor**, an on-campus electronic classroom, provides students hands-on experience in derivatives trading and risk management.

Kent State's **Downtown Gallery**, the only commercial-style university gallery of its kind in the U.S., offers an entrepreneurial opportunity for students interested in art.

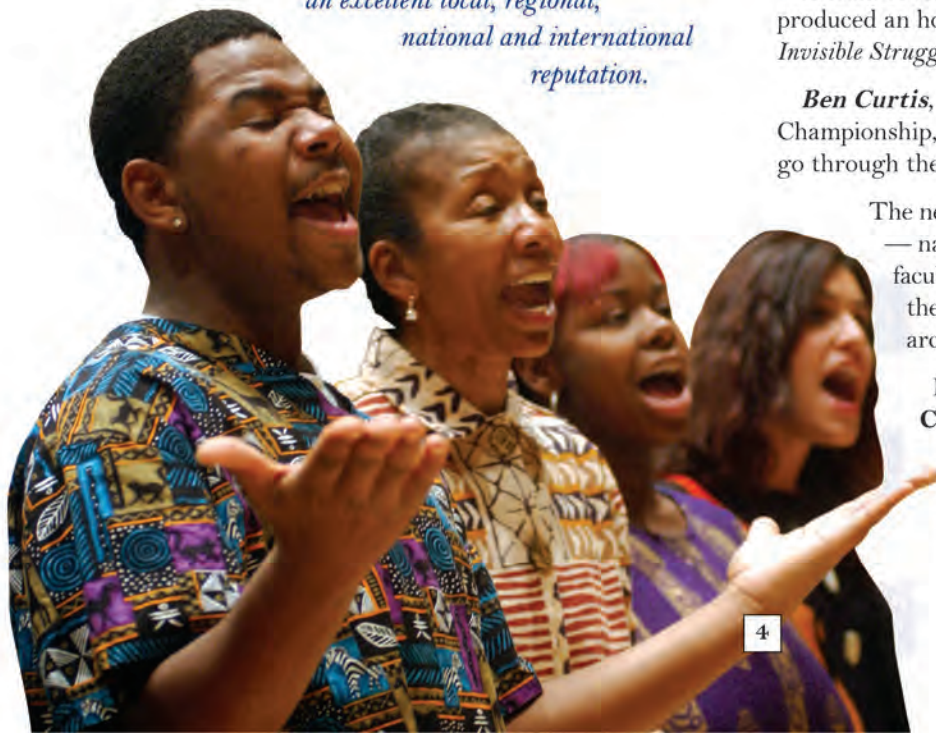
It's not your grandma's cafeteria anymore. Kent State University **Dining Services**, in cooperation with Standing Rock Cultural Arts and VegiTerranean Restaurant, presented the first Vegan Iron Chef competition in 2009.

Kent State's nationally respected **Honors College**, one of the oldest honors programs in America, celebrated its 75th anniversary in the 2008-09 academic year.

Kent State research pays off for the region — according to the Milken Institute, Kent State ranks fifth among United States and Canadian universities for the number of start-up companies formed as a result of research.

Staff and students from the **College of Architecture and Environmental Design** and the **Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative** engage in a variety of academic and research activities that put ideas to work for communities in Northeast Ohio.

*Kent State's Gospel Choir enjoys
an excellent local, regional,
national and international
reputation.*



*The **Kent State University Museum** opened its doors in 1985 and will celebrate 25 years in 2010.*



Kent State's Board of Trustees approved a resolution that paves the way toward creation of a new **College of Public Health** to help meet demonstrated state and national need for public health professionals.

Kent State students benefit from hands-on learning about conservation and ecology at the **Herrick Aquatic Ecology Research Facility**, a one-acre wetland study site, and the **Herrick Conservatory Gardens and Arboretum**.

Founded in 1919, the Kent State **Marching Golden Flashes** survived several budget cuts and played on to celebrate their 90th anniversary this year.

In 2010, the **Kent State University Press** will celebrate 45 years of publishing groundbreaking scholarship and books of general interest and distributing them throughout the world.

A team of **Kent State Trumbull** faculty and students produced an hour-long broadcast documentary called *Invisible Struggles: Stories of Northern Segregation*.

Ben Curtis, '00, winner of the 2003 British Open Championship, is one of the most accomplished athletes to go through the Kent State golf program.

The newly positioned and remodeled **Prentice Gate** — named in honor of May Prentice, the first female faculty member hired in 1912 — uses portions of the original 1935 structure, including its steel arch and bronze seal.

Kent State won the **2009 MAC Baseball Championship**, resulting in a total of 10 MAC Championships from seven different teams this year — the most ever by Kent State, and perhaps by any MAC school.

Buon compleanno!
from Kent State's Florence Campus
at the Palazzo dei Cerchi.

Construction is under way on the **Roe Green Center** — an estimated \$12 million, 70,000-square-foot project — that will unite the School of Theatre and Dance under one roof for the first time since the two programs merged in 1994.

*In 1947, Kent State appointed
Oscar Ritchie as a professor of sociology
— the first African-American
to serve as a university faculty
member in Ohio. The hall that
bears his name received
extensive renovations in 2008.*



Kent State's **College of the Arts** — home to the schools of Art, Fashion, Music, Theatre and Dance and the Kent State University Museum — is built on the belief that the arts are central to contemporary culture.

The **Murin Gardens**, located near the Library, are a teaching lab of more than 250 varieties of perennial plants and unique varieties of deciduous and coniferous trees and shrubs.

Brannon Braga, writer and producer of *Star Trek* movies and hit TV show *24*, received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2005 from Kent State Stark.

Carol Costello, '04, is a CNN contributor to *American Morning*.

Risman Plaza, circa early 1970s, is showing its age and will receive a face lift to transform it into an inviting gathering place with more lawn areas and improved views.

Join us on Oct. 10 for the annual **Homecoming Parade** — Connect with former classmates. Relive treasured memories. See how the campus has changed and grown.

I ♥ Kent State! —
from the New York City Studio program,
where students may spend one semester
studying with professionals in the fashion industry.

The Rock. Enough said!

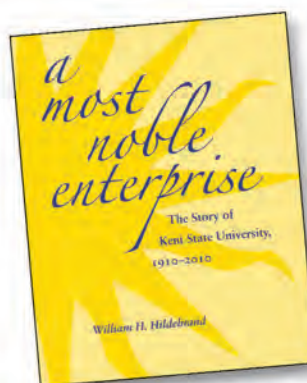


Plans are under way to build a **May 4 Visitors Center** to serve as a central source of information for the public about the events of May 4, 1970.

On a sun-drenched July day in 1914, Kent State's first graduation class of 34 members walked tall. They led the way for the nearly **200,000 alumni** — from Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull, Tuscarawas and Kent — who live and work around the world.

(Sorry, we couldn't fit all 100+ reasons in print. Read more reasons online and add a few of your own at www.kent.edu/magazine.)

Happy Birthday! — Centennial wishes
from the 15 recent graduates who received
an M.Ed. in educational administration from
Kent State's program offered through
The College of The Bahamas.



"This book tells the story of Kent State University's first hundred years. It is a story replete with hairbreadth escapes and pratfalls, with moments of low comedy, high drama and real tragedy." — from the Preface to *A Most*

Notable Enterprise, by Professor Emeritus of English William H. Hildebrand.

Read more about the newest official history of Kent State University in an online exclusive at www.kent.edu/magazine. Then follow the link provided there to order your copy at a special discount for members of the Alumni Association.

A Campaign for the Next 100 Years

BY BRIAN THORNTON, M.A. '07



Creating opportunities for bright students drives our endeavors

The history of Kent State University began with a gift — and not a small one, at that. In the early part of the 20th century, state officials were deciding upon the location of a new normal school for educating teachers, and resident William S. Kent sweetened the city of Kent's bid with an offer to donate nearly 53 acres to the cause. When Kent was selected in November 1910, that \$15,000 gift of land was among the deciding factors.

Nearly 100 years later, philanthropy — through the Centennial Campaign — will be the foundation for the next century, says **Eugene J. Finn**, vice president for institutional advancement.

"Campaigns give institutions the opportunity to advance some of their critical needs, and this campaign is no different," he says. "The fact that it corresponds with our Centennial Celebration is an opportunity most universities don't get."

Among Kent State's critical needs at the start of its second century: building its endowment, providing resources for capital renovations and expansions, and developing immediate support through current operating funds. All told, the campaign's goal is to reach \$250 million by 2012: \$75 million for endowment, \$75 million for capital projects and \$100 million for current operating needs.

"The economic reality is that state funding is going to wane in the coming years," Finn says. "We have to build a culture of philanthropy not only in our alumni, but in our students, faculty and staff. That culture of philanthropy is the hallmark of all great universities."

With nearly \$160 million in commitments already made, the campaign's several-year quiet phase has been a resounding success, Finn says.

"We conducted a feasibility study that told us we could comfortably raise \$200 million," he explains. "But with the alumni, friends and foundations who have stepped up to

the plate so far and the enthusiasm we're seeing across the country, we'll be able to achieve \$250 million."

A large portion of the campaign's focus is on increasing the number of privately funded student scholarships.

"The university's No. 1 priority must be our student body, and creating opportunities for bright students to come — and stay — at Kent State," President **Lester A. Lefton** says. "Providing scholarships is key to that."

That's been Lefton's message as he's traveled across the country to alumni events, from Ohio to Florida, Massachusetts to California.

A view of the Draime Estate Gardens, a research and educational site.



Photo by Paul Pfeifer



Roe Green (left) and College of the Arts Interim Dean Dr. John R. Crawford view construction of the Roe Green Center.

“Alumni are responding to it,” he continues, “because it resonates with them.”

Among contributions during the Centennial Campaign’s quiet phase have been the three largest gifts in the university’s history. *Cil*, '58, and the late *Max*, '59, *Draine* have given their estate property, along with an endowment to support it as an interdisciplinary research and educational site, as part of Kent State’s largest gift to date.

Alumna *Roe Green*, '80, has made the biggest capital gift in university history with a \$6.5 million contribution to fund a collaborative arts facility: the Roe Green Center for the School of Theatre and Dance. And *Appropriate Technology*, a regional software and hardware company, has given \$13.5 million in software licenses to the College of Technology — Kent State’s largest gift-in-kind — that will give students a career boost by allowing them to learn experientially on the same technology used in industry.

“The vast majority of our major donors have identified causes that are close to their heart and are leading through their giving,” Lefton says. “And I am delighted by the remarkable response of our volunteer university leadership. Our foundation board of directors, alumni association national board of directors and university trustees are the key to this and all of our endeavors.”

One of those leaders is *Ron Pizzuti*, foundation board member and chair of the Centennial Campaign. The 1962 alumnus of the College of Business Administration spent his formative years in the Kent area, including attending Theodore Roosevelt High School. For those reasons, the Columbus-based developer has an interest in both the university and its surrounding region.

His gift to the campaign is designed to strengthen the relationship between the university and city of Kent — and to

show his support of Kent State’s current direction.

“I’ve been returning to the Kent area for nearly half a century,” he says. “I’ve seen great strides, as well as missed opportunities. The Centennial Campaign is our chance to build a vibrant and dynamic community with long-lasting benefits for the city and campus alike.”

As campaign chair, he brings an additional goal: to engage as many alumni, friends, faculty and staff as possible, in order to develop that culture of philanthropy.

“This is a comprehensive campaign; everyone will have the opportunity to be a part of it, and be a part at the level they’re capable of doing,” Pizzuti says. “They can participate through the Annual Fund. They can participate by endowing a fund or through a planned gift. They can participate by giving to the program or department that’s a part of their lifelong success.

“Ultimately, each person’s contribution becomes their legacy for the next 100 years of Kent State University.”

For more information, visit www.kent.edu/magazine.

A special four-page section of the Kent State Magazine will be devoted to the Centennial Campaign beginning in this issue. Please turn to Page 33 for more campaign coverage.

Teaching Teachers:

BY ROB JEWELL, '70, M.A. '79

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An Enduring Tradition and Continuing Mission



Kent State alumna and principal Abbey Bolton (left), at Southeast Intermediate School in Ravenna with fellow teacher Nancy Smith, '77.

For nearly 100 years, Kent State University has been preparing students to change lives as teachers in classrooms and communities around the United States and throughout the world.

“Teachers make a difference,” says Dr. **Dan Mahony**, dean of the College and Graduate School of Education, Health and Human Services. “They change lives.”

And as the university celebrates its Centennial in 2010, preparing education majors to succeed — as classroom instructors, administrators, counselors and school leaders — represents both a strong heritage and a continuing mission.

The university started as a teachers college in 1910, the Kent State Normal School, with its first graduates embarking primarily on careers as elementary school educators in Northeast Ohio.

Today the College and Graduate School of Education, Health and Human Services offers five associate programs, 18 undergraduate programs, 24 graduate degrees and 13 doctoral programs. Graduates of the college pursue careers in fields ranging from education, counseling and health care to hospitality,

recreation and sport. Within this diverse mix of majors and career opportunities, about 800 students a year receive undergraduate and graduate degrees in education.

Kent State’s philosophy of teaching teachers today — as it was 100 years ago — centers on enabling them to become excellent educators and leaders.

Still the approach is much different, encompassing a demanding curriculum that ensures the right blend of content knowledge and expertise and classroom teaching skills. And teaching teachers today reflects more interaction among Kent State faculty, teacher candidates and ultimately elementary and high school students and their parents; an expanded emphasis on service learning; and a commitment to helping teacher candidates gain an expanded view of the world that helps their students succeed in the classroom and throughout life.

As they prepare for their careers, Kent State students are now much more involved in constructing their own educational experiences, with faculty relying less on a traditional classroom model: professor lectures and gives information to a passive student.

“We really have a different view of our students,” says Dr. **Nancy Barbour**, associate dean for administrative affairs and graduate education. “Our view is that they are capable, intelligent and strong. They are very engaged in learning, and they are really encouraged to do things that are hands-on.”

Likewise, Kent State faculty members spend considerable time with teacher candidates in elementary and high school classrooms, coaching, observing, mentoring and giving feedback.

“Our faculty members are working very hard in the schools,” says Dr. **Joanne Arhar**, associate dean and director of teacher education. “They are not working in an ivory tower.”

Tony Hanna (right), a graduate student and student teacher, is pictured with his mentor, alumnus Terry Kekic, a social studies teacher at Ravenna High School.



Photo by Bob Christy, '95

They are working side by side with classroom teachers and with our teaching candidates to really make a difference.”

Abbey Bolton, '01, M.Ed. '04, Ed.S. '06, knows firsthand the benefits of an engaged faculty, first as a Kent State student preparing for a career in education and now as the principal of Southeast Intermediate School in Ravenna, Ohio.

“Kent State was an excellent teacher and principal training school,” Bolton says. “It was beneficial to have instructors who had been in the field of education as teachers, principals and superintendents. The lessons on ‘life experience’ helped prepare me most. The instructors always found time to give us case studies, research assignments and field work to aid in the total understanding of education.”

Kent State’s more interactive approach to teaching teachers surfaces in a number of areas, including service learning and opportunities to gain an international perspective.

Kent State teacher candidates have always participated in a host of traditional field experiences, including class observations and student teaching. Today, add a commitment to service learning — helping K–12 students and often their parents, while expanding their own skills. **Joanne Caniglia**, Ph.D. '94, an associate professor who integrates service learning into her math education courses, views this as a win-win situation by empowering Kent State students to take ownership of the learning experience.

An example involves combining course content, faculty involvement and the ability of Kent State students to mentor inner-city high school students at Cleveland’s Martin Luther King High School.

Kent State teacher candidates also have extensive options to expand their learning and experiences through international programs ranging from studying abroad to student teaching in 16 nations. Students also gain a firsthand perspective from visiting international scholars who come to the university each year for professional development as part of the International Leaders in Education Program coordinated by Dr. **Linda Robertson** in the Gerald H. Read Center for International and Intercultural Education.

“The international involvement and opportunities for our students are greater at Kent State than at most other universities,” says Robertson. “It’s part of our idea that our students will construct knowledge based on their own experiences. As we move to a more global society, having that broad understanding will make them better teachers.”

Lauren Slagle, '09, knows how important and beneficial it is to gain an international perspective. She completed her

requirements for a degree in middle childhood education by student teaching in Australia during the 2009 Spring Semester.

“It was an awesome experience, and I am so glad I went,” she says. “I got a lot of practice with classroom management and had the opportunity to experience a couple different teaching styles. I learned so much from being there.”

A native of Marion, Ohio, Slagle is planning to get married and relocate to Colorado Springs, Colo., where she will pursue a teaching career in social studies and science with middle-school students.

“Thanks to Kent State’s education training, I’m well-prepared to get a job,” she says.

And Bolton agrees, drawing from her experiences as an education major, classroom instructor and now school administrator.

“Kent State has prepared well-rounded individuals to enter the education field, and the students have proven themselves time and again that they are leaders in education,” she says. “I have been lucky enough to have students from Kent State in my intermediate school. Not only were the students prepared to teach the curriculum, but also they were excellent professionals and service learning experts.”

Preparing the next generation of teachers represents an enduring tradition as the university begins its second century. Today’s teacher candidates benefit from a view that career success evolves from a variety of experiences gained through their own interaction with an excellent and committed faculty, by engaging in service learning situations and by taking advantage of opportunities to gain the international perspective that is necessary in our global society.

They also benefit from a longstanding philosophy that the classroom teacher makes all the difference when it comes to the quality of education and to student success.

“It’s about the quality of the teacher,” says Arhar. “How are you going to make a difference? How are you as a teacher going to meet the needs of all the children in your classroom?”

Kent State has been asking those questions and making a difference for 100 years by applying innovative, student-focused techniques to teaching teachers.

For more information, visit www.kent.edu/magazine.

The Sweet Crystallization

The potential was obvious. Kent State began its quest for a research park several years ago. The former Fiala bus garage, located at the intersection of state routes 59 and 261, was ripe for redevelopment and rehabilitation, and the venue could readily be subdivided for several companies. Sweeter yet, the facility came with 10 additional acres, providing more space for future enterprises.

The wherewithal was strong. Kent State has helped launch several start-up companies over the years, helped support other ventures, and the university recognized the potential that a research park will bring to company growth and development.

The timing was right. When Kent State announced in mid-2007 that Centennial Research Park was on the drawing board, a handful of companies with expertise in liquid crystal research and development, along with several recent graduates with a commitment to growing the local economy, expressed interest.

The drawback? The former bus garage needed significant renovations to accommodate high-tech operations that require special infrastructure and clean rooms.

Leveraging brainpower, capitalizing on opportunities

About the time the research park concept was taking hold at Kent State, the state of Ohio announced a new Third Frontier funding opportunity. Funded with a bond issue approved by the voters in 2002, the program is designed to use funds raised to strengthen existing and emerging technology clusters across the state by providing resources to help make Ohio more globally competitive. Kent State's liquid crystal technology holds great promise for bestowing global prominence upon Northeast Ohio.

Welcoming the first tenant

AlphaMicron, founded in 1997, is one of several successful companies with ties to the Liquid Crystal Institute® at Kent State. AlphaMicron employs about three dozen people in high-tech, well-paying positions and is ready to take its business to the next level — with the help of Third Frontier funding and brand-new space in Centennial Research Park. Rather than focus exclusively on widely used liquid crystal displays, originating mostly from Asian countries, AlphaMicron perfects other



Photo by Gary Harwood, '83

Kent State University President Lester A. Lefton and AlphaMicron CEO Dr. Bahman Taheri sign a lease agreement that makes the company the majority tenant in Centennial Research Park.

household and industrial applications. Those include switchable motorcycle visors and window films that can change, as needed, to block out the sun's rays.

With the firm ready to expand production, a move from its smaller manufacturing facility to Centennial Research Park proved to be the perfect solution to AlphaMicron's space dilemma.

"It's great for AlphaMicron to be able to launch its next phase of growth in a Kent State-owned facility," says AlphaMicron CEO Dr. Bahman Taheri. "This is in line with our goal to help the region and maintain our close relationship with our colleagues at the Liquid Crystal Institute."

AlphaMicron signed a lease that became effective in December 2008; in January 2009, construction on the leased 30,000 square feet of the 41,000-square-foot facility began in earnest — leveling garage floors, removing tanks and other equipment, fashioning rooms to AlphaMicron's specifications. Part of the manufacturing process involving liquid crystals requires a high level of cleanliness, necessitating specially constructed rooms and exacting air-handling standards and equipment.

"AlphaMicron is very excited to become the anchor tenant in Kent State University's Centennial Research Park," says Taheri. "We believe that the mutually beneficial relationship will serve as a model to enhance further growth of liquid crystal-based industry in this region."

of Success:

Kent State's Centennial Research Park tenants advance to the next frontier

The company began production recently. It is expected that new hires will be made as production capacity expands in the new space.

Forward-thinking entrepreneurs

"Our partnerships with companies such as AlphaMicon show that Kent State's research passion for liquid crystal technology is aligned with the needs of forward-thinking entrepreneurs," comments Kent State Vice President for Research Dr. **John L. West**. "The laboratory success is only part of the equation. We are proud to have a partner in AlphaMicon and, likewise, are glad to welcome Crystal Diagnostics to the facility in the very near future."

The Delaware corporation Crystal Diagnostics, formerly known as Pathogen Systems Inc., has licensed technology resulting from a research partnership between the Liquid

"AlphaMicon is very excited to become the anchor tenant in Kent State University's Centennial Research Park."

Crystal Institute and the Northeastern Ohio Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy (NEOUCOM).

Just as it aided AlphaMicon, Third Frontier funding will help move part of Crystal Diagnostics' business functions and manufacturing from the company's western site in Colorado. The

company currently has its Applied Research Laboratory at NEOUCOM in Rootstown.

Crystal Diagnostics plans to eventually manufacture and sell devices based on its liquid crystal biosensor.

The first product, now under development, is a diagnostic device that can detect harmful pathogens in water samples in near-real time. The prototype device recently underwent its first field test in California.

Numerous government and industry leaders have expressed interest in the product when it comes to market in quantity. The lease agreement between University Development Group, the entity that manages Centennial Research Park, and Crystal Diagnostics, is on track to be executed, and construction could begin this summer. Crystal Diagnostics plans to occupy the space sometime late this year or in 2010.

The local community is eagerly awaiting Crystal Diagnostics' expansion in Ohio; in February, the company

was recognized with an Innovation Award for its forward-thinking technology at an event sponsored by NorTech and *Crain's Cleveland Business*.

Bob Bunting, CEO of Crystal Diagnostics, says that the complete package of offerings from Kent State, NEOUCOM and Ohio, including the Centennial Research Park opportunity and Third Frontier funding, helped make the chance to expand to the Kent area irresistible. "The partnership between private companies, academe and government is one of our nation's most important assets," Bunting says, "one which helps America be the leader in innovation."

"We are pleased to be on the way to becoming a tenant in the Centennial Research Park and to helping create jobs in Ohio," says Bunting. "The collaborations with the Kent area's research partners will be critical in taking this product and our business to the next level."

Crystal Diagnostics can be found on the Web at www.crystaldiagnosics.com.

Gregory B. Wilson, associate vice president for economic development and strategic partnerships at Kent State, agrees with that sentiment. "Economic development, combined with our research passion and abilities, sends out waves of positive economic impact to local communities, the region and the state," he says. "Partners such as AlphaMicon and Crystal Diagnostics, along with the support of the Third Frontier funding, bring out the best in our shared strengths."

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Left to right: Crystal Diagnostics' President Dan Minardi; Dr. Taro Smith, vice president, technology and marketing; and CEO Bob Bunting discuss the logistics of the company's move to Centennial Research Park with Kent State's Dr. John L. West and Gregory Wilson.

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How to prepare students for tomorrow's economy?

BY KEVIN G. BROSIEN, '98

In 1935, as administrators were completing the paperwork on what would become Kent State University's College of Business Administration, the world was facing challenges not unlike those it faces today. The world economy was suffering from the Great Depression and President Roosevelt had just created the Works Progress Administration which would provide eight million jobs over eight years. The Dust Bowl was peaking, leaving the Great Plains a desolate infertile wasteland, and Adolph Hitler ordered Germany to arm itself in violation of the Treaty of Versailles.

Today, with the business school on the cusp of its 75th anniversary, President Barack Obama is working to dig the country, and the world, out of an economic slump labeled as the worst since the Great Depression, the Gulf Coast is still recovering from Hurricane Katrina and the United States is fighting the War on Terror on a number of fronts.

So, what light can a business school shed on an uncertain future in uncertain times?

Robert B. (Yank) Heisler, M.B.A. '74, dean of Kent State's College of

Business Administration, believes the economy will rebound on the shoulders of business people who are in tune with the times and willing to adjust and mold themselves to fulfill the demands of the changing markets worldwide.

"It is our job to prepare the next generation of business leaders for the unforeseeable challenges they will face. In doing so we are providing unique opportunities and models of learning that are unlike those that existed even just five years ago," Heisler says. "The John S. Brinzo Entrepreneurial Laboratory and our Olga A. Mural Financial Engineering Trading Floor are just two of the tools at our disposal to prepare today's students for business in the world of tomorrow. We also have a host of developments in the area of distance learning that are assisting us in teaching the global aspect of business that is becoming an integral component in even small businesses."

In keeping Kent State's business school at the forefront of business education, the school's faculty keeps a close eye on the shifts taking place in the marketplace and the world economy.

"A lot is going to change. This is a pivotal point in our economy," says **Julie Messing**, director of the Center for Entrepreneurship and Business Innovation at Kent State University's business school. "If you look back at the people who were young adults during the depression or World War II, those events affected how they look at the world and shaped their values and principles and, in turn, the way they do business. In the same way, the Gulf War and Sept. 11 are

shaping the perspectives of today's youth."

Messing believes the pendulum is swinging back to the middle after the highs of the technology boom in the 1990s. "We went through this 'greed is good' era, and all those people went to work on Wall Street," she says. "We're feeling the fallout from that today."

For companies that are surviving in the current economic climate, "innovate or die" should be their mantra. "You need to innovate no matter how

long you've been around. Those who do something new have the opportunity to thrive," Messing says.

Technology is the key to this innovation because it allows businesses to become more efficient. It gives companies the ability to do business everywhere and anywhere, and it allows companies to hire top staff from around the globe. Today, no matter where a person is located, they can telecommute.

"Just flying everyone to the home office for a quarterly meeting can cost a company \$30,000 or more. Companies can save a lot of money just by telecommuting," Messing says. "At the same time, these technologies accord small companies legitimacy by allowing them to do business in places they can't physically be."

Going global

That global nature of business has become a major factor in how companies operate. Dr. **Michael Mayo**,



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The Center for Entrepreneurship and Business Innovation's Student-Run Businesses allows students the opportunity to develop and run actual businesses.



Julie Messing in the John S. Brinzo Entrepreneurship Laboratory.

Photo by Jeff Glidden, '87

director of the Global Management Center and associate professor at the business school, says that the main drivers for the globalization of business are improvements in transportation and technology. He notes as an example that, "It costs less than a dollar to send a tire from Warsaw, Poland, to the United States. When you take facts like that into account, you start to realize that if those barriers are falling, your market is naturally expanding."

Still, Mayo notes that the recent economic crises has slowed down trade and caused some firms to retrench operations for the time being. With calls for protectionism and appeals to consumers to patronize domestic firms, demand for foreign products is in flux. Recently, Russia's Prime Minister Putin, for example, urged government agencies to buy only Russian-made autos. Similar calls have been made by politicians here and across the globe as well. As a result, many firms may go on the defensive by consolidating operating costs, as well as shoring up and solidifying relationships with key business accounts.

As the economic crisis abates, Mayo believes that firms will again find opportunities in global markets. The timing is complicated though, since predicting when different industries and markets will return to health is difficult.

Growth opportunities

In the coming decade, sustainability and health care are going to be two areas of dramatic growth, according to Dr. **Rick Schroath**, associate dean and special advisor to the dean at Kent State's business school.



Dr. Rick Schroath

"Young students are very interested in sustainability, which is basically how the waste from one company becomes source material for another. An example would be out-of-date alcohol being made into ethanol for fuel, or sawdust from a saw mill being made into heating pellets for wood stoves. The flow of material we used to think of as waste is changing," Schroath says. "The question for

the business owner becomes one of management: How can we be environmentally conscious and utilize processes that are kinder to the environment but profitable for business?"

Companies that can find the answer to that question have a market waiting for them. Even more, customers monitor

the health care market and hang on its ever-changing news.

Schroath says the health care market will be especially important to Northeast Ohio. "With all the discussions about restructuring the nation's health care and the large number of biotech health care oriented startup companies, the health care field is poised for some entrepreneurs to make some big changes," he says. "And here in Northeast Ohio with our proximity to world-class health care providers and the proposed Medical Mart in Cleveland, the opportunities are ripe for the picking."

The more things change ...

Even with all of the financial uncertainty, shifting of attitudes and business failures, the fundamentals of business are not going to change. "The accounting, the finance, the ability to read and understand a balance sheet, these things are not going to change," Schroath says. "It's like playing a sport. You have to get the fundamentals down and learn the game before you can become a LeBron James and change it."

Personnel issues and access to capital are other factors that Mayo says will remain constants. "We still need to put together credible offers. Of course, what that means in this market is changing," he says. While the fundamentals will remain, they will become increasingly complicated as global issues trickle into daily business.

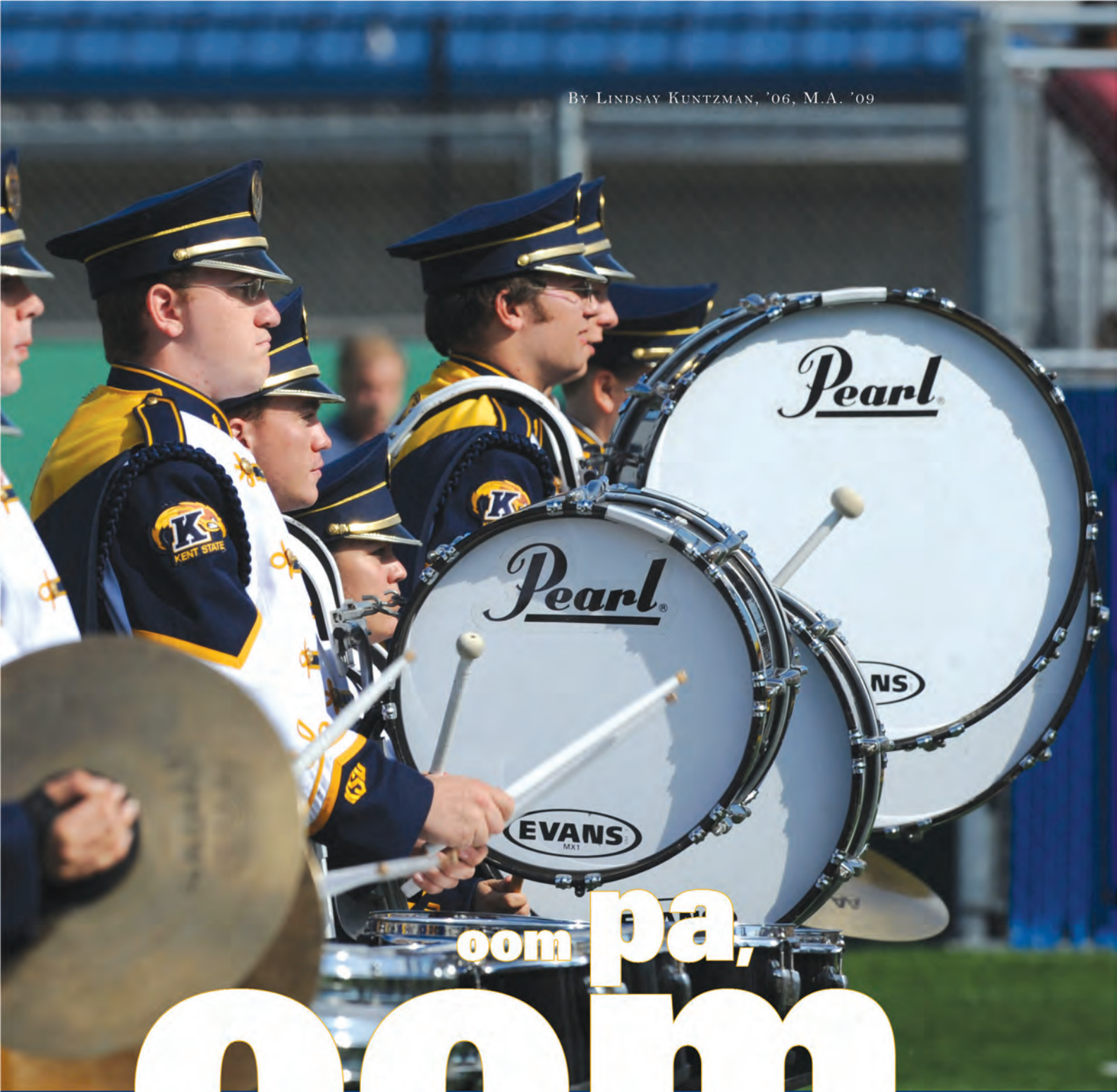
"Questions arise such as, if you are a great strategic planner here, can you be successful overseas? That is a difficult question to answer. There are the cultural issues, trade barriers and legal issues to name just a few," he says.

Messing is confident the business landscape will balance itself out. "We will always have people who are willing to exercise that entrepreneurial spirit. There are a lot of people who have the ideas and don't take action. But I think as the economy continues its course, people will start seeing the value in taking that step. A lot of the major companies we have today came out of an economy like we have today," Messing says. Those are companies with names like Microsoft, CNN, IBM, FedEx and General Electric.

"Every big dip we've had in the economy has been overcome by entrepreneurs," Messing says. "I think entrepreneurship is going to grow. Right now there is tremendous opportunity."

Find out how the Kent State College of Business Administration is preparing students for the changing business world in an online exclusive at www.kent.edu/magazine.

By LINDSAY KUNTZMAN, '06, M.A. '09



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Marching Golden Flashes Celebrate 90 Years

At Kent State University, the beat certainly has gone on — for 90 years in fact. While Kent State celebrates its Centennial, the Kent State Marching Golden Flashes celebrate a milestone this year — their 90th anniversary.



Kent State Band — the early years

The band's presence at university events has changed throughout its history, but has always played a major part in the lives of its members and in increasing school spirit.

Lisa (Hicks) Dael, '91, a member of the Marching Golden Flashes from 1986–90, says it's a humbling experience to have been a part of something that is now 90 years old.

"I'm really proud to be a part of the tradition," Dael says. "It means a lot to be a part of that history."

The marching band's history began in 1919, when music department director *Ann Maud Shamel* organized a "field band." Those were humble beginnings. In 1920, when the Kent State football team first played with equipment, the field band performed in the stands for one game. As years passed, the band reorganized, and professor *Roy Metcalf* became the director in 1929.

When Metcalf took charge, only 20 students participated in the band. And in those days, band uniforms were not considered proper attire for women, so only males could participate. However, in 1940, Metcalf created the "Twin Bands": one all-female band and one all-male band.

The Twin Bands were disassembled in the late '50s, after *Edward Masters* took over as the director. Under Masters' guidance, the band performed its first 15-minute halftime show. Masters led the band for more than 20 years — during that time, he emphasized rehearsing music and produced a record for the university's semicentennial.

The directors following Masters helped shape today's Marching Golden Flashes. They introduced a new style

of marching, debuted new uniforms, secured scholarships for students and even survived the program being cut twice — once in 1979 and once in 1992.

Today, under the supervision of **Scott Curfman**, director of athletic bands for the Hugh A. Glauser School of Music, the marching band boasts 115 members, takes part in pre-game festivities, plays in the stands and puts on the

halftime show for every home football game.

"The marching band's presence is an integral part of the game-day atmosphere. It provides some support to the cheerleaders, it creates interest among the fans and it motivates the team through the energy it gives the fans," Curfman says.

Curfman says the marching band will recognize its anniversary at its annual indoor concert, but will focus most of its attention toward celebrating the university's Centennial.

"The band adds lifeblood to the university events and community," Curfman says. "Without the band, it's just another event."

While the marching band adds to university events, it also contributes to the university experience for its members.

Dael says participating in the band was the reason she stayed at Kent State.

"I was really shy, and the band helped me make friends," Dael says. "I was in marching band in high school and decided to go to Kent State after I auditioned and was accepted for the band. It was a way to get involved in school and meet friends, and I really enjoyed music, so it was a great social outlet."

When Dael participated in the band, the members practiced four days a week. The time commitment helped Dael make lifelong friends.

One of the friends she made includes her husband, *Kevin Dael*, '90. Lisa on the tenor saxophone, and Kevin, on the clarinet, decided they harmonized well. The couple was introduced by a friend, and, while she thought he was nice, he later impressed her by walking her and a friend home

to Engleman Hall after the annual Band Banquet, despite living on the other side of campus.

"I thought it was so sweet that this guy, who lived on the other side of campus, would walk us home," Dael says.

Even today, Dael stays in touch with the friends she made in the band. Marching band alumni can re-connect with each other through the Marching Band Alumni Chapter, which hosts events for members.

Tim McDonnell, '90, the acting president of the Marching Band Alumni Chapter and Marching Golden Flashes member who played trombone from 1986–90, says the chapter holds an annual event at Homecoming for alumni to play in the parade, attend the game and play at halftime.

"The marching band was just a great experience. It's a way for people to learn discipline, and it gives people great leadership skills," McDonnell says. "It's pretty amazing that the marching band has gone on for 90 years considering that it was canceled for about a year and then it was brought back thanks to students who were active in making their voices heard."

Jeff Frank, '03, who played baritone in the band from 1995–2001, shares McDonnell's amazement.

"It's great that the band has reached 90 years considering that there were times when it was threatened with being cut," says Frank. "The fact that it remains is pretty special."

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GOLDEN Flashes

BY CARA GILGENBACH, M.L.S. '95, AND THERESA WALTON

Glory Days Celebrating 90 Years of Kent State Football

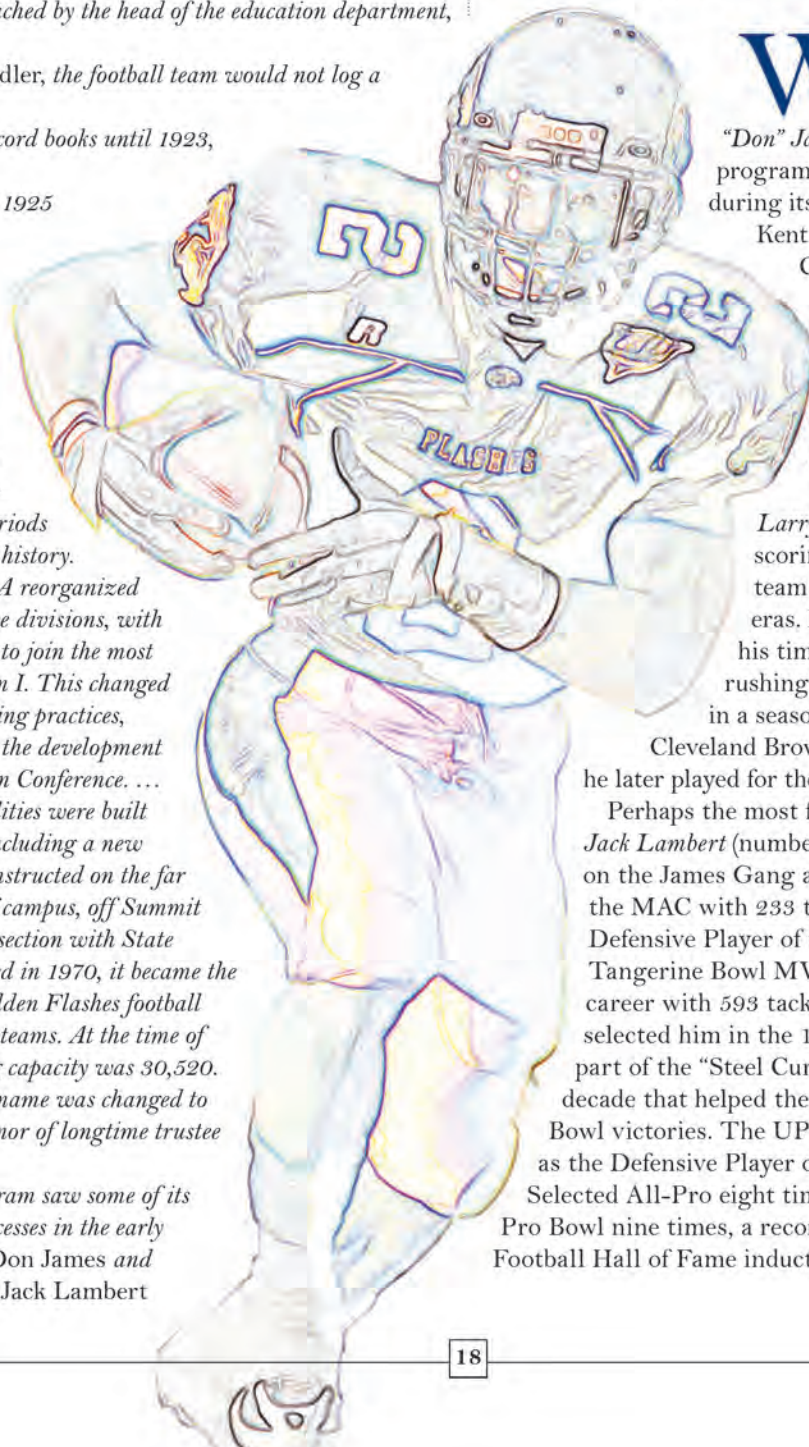
Kent State did not join the national trend of sponsoring football until 1920. With only a handful of men enrolled on campus that season, nearly all were members of this first team, which played only two games. Coached by the head of the education department, Prof. Paul G. Chandler, the football team would not log a touchdown in the record books until 1923, and it was not until 1925 that a Kent State football team won a game . . .

Flash forward to the 1970s, one of the most outstanding periods in Kent State sports history.

In 1973 the NCAA reorganized into three competitive divisions, with Kent State choosing to join the most competitive, Division I. This changed competition, scheduling practices, and set the stage for the development of the Mid-American Conference. . . . Several athletic facilities were built during the decade including a new football stadium, constructed on the far southeastern edge of campus, off Summit Street, near its intersection with State Route 261. Dedicated in 1970, it became the new home of the Golden Flashes football and the field hockey teams. At the time of construction, seating capacity was 30,520. In 1973, its official name was changed to Dix Stadium, in honor of longtime trustee Robert Dix.

The football program saw some of its most significant successes in the early 1970s under coach Don James and with players such as Jack Lambert

(of future pro football fame), Larry Poole, Cedric Brown, Abdul Salaam (Larry Faulk) and Greg Kokal. In 1972, the grid-men won their only MAC championship and ended the season with a Tangerine Bowl appearance. . . . The following are brief highlights of those exciting years in Kent State football, and the coaches and players who made them happen.

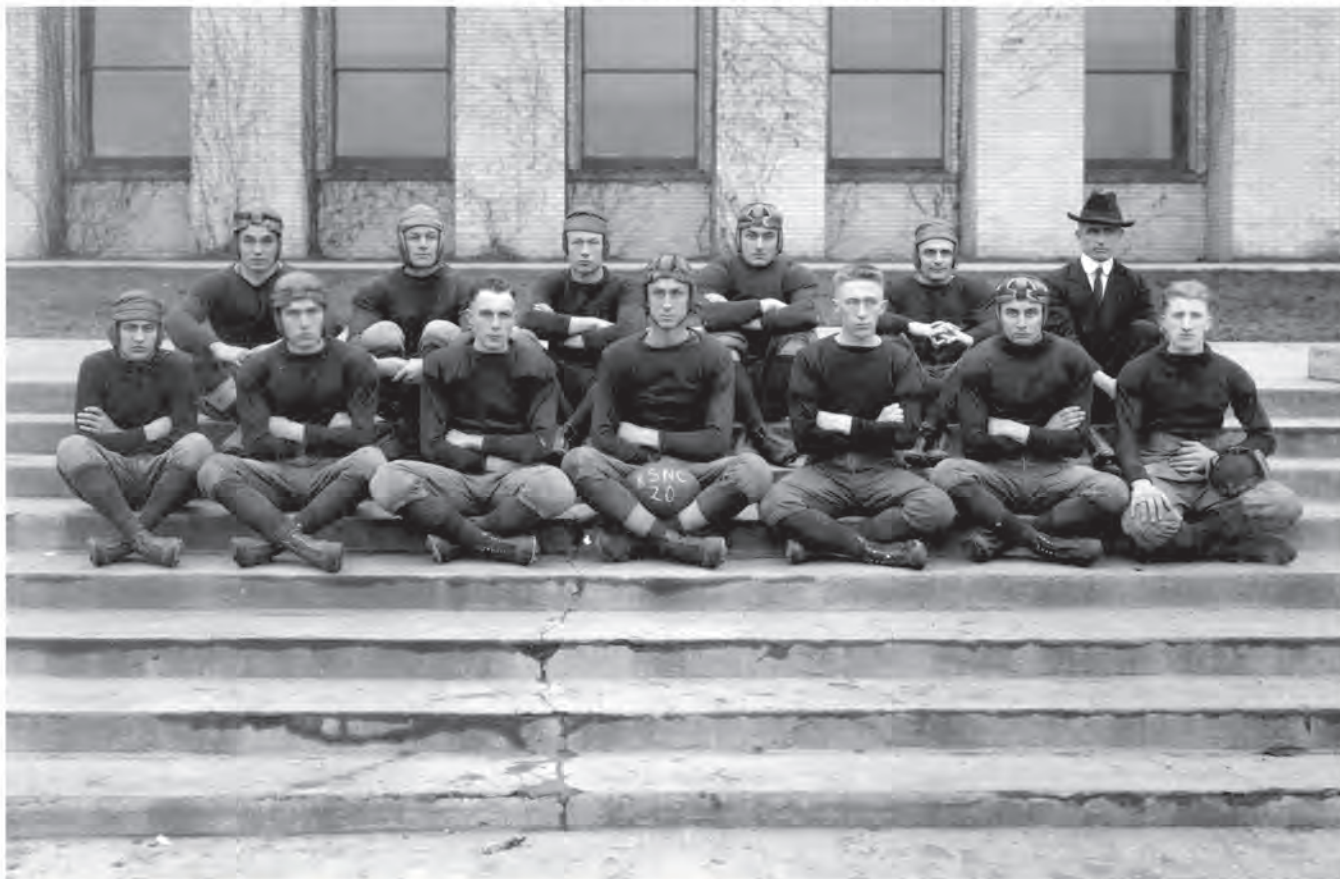


While only at Kent State a short time (1971-74), Coach Donald "Don" James led the Flashes' football program, known as the "James Gang," during its most victorious time with Kent State's only Mid-American Conference Championship and a trip to the Tangerine Bowl in 1972. James left Kent State to work as the head coach at the University of Washington, where he continued his success.

Leading Kent State rusher, Larry Poole, second in the nation in scoring in 1973, helped the football team create one of their strongest eras. He set many records during his time, including career yards rushing (2,668), most touchdowns in a season (18) and career (38). The Cleveland Browns drafted him in 1975, and he later played for the Houston Oilers.

Perhaps the most famous football alumnus, Jack Lambert (number 99) played a starring role on the James Gang as middle linebacker. He led the MAC with 233 tackles in 1972 earning MAC Defensive Player of the Year honors. The 1972 Tangerine Bowl MVP finished his Kent State career with 593 tackles. The Pittsburgh Steelers selected him in the 1974 draft where he became part of the "Steel Curtain" defense for the next decade that helped the NFL team to four Super Bowl victories. The UPI twice selected Lambert as the Defensive Player of the Year (1976 and 1979). Selected All-Pro eight times, Lambert played in the Pro Bowl nine times, a record for a linebacker. The Pro Football Hall of Fame inducted him in 1990.

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Members of Kent State's first football team and coach Paul G. Chandler.

Nick Saban, '73, played defensive back for Kent State in the early 1970s, started at cornerback as a sophomore in 1970 and then at safety his last two years. He contributed to the Golden Flashes winning the 1972 MAC title, although injuries caused him to miss the last few games of the season. He started his illustrious coaching career as a Kent State graduate assistant in 1973 and 1974.

Greg Kokal, '80, directed the Golden Flashes to their only Mid-American Conference football championship and Tangerine Bowl berth in 1972. He lettered four times (1972-75) and was team captain as a senior. He ranked eighth in the NCAA in total offense (2,010 yards) as a senior and set the Kent State record for most passing attempts in a game (42) in the Tangerine Bowl.

Gary Pinkel, '75, was the leading receiver on Kent State's 1972 Mid-American Conference championship team, grabbing 34 passes for 477 yards and three touchdowns. He

led Kent State in receiving as a senior with 36 catches for 409 yards, helping the Golden Flashes post the best record in school history (9-2-0). He was named to the All-MAC First Team at tight end in 1972 and 1973 and as an Associated Press Honorable Mention All-American in 1973.

The 1972 football season unexpectedly became one of the most memorable in the sport's beleaguered history at Kent State. After finishing last in their conference the previous season, the Flashes' next season ended in their defeat of Toledo University and capture of their first-ever MAC championship. The team then saw post-season action at the Tangerine Bowl on December 29, 1972, facing Tampa who defeated them, 21-18.

Defensive back *Cedric Brown*, another key contributor to Kent State's winning ways in the 1970s, led the nation with eight interceptions in eight games as a

Jack Lambert (number 99)



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On the team's 50th anniversary, some members and coach Chandler were honored at the Sept. 26, 1970, football game against SUNY Buffalo.

senior in 1975. The Oakland Raiders of the NFL drafted him in 1976. He played for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 1976-84, where he earned team MVP honors in 1981.

Abdul Salaam, '80, whose name means "Soldier of Peace" (*Larry Faulk* when he played at Kent State), twice selected to the All-MAC First Team as a defensive lineman (1973 and 1974), led his team as captain in 1975. The New York Jets drafted Salaam, and he played with them from 1976-83.

After a playing career that ended in 1978 with 645 tackles, *John "Jack" Lazor* (right) stayed on to serve as an assistant coach in 1979 and 1983. While playing for Kent State, Lazor earned All-MAC First Team honors 1976-78, honorable mention Associated Press All-American in 1977 and AP Third Team honors in 1978.

Football player and sprinter *Gerald Tinker* excelled on the gridiron, track and in the classroom. As well as being a member of the All-MAC academic team in 1972, he ran the third leg of the 4X100 meter relay team that won gold at the 1972 Olympic Games for the U.S. followed by the NCAA Indoor Championship in the 60-meter dash in 1973. He ranked fifth in the nation as a punt return specialist, while also playing wide receiver for Kent State. The Atlanta Falcons picked him in the second round of the NFL draft in 1974, where he played two years, followed by a season with the Green Bay Packers.

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Kent State's Lakeshore Treasure

For 50 years, the Ashtabula Campus has enriched lives

As Kent State Ashtabula prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary, it reflects upon its history, celebrates its success and looks toward the future.

Remembering the past

In 1957, a group of concerned citizens from Ashtabula came together to discuss how to ensure economic vitality within their community. Those community leaders decided it was important to obtain an accredited university program in the county. Thanks to their efforts, the Kent State University Ashtabula Campus was established in 1958, housing 253 students in an old, abandoned junior high school building in the center of the city.

Nearly 50 years later, the campus held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Robert S. Morrison Health and Science Building. The day brought back memories of the campus in earlier times when state capital appropriations made it possible to build without a capital campaign.

Paul Reichert, former dean, recalls the old Park Avenue building and establishing the present campus.

"I go back to the old Park Avenue building as an assistant director to the first dean, *Dr. Roger T. Beitler*," Reichert says. "I was made director in 1962, and we started planning for the permanent campus on its own site at that time."

In 1963, land overlooking Lake Erie was donated for Kent State Ashtabula.

"The facilities on the campus were built primarily from state funds," Reichert says. "We were able to move forward thanks to 80 acres of land that was donated by local entrepreneur *Oliver Topky*."

The Main Hall groundbreaking took place in December 1965, and classes began in the fall of 1967. The Library and the Technology buildings were added in 1972.

"We built that first building, Main Hall, for \$1 million and dedicated it in '67," Reichert says.

Another former dean, *John Mahan*, arrived on campus in 1969.

"We had a fairly provincial student body here," Mahan says. "Many were working and couldn't live in dormitories."

Mahan blazed new paths in instruction using a forerunner to distance learning.

"I had the occasion to see interactive television and I was fascinated by watching humans communicating with each other on a television monitor," Mahan says. "We built a system on Ashtabula Campus."

Mahan says he could see at that point that the breakthrough in learning was coming with the use of technology. And, of course, has noticed even more

breakthroughs since the Internet.

Living the legacy, meeting community needs

Today, Kent State Ashtabula Dean **Susan Stocker** says the mission of the campus is to provide for the diverse educational and cultural needs of the community.

Stocker became dean in 2001. Before that, she served as a nursing faculty member since 1990. During her time as dean, the campus has focused on enrollment and enrollment growth, both in recruiting and retaining students.

"This semester we had record enrollment — an increase of more than 30 percent from last spring," Stocker says.

Kent State Ashtabula is also focused upon meeting employment needs in the community and continuing to develop relationships with business leaders so the campus is integrated into the community.

"We're looking at adding new bachelor's degree programs on our campus," Stocker says. "This stems from Chancellor Fingerhut's vision for higher education."

Besides the campus providing educational opportunities, **Frank Vaccariello**, public relations coordinator at Ashtabula, says Kent State Ashtabula has been a gathering place for community members over the years. Enriching the lives of community members, the campus held a summer concert series and hosted a wine-tasting event called the Wine and Food Celebration, featuring Ashtabula County wineries and restaurants.

"In the heyday of the summer concert series, we would get more than 1,200 people for a concert," Vaccariello says. "It touched a lot of people's lives."



Photo by Jeff Glidden, '87



Photo by Jeff Glidden, '87

Students enjoy the campus patio cooled by breezes from Lake Erie.

Establishing new programs and facilities

Over the years, many changes have been made, including renovation of the library and revamping its focus and construction of the new Health and Science Building.

"We turned the library into an academic success center with more student-friendly support services like a math tutoring center and a writing center," Stocker says.

In conjunction with the 50th anniversary, Kent State Ashtabula will open the brand new Health and Science Building Aug. 27, 2009, to provide a state-of-the-art facility for nursing, occupational therapy assistant technology, physical therapist assistant technology, radiologic technology and respiratory therapy majors.

Stocker says the largest program on campus is the nursing program, and it has been for a number of years. Stocker says they decided to build a health and science building after surveys and focus groups were conducted to assess community needs.

"We talked to business leaders, students, faculty and staff; and out of those groups, we determined the direction for the expansion of the campus," Stocker says. "It became clear that the job growth was going to be in nursing and allied health care, and there was support for those programs."

Diana Gardner, manager of communications and marketing at Ashtabula, says the campus planned strategically. There is a huge nursing shortage, and Kent State Ashtabula enrolls more than 300 students in the nursing program.

Just as the campus leaders had done in 1957, Stocker and her faculty were offering new programs even before the new building was erected. Stocker says the first class of occupational therapy students graduated in December 2008, with all of them passing their licensing exam. The first graduates with an associate degree in radiologic technology hit the job market in May 2009. The respiratory therapy program is on track to begin next year.

"Some of these programs have been started in current facilities with makeshift labs," Stocker says. "They'll have state-of-the-art equipment when we move into the new building."

Working together, campus and community

"This has been the first effort at fundraising on campus, and we have raised \$6 million, which is phenomenal in a community like Ashtabula where we are suffering through a suppressed economy," Stocker says.

When the initiative was first started, Stocker was told they would never raise \$2 million, but she says the community has been very supportive and to surpass that goal has been great.

Most of the money came from local foundations and individual donors. Stocker says one way higher education has changed over the years is being asked to operate more like a private university in terms of funding.

"People think that because we're a state university, we get all the money we need from the state, and that's not true," Stocker says. "We need to find other avenues for funding, and funding from foundations, individuals and businesses will become increasingly important going forward."

Celebrating 50 years, planning for the future

Kent State Ashtabula has formed a committee to plan the 50th anniversary events, hoping to commemorate the special year, despite limited resources.

Gardner says they are considering producing oral history videos to tie into the opening of the new building. Vaccariello, who also serves as campus webmaster, hopes to update the history page of the Web site.

As for the next 50 years at Kent State Ashtabula, Stocker says planning far ahead is difficult because of rapid changes.

She says there are always issues of whether on-campus education will become obsolete as many universities move toward distance learning.

"I hope that never becomes the case because it's important to be in the classroom interacting with the professor and other students," Stocker says. "We should never sacrifice academic standards for convenience."

Stocker is hopeful for the future and feels that Kent State Ashtabula will continue to grow, be successful and continue to add value to the lives of students and neighbors. "We'll be looking at more partnerships with businesses and other institutions of higher education," Stocker says. "Pooling of resources will be important as we increasingly find more creative ways to deliver education."

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Alumni Association Member Profile



*Steven Flaughers, '04
Former Flash mascot*

Steven Flaughers, '04, might be one of Kent State's biggest cheerleaders. During his time at Kent, Flaughers spent four years as Flash. Not only does this mascot have some of the best dance moves, but he also performs well on stage as a country singer. He has made it to the Top 16 on the County Music Television's *Music City*. Also, he appeared on NBC's *Nashville Star* in 2001 and has opened for many famous country singers like Kenny Chesney. When he is not busy entertaining, Flaughers is focused on his business career as the managing partner of Proforma, a provider of print and promotional items.

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Fondest memory of Kent State

My time as Flash and being part of Sigma Nu fraternity. I was very proud and fortunate to say I was the Kent State mascot. From the great moments with Kent State fans to bringing smiles to disabled children, wherever we went is indescribable.

Favorite Kent State professor

Michael Dragomier from the College of Technology. He was very personable and could teach a lot that was not in the textbook. He got things across to you and talked to you like a real person and at our level. To this day, I still visit him.

Favorite place to eat on or around campus

I really like eating at Eldorado's Pizza Pie off State Route 43. Every Tuesday my fraternity brothers all met there for pizza and wings. It was a great time, and the place was always packed with all my fraternity brothers.

What did you like most about Kent State?

Kent State is home. I have visited over 20 universities throughout my collegiate travels and none of them match up to Kent State. I have met and worked with so many great people here and have met some of my best friends.

Most significant life accomplishment

Buying my company in January and being the first in my family to graduate with a college degree.

Why I joined the Alumni Association

I gained a lot from my Kent State experience. It only seems natural to give back, and my membership allows me to continue my networking at Kent State.

Members support programs that:

- Build and sustain lifelong relationships;
- Encourage learning and professional growth;
- Celebrate the successes of alumni, faculty and students;
- Share the excitement of university accomplishments.



C L A S S N O T E S

Share your photos with us! The Alumni Association wants to publish photographs of you and other Kent State alumni. If you recently attended a wedding or another event with other alumni, then send us your photos. We welcome all photos but will not be able to publish pictures with just one alumnus due to the high number of pictures we receive. Please do not send photos that you wish to have returned. You may e-mail photographs, preferably high-resolution digital images, to alumni@kent.edu. Make sure to include a caption with the names of alumni in the photo and their graduating year.

65 Jane G. Birch, Crownsville, Md., won the 2007 Combs Gates Award given by the National Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio, for her book, *They Flew Proud*. **Donald V. DeRosa**, M.A. '65, Ph.D. '67, Stockton, Calif., was named the recipient of the Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education: 2009 NASPA President's Award. **Gary A. Lare**, M.Ed. '65, Ph.D. '65, Loveland, Ohio, retired as head of the curriculum resources center at the University of Cincinnati in 2007 after 32 years of service. Prior, Lare served as assistant professor and head of the curriculum media center at Oral Roberts University in the '70s. Lare is the recipient of the 2009 Association of College and Research Libraries, Education and Behavioral Sciences Section Distinguished Education and Behavioral Sciences Librarian Award. He has also authored several books.

66 Kenneth R. Rarick, Red Oak, Texas, retired from Palm Harbor Homes after 35 years in the mobile home business.



Marcus Thomas, a Cleveland advertising and public relations firm, employs many Kent State graduates and welcomes their dogs to the office.

Front row – left to right
Jim Nash, '84, with dog King; Joanne Kim, '86, with dog Beau; Jenny Buck '92; Kevin Delsanter, '02; Carrie Kandes, '97; and Allison Peltz, '06, with dog Stella
Back row – left to right
Melissa Veneri, '00; Ryan Wolfe, '07; Jerrod McMillin, '03; Sarah Roman, '08; Maureen Nagg, '06; Laurie Znidarski, '02; and Rae Evans, '69.

71 John D. Adie, Ed.S. '82, M.Ed. '80, Chanhassen, Minn., was inducted into the Association of Training Officers of Minnesota Hall of Fame for his contributions to law enforcement training during his career as an FBI Special Agent. Adie retired from the FBI in 2005 and is currently a criminal justice instructor at Century College in Minnesota.

74 James O. Castagnera, M.A. '74, J.D., Havertown, Pa., has spent more than 25 years practicing, writing about and teaching law. Castagnera has been a labor lawyer and litigator with a major Philadelphia firm and the general counsel/corporate secretary for the then-largest convenience store chain in New Jersey and for the nation's No. 1 econometric forecasting organization. He is currently legal counsel to a New Jersey university and president of a freelance research and writing company. Castagnera's latest book is titled *Al-Qaeda Goes to College*. **Joy A. (Dickerson) Padgett**, Coshocton, Ohio, has accepted the position of director of government relations with Central Ohio Technical College. Padgett was an Ohio state senator for the 20th Senate District from 2004–2008 and served four consecutive terms as a state representative for the 95th House District from 1993–1999. Padgett also spent 20 years as a public high school teacher. **Ken Poshedly**, Snellville, Ga., is currently a technical writer/editor for Humboldt Wedag Inc. in Atlanta, Ga. Poshedly is also the editor/publisher of the quarterly *Journal of the Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers*.

75 Richard M. Foote, M.B.A. '87, Aurora, Ohio, is vice president of acquisitions and integrations at the Davey Tree Expert Company. **Andrew G. Rabatin**, M.Ed., Willoughby, Ohio, is a retired teacher. **Nancy G. (Gard) Wingenbach**, M.Ed. '75, Ph.D. '83, Hinckley, Ohio, has served on the Highland Local School District's Board of Education since 1984. Wingenbach began her education career as an English teacher in Cocoa Beach, Fla., worked as the coordinator for gifted education in Lorain County, the coordinator for gifted students in Cuyahoga County, curriculum director for the Independence Local School District and director of educational programs for Orange City Schools. She also serves on the Medina County Career Center Board of Education and the International Board of Directors for Destination Imagination. Wingenbach was recently appointed as the superintendent of the Orange City School District.

76 Roger J. Stevenson, J.D., Fairlawn, Ohio, works for the law firm Roetzel and Andress and has been selected as an "Ohio Super Lawyer" by *Law and Politics* magazine, *Northern Ohio Live* magazine and *Cincinnati Magazine*.

77 James S. Russell, Bloomington, Ill., has been named associate executive director of the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB). Russell has been director of publications with IASB since 2000. Prior, Russell had been a newspaper editor for 26 years in Illinois and Ohio.

78 Chris (McCurdy) Brown, Hudson, Ohio, is the founder of Marketing Resources and Results Inc. in Hudson, Ohio. **Alison Harmon**, M.Ed., Troy, Mich., was recently re-elected as president of the Delta Research and Educational Foundation. Harmon formerly served as a member of the Delta Sigma Theta National Executive Board. She is also an associate dean of the Beeghly College of Education at Youngstown State University. Harmon's career in education spans 33 years.

80 Elizabeth Z. Bartz-Chames, M.A. '82, Akron, Ohio, owns a business that has been selected as one of the top diversity-owned businesses in the U.S. for the second time in three years. Bartz-Chames is the president and chief executive

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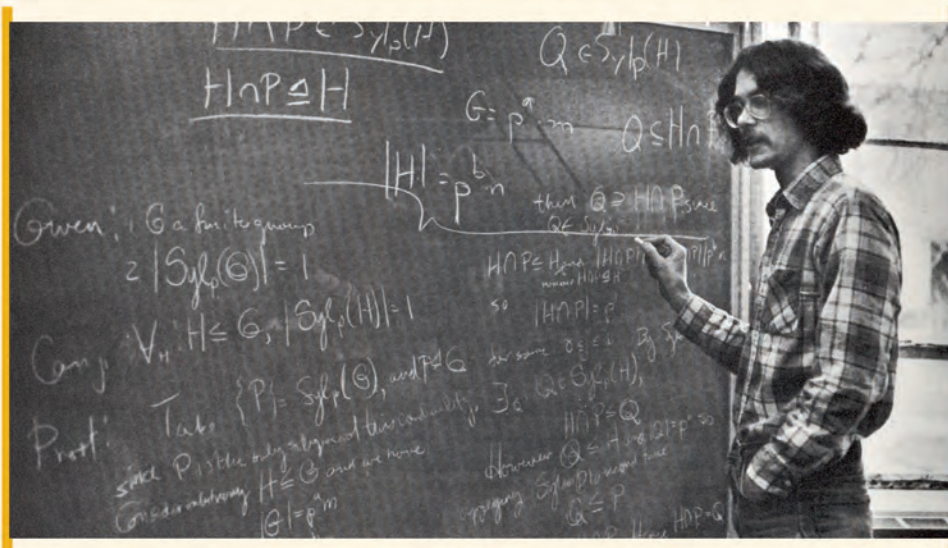


FLASHBACK

Favorite Kent State Classes

When Kent State first started as a Normal School in 1910, manual training classes were offered in working with paper, strawboard, wood, metal, cement and leather.

Curricula of normal schools reflected the growing industrial and manufacturing needs of America, which was changing from a rural to an urban culture. Today Kent State offers many challenging classes, such as Environmental Geology and Writing for Electronic Media, to prepare students for the 21st century.



What class did you really enjoy? Please visit www.ksualumni.org and click on "The Hub" to post to the discussion.



BY ASHLEY KATONA, '06

Steve Byrne, '97 Making a living from laughter

Kent State University alumnus *Steve Byrne* describes himself as “insanely boring.”

You probably would not associate that trait with someone who can make thousands of people burst into laughter and keep them smiling for hours.

Byrne has performed stand-up on *The Tonight Show*, ABC's *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, CBS's *The Late Show* and BET's *Comic View*.

He has also featured for Colin Quinn on a USO tour in Iraq, as well as for Drew Carey in Afghanistan, has hosted a special on Comedy Central, and is now in the process of filming another comedy special. And this is just a shortened list of his accomplishments!

Although Byrne may not think of himself as the most exciting person, it is a whole different story when he is standing center stage.

“To take a thought or idea that I myself believe is humorous and try to convey that to a group of strangers, whether it's 50 or 1,000, and make it a fun night for people is a personally gratifying thing,” says Byrne.

Standing in front of a full audience might be a little nerve-wracking, but Byrne, who majored in theatre, credits Kent State University for helping him interact and deal with people.

“Kent State for me was quite possibly one of the best learning experiences that I have ever had in my life, in terms of me getting to know me,” says Byrne. “I met a lot of people at Kent State and really found out who I was.”

Byrne benefited greatly from the theatre program. He dedicated many of his weekends to working on productions.

“The lessons learned at Kent State helped me get over my fear of being in front of people,” says Byrne. “It broke the ice for me in terms of trying out stand-up comedy.”

When Byrne was not consumed with studying, he worked off campus at BW3s, Video 101, Pufferbelly and Ray's Place. Some of Byrne's best memories were created at work and from living in the residence halls.

“A lot of my memories are from the friendships I made,” says Byrne. “Living in the dorms was so much fun.

Byrne remembers the many pranks he and his friends pulled in the residence halls. These ran the gamut from locking other guys out of their rooms to having garbage wars, which involved filling up garbage bins with water and leaning them against doors.

Byrne admits to not being the best student at Kent State, and he never really had a plan for his career. After college Byrne moved back in with his parents in New York City.

Byrne found his first job sweeping floors at Carolines Comedy Club. At that time, Byrne was focused just on making money so he could move to California. Little did he know that his temporary, hourly paying job would turn into a career.



Steve Byrne performing at the Kent Stage on Feb. 10, 2009.

After working at Carolines Comedy Club for a few months, he became curious about stand-up comedy.

Byrne had his first performance at Stand Up New York in 1997. Ever since that experience, he knew that he had found the perfect career.

“The first time I did stand-up, I was like wow, this is awesome. And I did it again and again and I just knew that I was hooked,” says Byrne.

“Within a few months I was on the road as an MC making \$50 a spot. It just snowballed from there.”

Although it has been awhile since Byrne graduated, he jumps at the opportunity to come back to Kent State and perform.

“I love performing in Kent because it's a huge part of my history and getting to do the one thing I love in a city that means so much to me is a major thrill,” says Byrne.

So what is Byrne doing when he is not making people laugh? Well, the last thing Byrne wants to do is travel. Instead he is too busy being his boring self.

“All I want to do is sleep in my own bed, sit on my own couch, throw my telephone out the window, not shower for days, eat my favorite pizza, play my Xbox, watch movies and just be a bum,” says Byrne with a grin.

BY SAMANTHA DONEGAN, PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENT

Alumni Lend a Helping Hand

First National Alumni Day of Service successfully connects alumni



Photo by Gary Harwood, '83

Kent State volunteers working on a home for Hammer and Nails in Canton.

Kent State alumni, students and their families and friends united to help build a home for a family, clean many miles of land, improve the living conditions for the homeless and remodel the outside of a home. They were all part of the alumni association's first National Alumni Day of Service this past April.

The Office of the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs also helped make this day possible.

Andrea Wilson, assistant director of outreach for the Alumni Association, says the event is part of a new tradition of gathering alumni nationwide to make a difference in their local communities.

"The event was a huge success, and we really had a good turnout," Wilson says. "It was a perfect day, and the weather was beautiful. Everyone had a wonderful time."

About 100 volunteers helped out in Kent, Cleveland, Akron, Canton, Columbus and Southern California.

One of the volunteering events was with Habitat for Humanity of Portage County. Volunteers worked to build the frame of a new house in the Habitat for Humanity warehouse in Ravenna, Ohio.

Karen Schofield, M.Ed. '77, says her experience volunteering with Habitat was absolutely fabulous. Schofield says her favorite part of the day was knowing she was doing good work for others.

"I think that is probably the biggest motivator for me," Schofield says. "That you know that a family is going to benefit from your volunteer work."

A family in Canton also benefited from the National Alumni Day of Service. Volunteers worked with the Hammer and Nails organization to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged area homeowners through home and property improvements. Volunteers assisted in scrapping, priming and painting the outside of a home.

Adolph Messenger, '60, says he would love to participate again. Messenger said his daughter, who had worked with the organization many times before, inspired him to participate.

"It was very enlightening and it was very personally fulfilling," says Messenger. "We enjoyed it and got to meet other alumni that

we hadn't met yet."

In addition to projects in Ravenna and Canton, there were also projects at City Mission in Cleveland, Haven of Rest in Akron and different clean-up projects in Kent and Columbus, as well as Habitat for Humanity in Pacoima, California.



Photo by Gary Harwood, '83

National Alumni Day of Service — April 18, 2009.

"This was the first time we've done this, but we plan on making it an annual event. We hope that next year that more alumni in different states participate," Wilson says. "I've already had several people say that they can't wait to participate next year."

For more information about the National Alumni Day of Service or how to participate, please contact the Alumni Association at 888-320-5368.

Alumni Memories Through the Decades 1910–1950

This begins the first article of our special Centennial series. Please watch for more alumni memories for your graduating class years in future magazine issues.

Kent State as a Normal School

Imagine graduating from college with only 34 students, paying no tuition or fees and just \$4 per week for room and board. Think how it would be if classes were held in circus tents, there were wood, harness making and cement classes, and dressing formally each day was common.

This was Kent State around 1910 when the Kent State Normal School was created as a training program for teachers. With the lack of buildings and residence halls, President *John E. McGilvrey* instructed students to enroll in “extension classes” in 25 northeastern Ohio communities, many of which are now home to Kent State's Regional Campuses.

May 19, 1913, marked the first day of classes on the Kent Campus with 47 students and 20 faculty members for the summer term. Soon it would be called Kent State College, and in 1935 Kent State College became Kent State University.

Kent State University has come a long way since its days as a Normal School. As the Centennial approaches in 2010, the Kent State University community celebrates the growth of the university. Alumni are a special part of this celebration and share their Golden Flash memories.

She received one of the first teaching degrees

Although *Eleanor Porter*, '39, originally started working on a bachelor's degree, she received a “normal” teaching degree because of the depression. “I wanted to be a teacher, and the first year I was here it changed to a regular teacher degree,” she says.

Porter came to Kent State University in 1936 and moved into one of the three women's residences on campus — Lowry Hall — the same hall where her mother had resided. At that time, deans, room mothers, room inspections and desk duties were a common part of life.

Blanche A. Verder served as dean of women from 1922 through 1942. Eleanor remembers Dean Verder lived in a large one-room apartment on the second floor of Lowry. She describes Dean Verder as a “battle-ax.”

“You couldn't do anything, and she was right there. I mean, she was only two doors down from us. She was strict.”

If any girl left Lowry after 7 p.m., she had to sign out in a book at the front desk. The girls were to sign back in by 9:15 p.m.; but, if a girl planned to return later than 9:15 p.m., she simply wrote “late permit” in the book.

While rules were plentiful in the dormitories, Eleanor says the campus was lenient in its dress code.

“There was no dress code, but we didn't wear pants.”

Instead of pants, girls wore dresses or skirts. A knee-length gold plaid skirt was a favorite outfit of Eleanor's. She recalls a three-quarter kerchief tied around one's neck.

One article of clothing that was required of freshman was a dink — a beanie-like cap. When an upper-division student asked, freshmen were expected to raise the dink and curtsy or bow. The dink tradition continued until the late 1960s.

Classes ended for Eleanor in 1939.

In the 1960s, she returned to Kent State to finish her fourth year even though she had already been teaching middle school. Eleanor said when she returned to campus, several new sections of buildings had changed the look of Kent State.

Eleanor continued to teach middle school while she finished her fourth year. She obtained her four-year degree and continued teaching — she retired after 35 years in the classroom.

Her education and time at Kent State impacted her life. In return, she was able to impact the lives of her students.



Hank Ford, far right, and two of his former classmates walking on campus.

He still reunites with his fraternity brothers today

Hank Ford, '47, was the former president of Delta Phi Sigma (now Sigma Nu) fraternity. Ford says he is glad he joined because he met a good group of guys and a lot of friends that he still talks to today. Around 30 of his fraternity brothers gather once every year to catch up and reminisce about their time at Kent State.

Ford attended Kent State during the time of World War II. After just a few months of school, Ford, along with other male students and faculty members, enlisted in the war.

As war went on, classes resumed, and women dominated much of campus. According to the *The Years of Youth* by Phillip Shriver, total enrollment in the fall of 1940 was 2,707. By

Freshmen students "dinking." Dinks were a blue and gold skullcap that all freshmen were expected to wear upon request of an upperclassman.



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STUDENT FEE RECEIPT

Date: JANUARY 27, 1947

Registration	\$30 00
Student Activities	50 00
Health	2 50
Non-Resident Fee	
Total	\$41 00

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Ford's student fee receipt from 1947. It cost Ford only \$41 to attend Kent State for one quarter.

September 1943 enlistments, the draft and defense work had reduced the student body to 777.

It was not until about three years later in 1945 that Ford returned to Kent State.

"I didn't start classes right away when I returned because I wanted to take a few months off to recover from war and collect the benefits from being part of the 5/20 club," Ford says. Veterans were permitted to collect unemployment benefits for three months after the war.

As president of his fraternity, he received perks — free rent and meals among them. "It was great because meals were expensive," says Ford. "I really had no expenses because of the GI bill, which covered my tuition and even the cost of my books."

Ford says he really only needed money for socializing. His job at Thompson's Drug Store in downtown Kent making 25 cents per hour covered those expenses.

"I really enjoyed working there because of the soda fountain," says Ford. "It was a gathering place for both college and high school students, and I met a lot of people working there."

When Ford was not working, he enjoyed entertainment on and around campus. One of Ford's favorite places to eat was Dixes Diner, which was open 24 hours. He and his friends also often gathered at Captain Brady's Cafe and the Cottage.

Ford graduated with an economics degree in 1947 and became a graduate assistant until 1952. After, he worked for Commercial Printing, a downtown Kent business for 42 years.

Ford treasures every moment he had at Kent State and looks forward to his next Delt reunion in September.

He made \$5 a week as sorority house boy

"It was the best job in the world that I have ever had," says *George Inscho, '47*. "Although the pay wasn't too good, the other fringe benefits were."

Some of his duties as sorority house boy included taking care of the coal-burning furnace, serving meals and hand washing all the dishes. One of the added benefits that Inscho never seemed to mind was having a different girl dry the dishes for him each night.

After serving as the sorority house boy for a year, Inscho worked for Dr. Chapman, a science professor, grading papers and doing other clerical duties.

Working those two jobs was possible since Inscho was considered a 4F, which meant he was physically unfit for military duty. In addition to those jobs, Inscho participated in several activities. He was the president of many clubs including Student Government, Blue Key and the history honorary.

"President *George A. Bowman* came in 1944 when I was the president of Student Government my junior year," says Inscho. "President Bowman invited a number of Student Government officers to his home (now the Williamson Alumni Center) for dinner with him and his wife. It was nice to have that sense of closeness there because the student body was so small at the time."

Work and school kept Inscho busy. But like every college student, he always made time to socialize. Inscho said that one of the hot date spots was in Akron.

Inscho says it was a big deal to ride the Penn Ohio bus line to Akron.

"We would go over to the Palace or Loews Theater in Akron, and there was a guy named Wild Oscar who played a huge pipe organ that came up out of the floor prior to the movie. They had the bouncy ball sing-a-longs on the screen," says Inscho. "It was really exciting. That was the thing to do."

In addition to receiving a bachelor's degree, Inscho graduated in 1954 with a master's degree in educational administration. He went on to become a high school history teacher, a high school principal, a local superintendent and a county superintendent.

"My time at Kent State was really a great time," says Inscho. "I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Editor's note: Henry "Hank" Ford passed away prior to the Kent State Magazine going on press. The university community extends our deepest sympathies to his close friends and family.



BY SHANTAE ROLLINS, PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENT

Alumni on the Move

A Look at Our Alumni Chapters

Thousands of students leave Kent State with a high-quality education and the tools to build a successful future. Some alumni stay in Northeast Ohio, while others venture beyond the state's borders to pursue their careers. With graduates moving all over the country, you can easily lose contact with your classmates and professors. Thanks to 12 active alumni chapters, both regional and interest-based, many graduates keep connected to Kent State.

The Black Alumni Chapter

Number of chapter members: 450
Officially became a chapter: February 2009
President: Kellea Tibbs, '97
Web: www.ksualumni.org/blackalumni

Exciting chapter events:

"We plan a Homecoming event, which includes the Black Greek Soul Food Gathering outside the football stadium in conjunction with the Center for Student Involvement and **Della Marshall**, and we coordinate the Kent State Black Alumni Annual Spring Reunion in April." – Tibbs, '97

The best reason to join our chapter:

"Graduates of the African-American community have had such a rich heritage and cultural presence at Kent State. At some point we have all participated in making sure Kent State recognizes the diversity and history that we contributed to campus, both as students and continuing as alumni." – Tibbs, '97

Southern California Alumni Chapter

Number of alumni in Southern California: More than 2,000
Officially became a chapter: 1988
President: Keith Meller, '79
Web: www.ksualumni.org/southerncalifornia

Exciting chapter events:

"My favorite events have been the annual tailgate Indians baseball games vs. the Anaheim Angels, the tour of the Huntington Museum and Gardens and the Browns vs. the Chargers game." – Keith Meller, '79

"We have such fun at all of our events. Our recent event at the *Price is Right* with Drew Carey, host and former Kent State student, has to be one of the highlights. I also enjoy our yearly Oktoberfest event." – Cami Black, '62

The best reason to join our chapter:

"The common connection. Kent State is unique and crosses all thresholds and barriers. It is an intangible part

of our lives, but when alums get together, the stories flow: snow, campus buses, parties, demonstrations, dorms, faculty. It may be difficult to conceive by those who do not belong to chapters until they get involved." – Tom Prior, '71

Journalism and Mass Communication (JMC) Chapter

Number of JMC alumni: More than 6,000
Officially became a chapter: 2007
President: Jennifer Kramer, '00
Web: www.ksualumni.org/jmc



JMC graduates visiting the newly renovated Franklin Hall.

Exciting chapter events:

"We are getting ready to start planning for Homecoming. We have also done several coffee 'hour' type panel discussions. I think the networking events we have done like the Bracket Buster and the PRNewswire coffees have been successful." – Sharon Marquis, chapter member

The best reason to join our chapter:

"JMC is special because most people stay connected from a professional development aspect. The members enjoy mentoring by critiquing résumés or participating in reviews. We give direction, and are just as invested in the next generation securing jobs as we are keeping our own. The faculty is one reason Kent State is so special to me; because, they actually care about you and keep in touch with you after graduation, which is very unique. We have so much support from JMC faculty, clerical staff and the Alumni Association." – Kramer, '00

For more information about the Alumni Association chapters and area representatives, please visit www.ksualumni.org and watch for more chapter profiles in upcoming magazine issues.

officer of State and Federal Communications Inc. **Thomas J. Hemz**, Chicago, Ill., was appointed as a member of President Obama's transition team in banking relationships/overview.

Monte S. Leeper, Oceanside, N.Y., has received the highest honor given by the Long Island Works Coalition. Leeper is an architect news columnist and businessman who has worked as a curriculum advisor to schools across Long Island for the past 19 years.

Daniel F. Dickriede, D.O., Northfield, Ohio, is an emergency room doctor who spent a year in Africa with his wife traveling to various mission sites. They will return in the fall to Liberia to the Camphor Mission Station to work long term as missionary/aide workers. Dickriede worked with Doctors Without Borders in 1992, the year the organization won the Nobel Peace Prize.

Jose A. Gonzalez-Taboada, D.B.A., Caguas, Puerto Rico, is the new chairman of the Department of Accounting at the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus.

Anjum P. Qureshi, M.Arch., Karachi, Pakistan, is an architect and is one of the winners in the World Architect awards. **Scott R. Womack**, Harmony, Pa., is part of the professional staff at WTW Architects in Pittsburgh, Pa. Womack is a founding member and president of the Steel City Revit Users Group and a panel member on BIM Implementation/Collaboration (an American Institute of Architects Pittsburgh project).

Elisa R. (Kimball) Schleg, Land O' Lakes, Fla., has been promoted to project manager for the Committee for Academic Excellence in Riverview, Fla.

G. Warlock Vance, M.A. '02, Pembroke, N.C., is the author of *The Missing Narrative of Neptune*. **Lee (Gonzalez) Woodward**, M.Ed. '91, Tampa, Fla., is a certified rehabilitation counselor with 20 years of experience in career counseling and has authored a book titled *Cut the Fluff for Job Seekers*.

Mark E. Domann, New York, N.Y., is a part of Pfizer's employee volunteer program, Global Health Fellows. Domann is a clinical study manager based in New York. He has more than 20 years experience in HIV/AIDS and oncology.

Keith A. Creighton, Northfield, Ohio, recently joined the consumer team at The Rogers Group, a public relations firm in Los Angeles, Calif. **Matthew J. Mingrone**, Petoskey, Mich., is the marketing director for Tri-State Casino and Racetrack in Charleston, W.Va. **Susan D. Peters**, M.B.A., Florence, S.C., is the director for the new Center for Entrepreneurship at Francis Marion University's School of Business.

Greg K. Belliveau, M.A. '95, Cedarville, Ohio, is an assistant professor of English at Cedarville University and was awarded one of five \$4,000 grants. The grant also caught the attention of Foundry Literary and Media, which is a New York literary agency that has chosen to represent him. Belliveau is the author of several works.

Michael A. Emich, Bridgewater, Mass., co-founded WTWH Media, which took him from ad sales to integrated media while pairing a magazine for engineers with an online tool to entice advertisers. **Brad A. Rimmel**, North Canton, Ohio, works for the law firm of Roetz and Andress and has been selected as "Ohio Rising Star" by *Law and Politics* magazine, *Northern Ohio Live* magazine and *Cincinnati Magazine*.

Faith R. Barbato, East Canton, Ohio, was recently promoted to regional vice president of the Great Lakes Market for Spherion Corporation. **Kathy Dickriede**, Northfield, Ohio, is a

United Methodist pastor working in youth ministry. Dickriede spent a year traveling to various mission sites with her husband and will return in the fall to Liberia to the Camphor Mission Station to work on a long-term basis as a missionary/aide worker.

Thomas E. Mahl, Ph.D., Elyria, Ohio, wrote a book titled *The Spitball Knuckleball Book*.

Thrity N. Umrigar, Ph.D., Cleveland Heights, Ohio, is the author of *The Weight of Heaven*.

Lauren A. Borkowski, Ph.D., Selden, N.Y., is a senior post-doctoral scholar at Stony Brook University. **Richard T. Montgomery**, M.Ed., Toledo, Ohio, is the assistant director for the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences program at The University of Toledo College of Pharmacy. Montgomery recently introduced an Institute for Professional Advancement in the Pharmaceutical Sciences, which he directs along with the college's practicum program. **Stephen C. Needham**, Chicago, Ill., recently joined the law firm of Arnstein and Lehr LLP in Chicago, Ill., as an associate in the firm's Condominium and Community Associations practice group.

Deirdre D. Freeman, Scottsdale, Ariz., is a registered nurse in private practice cardiology. **Jennifer L. Snyder**, M.Ed., Franklin, Tenn., is a vocational rehab counselor on the QA Team for the Department of Veteran's Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment program in Nashville, Tenn. **Diane C. Stegmeier**, M.B.A., Strongsville, Ohio, is the author of the book *Innovations in Office Design: The Critical Influence Approach to Effective Work Environments*. Stegmeier is the recipient of the International Facility Management Association's 2008 Distinguished Author Award of Excellence and her work was ranked No. 1 Favorite Workplace Strategy Book by Amazon.com readers. **Nicolette S. Warren-White**, Apex, N.C., received the 2009 Commemoration Community Care Giver Spirit Award from the senior vice president of clinical affairs at Duke University Health System. As a volunteer, Warren-White also works with the Project DIRECT Academy, a diabetes education and outreach program of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

Alexis Lux, M.A. '02, Edmond, Okla., was recently named the director of development at the Oklahoma City Boathouse Foundation.

Jen (Fetterman) Schuller, M.Ed., Newton Falls, Ohio, was promoted to the position of executive director of the Hiram Fund and Alumni Relations at Hiram College.

Camille P. Morgan, Chicago, Ill., works as an administrator in student affairs at Columbia College in Chicago, Ill.

Lori A. Faust, M.L.I.S., Boardman, Ohio, is the children's department assistant manager with the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library and has been chosen to serve as a member on the 2010 John Newberry Award Committee.

Michael J. Teichman, Cleveland, Ohio, was recently promoted to the position of assistant director in the Office of Financial Aid at Case Western Reserve University.

Monair J. Hamilton, Ph.D., Durham, N.C., is the new director of training and technical assistance at the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill campus.

Brian J. Crescenzo, Kent, Ohio, is an admissions counselor for Kent State University. **Julia M. Sugalski**, Cleveland, Ohio, is a biological science lab technician for the Veteran's Affairs Medical Center at Wade Park in Cleveland, Ohio. **Kelly C. Walsh**, Shelby, Ohio, is working for Live Technologies production company and toured with a well-known comedian/ventriloquist.

Elizabeth M. Ballash, Kent, Ohio, works for Liggett Stashower, an advertising and public relations company, and was recently promoted to brand contact planner. **Megan L. Wombaker**, Hermitage, Pa., recently joined Marketing Resources and Results Inc.

LOSSES in the Kent State Family

'44

Phyllis N. (Newton) Hallenbeck, Willoughby, Ohio, March 2009.

'47

Henry "Hank" Ford, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, June 2009.

'48

Trudy (Shore) Crawford, M.S. '48, Kent, Ohio, January 2009.

'49

Raymond R. Robbins, Cocoa, Fla., January 2009.

'59

Kathleen Whitmer, Akron, Ohio, January 2009.

'63

David F. Duda, Massillon, Ohio, February 2009.

Byron W. Giltz, Winter Springs, Fla., February 2008.

'66

Olivia A. (Goodwin) Boggs, Dayton, Ohio, December 2008.

Frances Turner, M.S.'68, Beachwood, Ohio, February 2009.

'98

Carol K. Sheldon, Hiram, Ohio, December 2008.

Friends of Kent State

Dale Dettke, Akron, Ohio, January 2009.

Victoria G. Guenther, Aurora, Ohio, December 2008.

John W. Phillips, North Canton, Ohio, February 2009.



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Our life members are the backbone of the Kent State University Alumni Association. Their dedicated support makes it possible to provide important programming and services for a stronger alumni association and university.

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Below is a list of the many dedicated individuals who recently became Alumni Association life members. A complete list of life members can be found at www.ksualumni.org/member.

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Donna Berger, Denver, N.C.

Sharon Berry M.A., Old Orchard Beach, Maine

Judith Campbell, Jefferson, Ohio

Theresa Cummins, Tallmadge, Ohio

Jaxon Cyphert, Tallmadge, Ohio

Kathleen Cyphert, Tallmadge, Ohio

Charles Danforth, Antioch, Calif.

William Davis, Winfield, W.Va.

Melissa Derrick, Richmond Heights, Ohio

Vincent DeVincentis, Venetia, Pa.

Linda Dogoda, Youngstown, Ohio

Glen Dreyer, Kent, Ohio

Sharon Dreyer, Kent, Ohio

Tim Dudich, San Antonio, Texas

Curtis Eulberg, Streetsboro, Ohio

Jennifer Eulberg, Streetsboro, Ohio

Heather Ewers, Liberty Township, Ohio

Michael Ewers, Liberty Township, Ohio

Stephen Fifolt, Strongsville, Ohio

Ann Greiner, Miamisburg, Ohio

Eileen Gross, Kent, Ohio

Walter Hamilton III, Kalamazoo,

Mich.

Julie Hammond, Burke, Va.

Susan Harris, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Ranada Harrison, Puyallup, Wash.

Janet Hart, Kensington, Md.

Robert Hart, Kensington, Md.

Carolyn Hodgins, Montville, Ohio

Kerrie James, Kent, Ohio

Charles Keiper II, Ravenna, Ohio

Lindsey Kelley, Powell, Ohio

Nia Key, Philadelphia, Pa.

Steven Kissinger, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Susan Kunkle, M.A., Canton, Ohio

Stephen Ledger, Mogadore, Ohio

Victor Lefkof, Lakewood, Fla.

Marianna Lijoi, Wadsworth, Ohio

Melissa Liptak, Akron, Ohio

Elizabeth Luzio, Manalapan, N.J.

Ruth Marhefka, Kensington, Ohio

Virginia Matyja, Akron, Ohio

Julie McKinney, Kent, Ohio

Michele Mills, Akron, Ohio

David Molnar, Copley, Ohio

Sandra Montgomery, Rootstown, Ohio

Marlene Morgan, Kent, Ohio

Robert Nickol II, Barberton, Ohio

Joseph Pierce, Brecksville, Ohio

Lynne Powers, Brunswick, Ohio

Barbara Pryor, Tekonsha, Mich.

Paul Richardson, San Jose, Calif.

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Thomas Rudibaugh, Highland

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Jacquelyn Searfoss, Helena, Ohio

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Arterra Tatro, Coshocton, Ohio

Regena Taylor, Bedford, Texas

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Matthew Torsky, Mineral Ridge, Ohio

Stephen Treichler, Tallmadge, Ohio

Michele Warner, Bay Village, Ohio

Harold Williams, Kent, Ohio

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Are you moving for a few months during the winter and will have a new address? The Kent State Alumni Association wants to keep you informed, so it is important to notify us with any changes. If you are making a temporary move, please update your seasonal address at www.ksualumni.org/season to continue receiving Kent State mailings like the *Kent State Magazine* and other event announcements.

By Brian Thornton, '07

Providing the Launching Pad for Businesses (and Careers)

Alumnus' Campaign Gift Creates Entrepreneurial Lab

It seems an obvious proposition: College students create dirty laundry. College students don't like the hassle of washing laundry. College students might pay to eliminate that clean-clothing conundrum. Why not create a service to fill the need?

It's "inconvenient made convenient," says *Ashley Fannin*, '09, a managerial marketing major, who joined Laundry in a Flash, a student-run startup that's among the first products of the new entrepreneurship program at Kent State's College of Business Administration. As conceived by her business partner *Steve Davis*, Laundry in a Flash provides bags and a twice-monthly drop-off site for a fee; students receive their clean clothes, neatly folded, the next day.

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An innovative partnership with Hattie Larlham, a local nonprofit that provides jobs for individuals with developmental disabilities, makes it possible by handling the laundering service. But it hasn't all been perfect. One early misstep came when the staff purchased bags that couldn't be silk-screen printed with the company's name and a sponsor's logo. So the student business owners had to research solutions to keep the project on track.

Luckily, "there's always someone around to offer assistance," Fannin says.

That's because Laundry in a Flash is one of five student-run businesses to spring out of the program and the new John S. Brinzo Entrepreneurial Laboratory, says **Julie Messing**, director of the Center for Entrepreneurship



Centennial Campaign Web Site Goes Live



A new Web site has launched in support of the Centennial Campaign.

Visitors can view multimedia presentations about priorities, read stories about the impact of contributions on student success, get updates on campaign progress, and learn how to make gifts, including by credit card online.

To visit the site, go to www.kent.edu/advancement.

For more Centennial Campaign news, including the leadership team's vision and goals, turn to Page 6.

Photo by Bob Christy, '95



The John S. Brinzo Entrepreneurial Laboratory provides educational and collaborative space for aspiring small-business owners.



Alumnus John S. Brinzo addresses attendees at the dedication of the lab made possible by his Centennial Campaign gift.

and Business Innovation. The others include an environmentally friendly school-supply store, a café located in the Kent Free Library and a video service.

Students in the entrepreneurship major start and finish their education with experiential bookends, Messing says. The first yearlong course is when they launch a business; at the end, a practicum has them consulting and writing business plans. In between they complete the core of the curriculum, work with the college's entrepreneur in residence, compete in a variety of contests, take part in the Michael Solomon Speaker Series and participate in a yearly Entrepreneurship Extravaganza that includes panel presentations and an opportunity to network.

"Throughout Ohio, we have one of the most comprehensive entrepreneurship programs, including a major in entrepreneurship," Messing says. "We want students to gain as much experience as possible. But we're not throwing them to the wolves; they receive coaching and guidance along the way from seasoned entrepreneurs."

A large portion of that support is apparent at the nexus of the program: the new John S. Brinzo Entrepreneurship Lab, funded with a Centennial Campaign gift from *John S. Brinzo*, a 1964 graduate who retired as the president and chief executive officer of multinational mining company Cleveland-Cliffs in 2006. The gleaming facility, with long glass walls that meet sharp wood paneling, was dedicated in fall 2008 and almost instantly became an inspiration to the students.

"The lab has had an immediate and phenomenal impact for the students," Messing says. "Student engagement has gone up dramatically, along with the energy level."

In addition to student assistants, a reception area and conference room, the young entrepreneurs have access to printers, wireless networking and other technology — and space to start their businesses.

"They actually have a launching space," Messing explains. "We call them Launching Pad One and Two, and the entrepreneur in residence is housed in Mission Control. The lab is often just filled with students coming in, and they

can bounce ideas off each other, whether they're working on the same projects or not."

The Brinzo gift also includes an endowment to support the lab's activities; in future years, Messing hopes to use that funding as seed money for student-run businesses.

Brinzo has a specific intent for his gift: preparing the next generation for the workforce. "Because America is losing its competitive edge in manufacturing and jobs are being exported to developing countries, entrepreneurship and innovation are more important today than ever before," he says. "Thus, students need to learn such skills."

For Fannin, the managerial marketing major and entrepreneurship minor, the experiential learning opportunities and safety net provided by the program and lab have given her an edge with future employers. After all, she's already been the partner in a startup, even before graduation.

"There's not a similar curriculum that's so hands-on, where I can take M.B.A.-level coursework," she says. "It's preparing me because I'm already doing the things most graduates will have to learn on the job."

Start your campaign conversation today.

When you're ready to join the Centennial Campaign, the professional staff at the Office of Institutional Advancement can help you decide what and how to give. A variety of giving possibilities allows you to ensure your legacy at Kent State at whatever level you're comfortable with.

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By Brian Thornton, '07

Building a Foundation to Make **Stage Dreams** a Reality

Campaign Gift to Create Performing Arts Library

Success as a performing artist requires practice, strong technique and more than a little luck. But a successful performing-arts education requires something more concrete: an extensive collection of resources.

To address that need, alumni *Carlton* and *Victoria Thornbury*, and their son, *Alex*, have committed as part of the Centennial Campaign to make the lead gift in support of the creation of a Performing Arts Library at Kent State.

The gift will fund a planned space in the under-construction Roe Green Center for the School of Theatre and Dance that will integrate theatre, dance and music collections, including books, videos, scores and recordings.

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Students will have access to facilities for collaborative study, as well as state-of-the-art listening and viewing equipment to analyze performances while enhancing their understanding of various art forms.

The gift also gives the library increased storage for its collections, an area that is typically underfunded.

"Our goal is to ensure the future of performing arts majors at Kent State," *Victoria Thornbury* says. "To provide artists the resources they need so that this heritage of great music and performance can continue."

Victoria, who received her master's degree in library science from Kent State in 1974, began her career as a reference librarian in the Akron-Summit County Public Library system, later becoming the head of the Firestone branch. Before retirement, she was the librarian for the



Charlotte Latin School in North Carolina. *Carlton*, who received his master's degree in accounting from the Kent State College of Business Administration in 1975, had a career in banking before retiring from what is now Bank of America. The couple lives in Charlotte.

All three *Thornburys* share a passion for the performing arts, including theatre and classical music. While son *Alex*, of *Blacksburg, Va.*, works in information technology, he is also a pianist.

The *Thornburys* are the second and third generations of their family to leave a legacy at Kent State. *Victoria's* parents, *Dr. Gerald Read* and his wife, *Victoria*, were longtime Kent residents and university supporters whose final gift to the university funded a major expansion of the University Library's Department of Special Collections and Archives, as well as the first endowed graduate assistantship in the department.

Dr. Read was a 1936 graduate of Kent State and a professor of comparative education at the university for 33 years before his retirement in 1976; he passed away in 2005. *Mrs. Read* passed away in 2006.

By Lindsay Kuntzman, '06, M.A. '09

Salem Nursing Faculty Adopt Capital Project

Faculty and staff contributions play a significant role in the Centennial Campaign. As part of the campaign, every member of the Kent State University Salem Campus' full-time nursing faculty has contributed, collectively giving more than \$30,000 to help renovate the campus's gymnasium into a state-of-the-art medical learning facility.

The faculty's donations will build a Nursing Advising Center, featuring faculty offices, common areas and conference rooms.

Mary Lou Ferranto, program coordinator and assistant professor, says faculty discussed assuming responsibility for one piece of the project. She says the advising center is important to recruiting and supporting students.

Of the 1,300 students enrolled at the Salem Campus, nearly one-third major in health and science programs. *Ferranto* adds that the building will not only help students, but also impact the community through increased educational and employment opportunities.

"We appreciate Dean **[Jeffrey] Nolte** for having this vision and implementing it," she says.

"It's fantastic the nursing department has shown leadership in their philanthropy," *Nolte* says. "They should be an example for the university."

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Becoming the Person He Ought to Be

Honors College Graduate Memorializes Beloved Professor With Scholarship

Kip Petroff, '80, arrived at Kent State with limited career goals and the assumption he would be an average student. His Freshman Honors Colloquium changed all of that.

It was there that he met Professor *Bernard Tabbs*, an instructor unlike any other he had throughout his education. "He just had a brightness about him that was completely different from any other professor I had in college," Petroff says. "He got your attention. He was lively; he didn't lecture. I don't think he ever once gave a lecture.

"It made me want to learn; it just changed everything for me."

Petroff found the classes so impactful, he recorded many of them. "He just engaged the class; if you went along with him, you'd get so much out of your classes that it would change you. To this day, when I listen to (my recordings of) his classes, I get a tremendous amount out of them."

Petroff, who went on to take four additional classes with Tabbs, also responded to the professor's motto: "You will never become the person you ought to be until you want to become the person you can be." Taking that motto to heart, he rethought his career plans and went on to law school.

"I kept in touch with him during law school, to the extent that he was going to be a lifelong friend," Petroff says. But the young professor passed away the year Petroff graduated from law school.

The Honors College alumnus kept Tabbs' motto close to his heart after his death, becoming a successful lawyer in Dallas. He has co-founded New Hope Foundation, a nonprofit organization that helps those in hard times get back on their feet. Through this foundation, he is building a community learning center in an impoverished area of Dallas. He's also working on a book — and memorializing his beloved professor, whom he credits for much of his success.

Petroff has endowed an Honors College scholarship in memory of Dr. Bernard Tabbs as part of the Centennial Campaign. Because the scholarship is endowed, future generations of students will learn from Tabbs' philosophy in perpetuity.

"I've always felt as if he was responsible for me becoming what I am, and becoming close to the best person that I could be," he says. "I'm trying to help kids get the gift of education, to be inspired as I was. Dr. Tabbs pulled me aside early on and said, hey, you can do a whole lot more with your life. That was the moment that changed my life, and I am hoping to help change the lives of others with Dr. Tabbs as my inspiration."



Kip Petroff



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The late Kent State Professor Bernard Tabbs, as captured in the 1982 Chestnut Burr yearbook.

ACCESS TO EXCELLENCE

Meet Les Sheary.

For more than 30 years, Les has made support of Kent State one of his philanthropic priorities. He was a 1941 graduate of the biology program, but his great passion was for music — his favorite Kent State memories include playing flute in the concert band under the direction of Roy Metcalf. And so his contributions have spanned both of his interests.

Over the years, Les' generous gifts to the university have taken many forms: Annual Fund contributions to the biology department, a charitable gift annuity to endow music scholarships in memory of his wife, and a bequest to support the band and orchestra programs.

Like Les, you can contribute to the Centennial Campaign in a number of ways that also fit your personal financial situation:

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Dix Stadium
3:30 p.m.

**Bowman Cup 5K Race and the
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Student Recreation and Wellness
Center
8 a.m.–noon

Sept. 24
State of the University Address
President Lester A. Lefton
Kiva, Kent Student Center
330-672-2210

Oct. 1
Bowman Breakfast
Ballroom, Kent Student Center
7:30 a.m.