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# New Beginnings, Strong Traditions

Dr. Lester A. Lefton, President



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(Above) Kent State President Lester A. Lefton speaks with students and parents. (Lower right) Lefton proudly displays new Kent State apparel, a gift from R. Douglas Cowan, '64, chair of Kent State University's Board of Trustees, during a May 9 press conference announcing Lefton's appointment.

## On the cover:

Tom R. Hayward and his wife of 10 years, Victoria, are living in temporary housing while work on their house continues in Pass Christian, Miss. "Kent State United for Biloxi" volunteers cleared dead trees and other plant matter on the Haywards' property and started hanging drywall.

Photo by Pat Jarrett, Kent State photojournalism student

Welcome to the fall 2006 issue of *Kent State Magazine*. This introduction is a new role and represents a new beginning for me, but I am delighted to be a member of the Kent State community and to share with you the ongoing accomplishments of this amazing institution.

As I said on the day I was named to lead Kent State, this is a university of which we can be justifiably proud. Yet, there is a moment in time when institutions are ready to step into the future — to move ahead in new and exciting ways. This is a time to dream new dreams, inclusive dreams — dreams of an even greater university.

At Kent State, I know that the elements are in place for that next step. We have a superb faculty; we have motivated students; we have dedicated staff and alumni; we have top-notch facilities.

We also have something else, that special intangible — character. The cover story of this issue provides a compelling example: Hundreds of Kent State students, faculty and staff spent their 2006 spring break on the Gulf Coast, helping victims recover from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. My wife, Linda, and I were directly affected by that tragedy, so we felt a special connection to this university even before we arrived.

Let me make one more point about our "moment in time." The class entering

Kent State this fall will graduate in 2010, the university's centennial year. I look forward to meeting more of you in the months ahead, as we move together into the future and toward Kent State's next 100 years. 🌞



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"This is the way the world should be; people helping people, strangers becoming friends."

— Renee Ruchotzke, United for Bixby Volunteer

### **400+ Katrina relief volunteers share hope, gratitude**

**By Lisa Lambert, M.A. '05**

We are all familiar with Hurricane Katrina, the Category 5 storm that slammed into the Gulf Coast region in August 2005, leaving unprecedented destruction in its wake.

Almost a year later, images of damage and debris, stories of tragedy and triumph continue to pervade the evening newscasts. Those of us who have not witnessed the destruction firsthand, however, seem to live in another world, far from the reality of the Gulf Coast devastation. We turn the TV off, sleep in our beds, wear our clothing, cook our meals, go to work and assume our loved ones are going about their day in a similar fashion, uninterrupted.

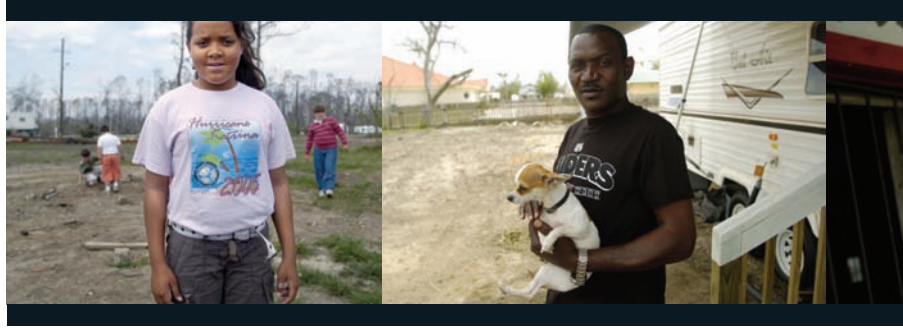
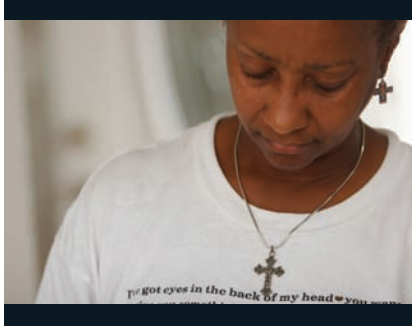
## L I F E I N T E R R U P T E D

During Kent State University's 2006 spring break, more than 400 volunteers chose interruption over apathy when they traveled to Mississippi to participate in the rebuilding effort. The volunteers, ranging in age from 13 to 74, included Kent State students, faculty and staff, community members and a contingent of University of Akron students, faculty and staff.

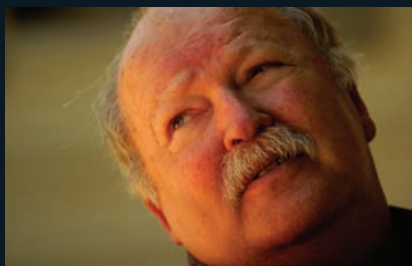
Some signed up for the trip because they wanted to offer construction skills gained from summer jobs or previous work with Habitat for Humanity. Others had never picked up a hammer before but felt compelled to do something. No one knew exactly what to expect, but everyone understood the experience would be life-changing.



**7,000** Number of people estimated to have lived in Pass Christian, Miss., prior to the hurricane;



since the storm, 5,000 people have left the city.



**Unshakable faith** and a will to fight — these are perhaps the two defining characteristics of Katrina survivors. Billy Wright recalls swimming out the window of his home, pulling his neighbor to safety. The two rode out the storm on Wright's roof.

Camille Foret, an 84-year-old former Golden Gloves boxing champion, uses his own money to rebuild the four businesses he lost to the storm.

Mark Noller thinks about the moments before he was knocked unconscious and pinned underwater; his wife, Darlene, fights back tears as she tells of freeing her husband and swimming to the safety of a nearby tree.

Rev. Peggy Gibson sees a new garden where one used to be. She points to her yard beyond the FEMA trailer: "I'm a woman with a vision," she says. "Over here will be a gazebo."

Bill Stallworth, Biloxi Ward 2 council member, coordinates homegrown relief services for his constituents. He worries that a protracted battle with insurance companies will be the next blow to the residents of east Biloxi.

Fr. Dong Phan, a Vietnamese immigrant and Catholic priest who survived the fall of Saigon and a harrowing journey to the United States, offers the mantra "Faith first, food second" to his parishioners.

For the few young children left in Pass Christian, normal developmental milestones are harder to achieve in the wake of Katrina.

A daycare provider, grateful to Kent State volunteers for building bathroom facilities at the tent city, relates the difficulties of toilet training children in portable toilets.

In east Biloxi, veteran elementary school teacher Mrs. Broussard has noticed a change in her young students; she says since the storm they are more emotional and cry often.

The residents of Pass Christian and Biloxi know finding one's way can be difficult in a place with few landmarks, where normalcy is signified by something as simple as a new street sign or the smile of a stranger.





**We first glimpsed** Katrina's handiwork along Highway 90. You know you are walking in Katrina's path when you see the trees — bleached, blached, bending; some pulled down by the weight of water, some recoiling from the nearby Gulf of Mexico. Their branches, twisted and colorless, continue to cradle Mardi Gras beads, knotted bed sheets and children's toys. The trees are but one example of how an event ordered by nature can produce wholly unnatural results.

The caravan of buses pulled into The Village, a tent city maintained by Ameri-Corps and formerly occupied by the remaining residents of Pass Christian. Army-style, 15-person tents stretched out in rows, flanked by portable toilets and a moveable wash station with several sinks and six showers. After disembarking, we began almost immediately on our first project, cleaning up the park across the street from camp.

Residents told us the sandy soil beneath our feet was a result of the hurricane, and that the park had been the centerpiece and pride of the town; azaleas once lined the sidewalks, and a thick carpet of green grass surrounded a quaint gazebo, at which weddings frequently took place. It was hard to imagine these things as we were pulling glass, straw and seashells out of the gritty sand. Roof shingles, a man's wedding band, a rusty chain — the ground reluctantly let go of its possessions as we raked, moved soil and pulled weeds.

Throughout the week, volunteers worked in teams to tackle projects in Pass Christian and east Biloxi, including roofing, dry-walling, painting, tutoring school children and lending a hand at God's Katrina Kitchen, a large tent under which thousands of meals have been served by volunteer groups since the hurricane.

Grateful homeowners fed us and told us extraordinary stories of survival and struggle. From survivors lucky enough to have received housing, we learned of the perils of life in a 300-square-foot FEMA trailer. Most of all, we marveled at how those who were left with so little could give so much to one another.

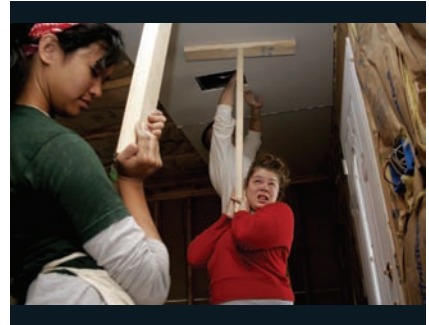
For many of us, leaving was bittersweet, with the work of rebuilding left undone. 🌊



*Thank you to the volunteers for your hard work; to Dr. Gary Padak, Dr. George Garrison and Ron Perkins for conceiving of the opportunity; and to the residents of the Gulf Coast, who inspire us all.*



405 volunteers worked on projects ranging from roofing to installing drywall in Pass Christian and east Biloxi, Miss.



To see more photos and read an online journal from the spring 2006 trip, visit [www.kent.edu/magazine](http://www.kent.edu/magazine).





# “Your Way Home” Considers All Things



Renita Jablonski

It's 6 p.m. on a weekday, and you're heading home after a long day at the office. You tune in 89.7 on the radio, just in time to catch the theme song. But it's not the distinctive *All Things Considered* tune you know so well; it's a driving melody by the now-defunct indie pop band “Beulah.” Something is clearly different.

WKSU-FM is putting a new spin on the news of the day.

In January, WKSU debuted *Your Way Home*, a new half-hour regional news magazine focusing on Northeast Ohio. The show, which airs at 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, is hosted by veteran

journalist **Renita Jablonski**, who joined the WKSU news staff in December. Jablonski, a Northeast Ohio native, is no stranger to this type of work, as she previously performed similar duties at WCPN in Cleveland. She was named “Television Journalist of the Year” while a student at Ohio University and was recognized with an Achievement in Radio (AIR) Award as Best New Talent in the Market in 2001. Jablonski also has been honored with numerous national and state awards, including a National Headliner Award and a Regional Edward R. Murrow Award, as well as many honors from the Ohio Society of Professional Journalists and the Press Club of Cleveland.

The executive producer of *Your Way Home* is WKSU News Director **Dave Pignanelli**, who joined the station in July of 2005. He says the show provides listeners with a recap of news that affects their lives, even if the story happens outside the region. “We have access to reporters in Columbus and in Washington, D.C., who report on issues of importance to Northeast Ohioans.

“The entire WKSU news staff contributes to the program as well. With **Kevin Niedermier** at our Cleveland news bureau; **Daniel Hockensmith** at our Stark and Wayne counties news bureau in Canton;

and, of course, **Julie Grant** and **Vivian Goodman** here in Kent, we have demonstrated our commitment to covering the news of this region,” says Pignanelli.

Adding 30 minutes of original news content to the schedule each weekday is a significant step for WKSU, says General Manager **Al Bartholet**. “Quality news is an expensive format, and NPR is unbeatable when it comes to national and international coverage,” he says. “But we feel it is vital to serve our listeners with news about our region — and at the same level of quality they expect from our national shows.

“The future of our region begins with an understanding and discussion of the issues that we face, and we hope that WKSU can play an important role in this dialogue,” he adds.

Jablonski says her role in *Your Way Home* is exciting to her on a more personal level. “Because I grew up in this region, I recognize the many facets of Northeast Ohio, and it's clear that WKSU does as well. Every night I have the opportunity to engage in this dialogue, from political leaders to young people trying to make

a difference. *Your Way Home* includes not only breaking news from around the region, but also stories about cultural events and social issues that you won't hear anywhere else,” she says.

Listener feedback about the program has been positive, according to the host. “One of my favorite e-mails was from a listener who expected to dislike the show. After giving it a chance, he sent a nice note saying, ‘OK. You won me over,’ and that was very gratifying,” Jablonski says. “I remember the first time a listener came up to me and said, ‘I listen, on *my way home!*’ and began to list specific

## Look who's 40

The 40th annual Kent State Folk Festival is scheduled for mid-November. Visit [www.wksu.org](http://www.wksu.org) for the complete schedule of performances and venues.



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segments of interest. It really hit me then that WKSU is providing a valued service to the community."

Listeners can send their comments about the program to [yourwayhome@wksu.org](mailto:yourwayhome@wksu.org). The program is distributed nationally by NPR as part of its new podcast service (see sidebar).

"I feel lucky to be a part of something new — something that's unprecedented in the region," says Jablonski. "With longer stories, interviews and so much more to tell listeners every day, *Your Way Home* adds fresh viewpoints for news junkies." 🌞

**By Bob Burford**  
WKSU Public  
Relations Director

## Internet connects WKSU, listeners

By Ann VerWiebe

Emerging technologies are allowing WKSU-FM listeners new ways to connect with timely information — as downloaded content, with RSS updates and through streaming media over the Internet.

If listeners miss their daily fix of *Your Way Home*, they may choose to download the entire program as a podcast. So named because they are often utilized as content for iPods™, podcasts are MP3 files that are downloadable to a computer or mobile MP3 player. Listeners can download one installment or subscribe for a daily feed. *Your Way Home* is one of a select group of podcasts available from the NPR Web site at [www.npr.org](http://www.npr.org).

WKSU local news headlines are also available as podcasts, as well as in an RSS feed. RSS (Really Simple Syndication) updates subscribers when new content, written or audio, has been added to an archive. These feeds provide listeners up-to-date information on local news and events in Northeast Ohio, from the award-winning WKSU newsroom.

News fans have access to additional public radio programs by listening online through WKSU-2, the News Channel, a 24-hour service that provides WKSU news alongside other news and information programs that are not available on other radio stations in Northeast Ohio. WKSU-2 is part of online offerings that also include the WKSU live stream, which parallels the station's on-air broadcast; WKSU-3, an all-classical music stream; and FolkAlley.com, WKSU's internationally recognized online stream and Web site devoted to folk, acoustic and tradition-based music.

For details on WKSU's new technology initiatives, visit [www.wksu.org](http://www.wksu.org).



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# SAFETY, SECURITY AND JOBS

Licensing of biosensor technology is positive step for region

By Lisa Lambert, M.A. '05

**S**afety and security — two powerful words that represent universal human desires. Innovative technology developed at Kent State University and Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM) could potentially enhance both the safety and security of Northeast Ohio and the nation.

The liquid crystal biosensor technology, developed jointly by investigators at Kent State and NEOUCOM, is capable of detecting bioterrorism agents and pathogens in food and water. Two recent licensing agreements for this technology bring the promise of new jobs and economic expansion in Northeast Ohio and the state.

Two companies — Oringen LLC of Tallmadge, Ohio, and Pathogen Detection Systems of Boulder, Colo. — have licensed the biosensor technology for further development. Each company has committed to bringing research and development, production, sales and other jobs to Kent and surrounding areas.

The biosensor technology is expected to change radically the detection and identification of harmful pathogens. While current detection methods can take up to three days to identify disease-causing agents, this new technology promises detection and identification within minutes.

The researchers combined their expertise in biomedical sciences and liquid crystals



Photo by Gary Harwood, '83

to develop the device, which could be used for environmental protection, homeland security and medical diagnoses.

**Christopher Woolverton**, Ph.D., Kent State associate professor of biological sciences, **Gary D. Niehaus**, Ph.D., NEOUCOM associate professor of physiology and pharmacology, **Oleg D. Lavrentovich**, Ph.D., director of Kent State's Liquid Crystal Institute, and **Kathleen Doane**, Ph.D., NEOUCOM associate professor of anatomy, formed the team of investigators that produced a portfolio of patents and, ultimately, two licensing agreements.

"From its inception, this biosensor program has been a prime example of collaboration on several levels," says **Gregory Wilson**, associate vice president for economic development and strategic partnerships. "From joint invention of the technology at Kent State and NEOUCOM, to collaborative marketing and licensing by the two institutions led by Kent State's Office of Technology Transfer, it was a true partnership."

Wilson, whose appointment extends jointly through the divisions of Regional Development and Research and Graduate Studies, explains the university is using its technology to facilitate new company



Photo by Carole Harwood, NEOUCOM

(Left) Dr. Christopher Woolverton describes the biosensor for members of the Kent Area Chamber of Commerce during a tour of the biopreparedness lab in Cunningham Hall.

(Above) Dr. Gary Niehaus, associate professor of physiology and pharmacology, works on the biosensor prototype in his laboratory at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM).


startups, which promote regional economic development.

"The biosensor breakthrough by Kent State and NEOUCOM researchers is a shining example of the power of partnerships and compelling proof of the key role public universities play in addressing public needs," says President Emeritus **Carol A. Cartwright**, Ph.D.

By integrating each investigator's expertise, the research team created a new technology that will change the way in which detection and identification of microorganisms is done, explain Drs. Woolverton and Niehaus.

The biosensor works by placing antibodies into liquid crystals and then introducing microbes (bacteria or viruses that cause disease), which are attracted to these antibodies. The biosensor can be used to diagnose infectious diseases of all kinds, as well as bioterror agents.

"In this case, the public good will be served by technology that both safeguards the health of individuals, families and communities, and boosts the economic health of our region," Cartwright says.

For more information, visit [www.kent.edu/magazine](http://www.kent.edu/magazine). 



# ONE OF A KIND

## Doctoral candidate hopes to break new ground in nursing

By Lisa Lambert, M.A. '05

**T**here is no nursing shortage in Taiwan. If you visit the country of nearly 23 million people, you will discover female nurses abound. What you are not likely to encounter is a male nurse, particularly one with a doctoral degree.

Of the more than 200 nurses in Taiwan boasting doctoral degrees, not a single one is male. Kent State student *Fu-Chih Lai* intends to change that.

Lai is used to being a novelty. After a mandatory two-year stint in Taiwan's army, he took the country's national entrance

exam and enrolled in Taipei Medical University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in nursing.

"Taiwanese society views male nurses as interesting, and a little strange," he says. Lai recounts being mistaken for a physician while working in a hospital emergency room, where patients routinely mistook female physicians for nurses.

With his eye on the next goal, Lai researched nursing in various countries and

decided to continue his schooling in the United States because of the country's strengths in nurse education and medical care. Before winning a coveted spot in the unique Kent State/University of Akron joint nursing doctoral program, he earned a master's degree in nursing from Case Western Reserve University.

Now in his third year as a doctoral candidate, Lai recently spent four months in Taiwan collecting

data for his dissertation, which focuses on how Taiwan's emergency rooms handle domestic violence cases.

Lai says in Taiwan, as of 2005, a quarter of all married couples are "transnational." Women in these unions, hailing mainly from various Southeast Asian countries, report triple the abuse rate of Taiwanese women.

"Domestic violence is a global phenomenon, and it is a leading cause of physical and psychological trauma for women," Lai says. "Nurses play a critical role in identifying and preventing domestic violence."

After he completes his schooling in the United States, Lai hopes to return to Taiwan

as more than a novelty — he dreams of affecting major changes in Taiwan's nurse education system, thereby gaining for nurses the respect they deserve.

Status of another kind is a major concern for Lai; above all, he dreams of his country becoming a member of the World Health Organization (WHO), to protect not only Taiwan but also the world. When Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) caught the world off guard, Taiwan was left to deal with the disease without WHO resources.

"Human health is supposed to trump political or cultural background," says Lai. "When communicable diseases spread, the whole world suffers."



Photos by Gary Harwood, '83

### ONLINE EXCLUSIVE

### HEALTH LITERACY AND ELDERLY ADULTS

**S**tories of seniors struggling to take their medications correctly, failing to recognize chest pain as a sign of a possible heart attack or grappling with the multitude of new prescription drug plan options illustrate a glaring national problem: low health literacy levels among our nation's fastest growing population. An interdisciplinary research team from Kent State University is investigating this important issue with a National Leadership Grant of more than \$500,000 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Read about it at [www.kent.edu/magazine](http://www.kent.edu/magazine).





Photo by Matthew Butts

**Lauren Mareno holds Christian Rutan, 3, at an American Cancer Society Relay for Life "survivor brunch." Mareno has led Kent State efforts to raise money for cancer research.**

## SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN DOORS TO SELF-DISCOVERY

**Students broaden their horizons with the help of private scholarships.**

**By Megan Harding, '83**

As senior class president, member of the thespian and track teams and captain of the marching band at Conneaut High School, *Maurice F. Martin* could have attended any college he wanted. He began actively considering Kent State when he participated in the university's Oscar Ritchie Memorial Scholarship Competition and received a renewable award of \$6,000. Martin also received the Dolores Parker Morgan

Scholarship and two awards through the Hugh A. Glauser School of Music, which provide another \$2,500 annually.

Martin is just one of many outstanding seniors who are attending Kent State this year with the help of private scholarships. These awards help the university compete for the best and brightest students.

More than \$1.75 million is awarded to students each year as a result of private gifts to the

Kent State University Foundation. Most of these funds are generated by named scholarship endowments created through the generosity of alumni and friends. The criteria for selecting scholarship recipients often reflect the values and interests of the individual creating the endowment. For example, the Dolores Parker Morgan Scholarship, a renewable award for incoming freshmen, was created to assist minority students pursuing degrees in music.

"By spending time in college and meeting people of various cultures and backgrounds ... the way you look at the world changes. The way you look at yourself also changes," says Martin. He came to Kent State with a focus on playing a brass instrument, the euphonium. Martin credits Professor and Chorale Director **C.M. Shearer** for awakening his passion for vocal music. One day,

Shearer related a personal experience of how he decided in college to follow his heart and focus on singing. "I felt like he was talking right to me," Martin says.

Even with his scholarships, Martin has had to use student loans to pay for school. "Every year I see all the money I'm taking out and it's kind of intimidating," he says. Annual expenses for an Ohio undergraduate student living on the Kent Campus now total about \$20,000.

As a music education major, Martin became involved in a number of performance groups — the Kent State University Chorale, Men's Chorus and Ars Nova Singers — that conflicted with the hours at his on-campus job. "Now it's a little easier because I'm a residence advisor in Manchester Hall," a job that pays his room and board, he says. Still, Martin worries about having to buy a car so that he can

# CELEBRATE STUDENT SUCCESS

Alumni and friends are invited to meet Kent State scholarship recipients at the 15th annual Founders Scholars Ball. This year's fete will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4, at Executive Caterers at Landerhaven in Mayfield Heights, Ohio. For information, call 330-672-2899.

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Read a profile of Founders Scholar *Lauren Mareno* at [www.kent.edu/magazine](http://www.kent.edu/magazine).


raises money for the Kent State University Annual Fund.

Although combining work and study has been a challenge,

Mareno volunteers as a Student Ambassador and, for the past two years, as co-chair of the Relay for Life event. In April 2006, more than 60 groups participated in the 24-hour campus walkathon that raised more than \$75,000 for the American Cancer Society. Teams pitch tents all around the track behind the DeWeese Health Center and take shifts doing laps throughout the 24-hour period. At night, the track is lined with luminarias, each purchased

in memory of a loved one or in honor of a cancer survivor.

"I just love to see the support for the cause," says Mareno. "It's personal to me. I like to hear all the stories and realize that the fight against cancer is important to a lot of other people, too." This experience has also shown Mareno a new career path: She is pursuing a certificate in non-profit management, in addition to her psychology major, so she can continue raising funds for causes that are meaningful to her.

For more information on how scholarships can change students' lives, visit [www.kent.edu/magazine](http://www.kent.edu/magazine). 

**Music education major Maurice F. Martin earns extra money performing with a band, "1959," which is named for the year that Motown music was born.**

fulfill his student teaching requirement and complete his degree in music education.

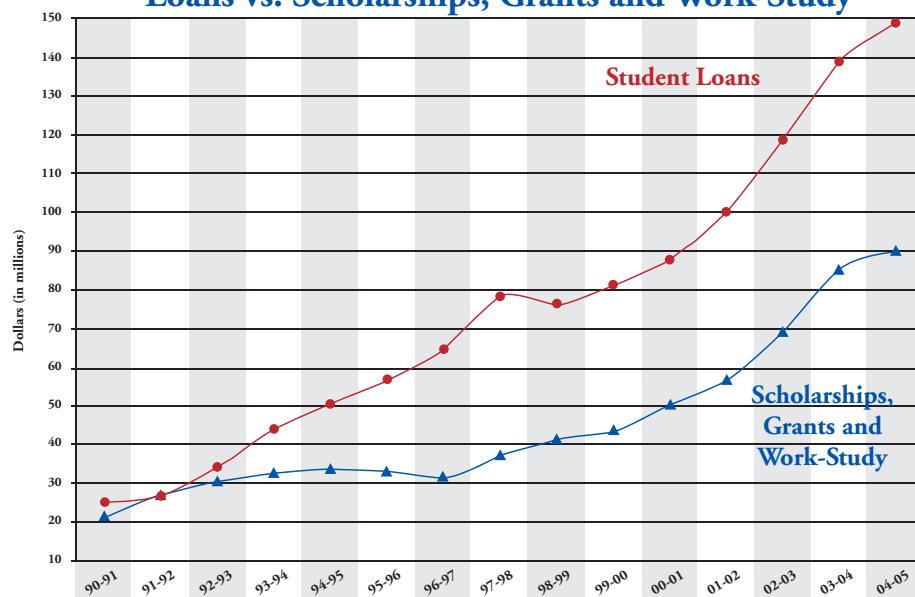
Martin works in the summer to save up enough to take him through the next school year. He also earns extra money singing at churches and performing with a band, "1959" (named for the year that Motown music was born), which he formed with four other Kent State students. Last spring the band received the top honor in Kent State's annual Battle of the Bands. "Being on stage and playing to the audience is my passion," he says. "Kent State has been a place of self-discovery for me."

Another scholarship recipient, *Lauren Mareno*, has led campus-wide efforts to raise money for the American Cancer Society, an experience that has exposed her to new career possibilities. Mareno lost her father to cancer just as she was beginning her freshman year at Kent State. "Had I not received scholarships, I don't know where I would be today, collegewise. I can't even imagine the loans I would have to take out," she says. In the 2005-06 academic year, nearly 63 percent of Kent State students used loans to finance at least part of their education. On average, students graduating in 2004 had accumulated more

than \$23,000 in debt, well above the national average.

Fortunately, Mareno receives annual awards totaling \$5,700 through the Kent Alumni Reach for Excellence Scholarship, Trustee Scholarship, Founders Scholars Program and the Honors College. Even with this support, Mareno works 30 hours a week to earn money for living expenses. A senior from Louisville, Ohio, she spends most evenings as a supervisor in the call center that

## Distribution of Student Aid — Kent State Loans vs. Scholarships, Grants and Work-Study







Running back Luke Tillman breaks through the line for some hard-fought yards during the 2005 season.

Photo by Bob Christy '95

## THREE BOWL TEAMS HIGHLIGHT OUTSTANDING HOME FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

### MINNESOTA WILL MARK FIRST-EVER BIG TEN OPPONENT TO PLAY AT DIX STADIUM

By Russell C. Wright NACDA Consulting

30,520: That's the number of seats in Dix Stadium, home to Kent State football for the past 36 years. Golden Flash fans might be surprised to learn that the team has never played to a sold-out crowd in this arena. However, the goal in 2006 is not simply to attain the first-ever sellout at Dix Stadium, but to sell out the stadium *twice* this season.

Three 2005 bowl teams will visit Dix Stadium this year, as Kent State offers fans arguably

the finest home schedule in its football history. Combined with the return of a veteran squad, this fact is sure to generate optimism and excitement as head coach **Doug Martin** enters his third season at the helm of the Golden Flashes football program.

### Big Ten challenger kicks off season

The first-ever appearance by a Big Ten opponent at Dix

Stadium kicks off the season on Thursday, **Aug. 31**, as former Golden Flashes head coach Glen Mason returns to Kent State with his Minnesota Golden Gophers. The Flashes hope to make history twice that evening, with the first-ever sellout of Dix Stadium.

The intensity reaches a heightened pitch when arch-rival University of Akron comes to Kent State for the highly anticipated annual grudge match for the "Wagon Wheel." Akron

promises to bring a large fan contingent, and the Golden Flashes hope their fans will match the intensity and enthusiasm with a second consecutive sellout at Dix Stadium for the **Sept. 30** contest.

After a week away from Kent, the Flashes return on **Oct. 14** for the Homecoming game against the Toledo Rockets. Fans will enjoy this match-up of two high-powered offenses, meeting for the first time since 1999; it's also the first time since 1993 they've met on the field in Dix Stadium.

After a bye week, Kent State welcomes East Division rival Ohio University on **Oct. 28**. The Flashes hold an impressive 18-9-1 record at home against the Bobcats, winning two of the last three match-ups.



On Nov. 18, the Eastern Michigan Eagles come to Kent State, closing out the home schedule. The Golden Flashes will seek to avenge last year's 27-20 defeat, in which Kent State scored 13 unanswered fourth-quarter points, but fell just short in their rally.

## Veterans ready for action

After a disappointing 2005 season, during which younger players were forced into duty as injuries mounted, fans this year can expect to find the kind of excitement they felt at the end of the 2004 season. That season ended on a very high note, as the Golden Flashes won their final four games in dominating fashion and completed the first four-game win-

services of two explosive tailbacks: *Tony Howard*, who sat out last season after transferring from Michigan State, and freshman *Eugene Jarvis*, who was redshirted in 2005. Martin's spread offense promises to put points on the board in 2006. Kent State's depth is not limited to offense, as seven defensive starters return, led by second-team All-MAC defensive tackle *Daniel Muir* and freshman All-American safety *Rico Murray*.

Martin has made a concerted effort to recruit within Ohio, which features some of the best football talent in the country. In the most recent class, nine of the 14 incoming freshmen are from Ohio; a total of 21 Ohio high school players have signed with Kent State since Martin became

create a festive pre-game atmosphere and family-friendly event, Kent State this season will introduce the preeminent tailgating destination, "Tailgate Alley." Featuring live entertainment, food and beverage — as well as inflatables, interactive games and appearances by Flash and the Kent State cheerleaders — Tailgate Alley will take the event to another level for Kent State fans.

Admission to Tailgate Alley is free; festivities will start two-and-a-half hours prior to every home football game. Located at the southwest corner of the stadium, adjacent to the softball field, Tailgate Alley also will offer hospitality tents for groups and corporate sponsors, as well as the site for the pre-game Kent State Kickoff Show.



Kent State University head football coach Doug Martin meets with his team prior to the start of a game.

ning streak since 1976. Opponents who may be expecting to come out of Dix Stadium with a victory this season should be ready for an unaccommodating host.

Martin posts a veteran roster with 18 returning starters. Known for innovative offensive strategies, Martin returns starting quarterback *Michael Machen* and wide outs *Najah Pruden* and *Marcus Hill*; he'll also have the

head coach. "We want to be known as the Ohio team in the MAC and focus on the outstanding high school talent that Ohio produces each year," Martin says.


## Tailgating returns

The schedule and veteran squad are not the only reasons to spend game day at Dix Stadium. Looking to

## Package ticket plans offered

Ticket plans for 2006 start at \$45, and Kent State will offer family and mini-packages for the first time. The Family Pack, presented by Hungry Howie's Pizza, will provide four tickets, four drinks, four hats and a large Hungry Howie's pizza for \$55. The Gold Plan mini-package will provide tickets to the Minnesota and Akron games, with prices starting at \$20. Prices start at \$30 for the Blue Plan, which includes tickets for the Minnesota, Akron and Homecoming games. Several other ticket plans are available; visit [www.kentstatesports.com](http://www.kentstatesports.com) for details.

Group ticket packages also will offer fans the opportunity to "Party on the Deck," with rental of the event hospitality deck at Dix Stadium available. Just yards from the field, the hospitality deck can accommodate up to 100 people and will provide fans with a unique football experience.

For the complete schedule, ticket information and up-to-date team details, visit [www.kentstate.sports.com](http://www.kentstate.sports.com). 



Kent State President Emeritus Carol A. Cartwright and Ohio University President Roderick J. McDavis discuss the universities' new "Complete to Compete"™ partnership at a press conference.



Photo courtesy of Ohio University



## Kent State, Ohio University join forces to help working adults finish degrees

By Melissa Edler, '00

Today's adults face continuous demands on their time every day: working one or more jobs, caring for children and pets, maintaining family vehicles, shopping for groceries, cooking and doing other household chores, and keeping in touch with family and friends. It's easy to understand, then, why so many adults say they don't have time to finish a college degree. Indeed, almost 1.5 million Ohioans age 25 or older have some college credit but no degree, according to the 2000 U.S. Census. The reasons cited for this typically include lack of time, access and finances.

Thanks to a new Kent State University-Ohio University partnership, which leverages their wide network of campuses, thousands of Ohioans will have more access to a larger selection of degree programs and workforce-development opportunities. Through the "Complete to Compete"™

collaboration, Kent State and Ohio University have become the first public universities in Ohio to link outreach and regional campuses in an effort to increase educational levels and support Ohio's ability to compete in the global economy.

"This unique collaboration again affirms the historical regional mission of each institution: Kent State in the northeast, Ohio University in the southeast," says Kent State President Emeritus Carol A. Cartwright, who initiated the program along with Ohio University President Roderick J. McDavis. "The partnership will work closely with civic and community groups in eastern Ohio to assess local program needs."

"Our research shows that about 450,000 people in 33 counties could take initial advantage of this project," says McDavis. Together, Ohio and Kent State have 14 campuses — more than half of the state's total — and serve more than


60,000 students combined. The campuses stretch from Ashtabula County in the northeast to Lawrence County in the south, and include underserved urban, rural and Appalachian areas. By fall of 2009, an estimated 5,000 new students will be enrolled.

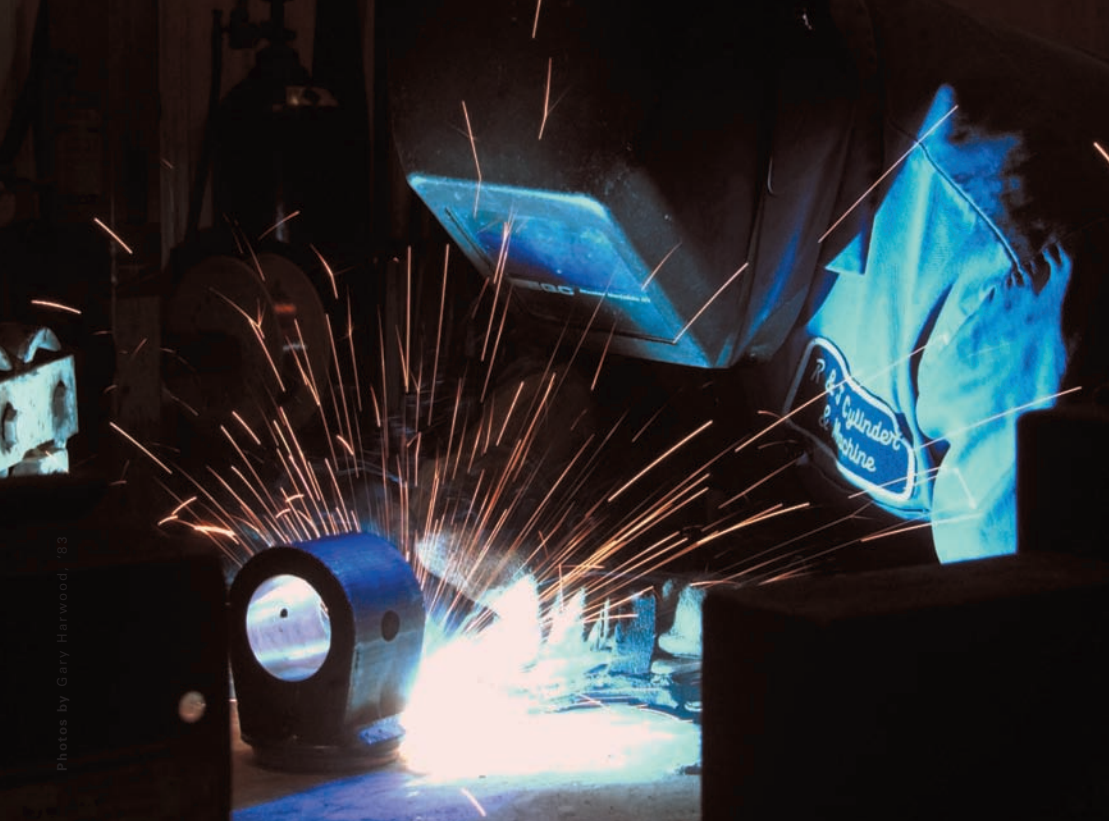
Under the partnership, the two universities share a total of 12 existing degree programs and will jointly develop other market-driven programs. By fall of 2006, both institutions hope to offer two programs from the other university's existing degrees. For working adults, who typically are limited to pursuing degree programs at universities within driving distance, this means more choices in their career paths. In addition, more courses will be offered through online, distance learning and other formats, providing better flexibility for students who have time constraints and are not able to drive to campus to attend class.

In addition, Kent State and

Ohio University are researching the possibility of jointly developing programs and certificates for emerging markets and career fields for which students can earn course credits at either institution.

"Degree completion is the key to being competitive in the 21st-century workforce," says Dr. Patricia A. Book, Kent State's vice president for regional development, who co-chairs an administrative unit responsible for implementation of the partnership, along with Ohio University's vice president for university outreach and regional campuses, Dr. Charles Bird. Book adds, "By providing better access to more programs for working adults, we can improve the quality of the state's workforce and the quality of life in the region."

For more information about this unique partnership, visit [www.kent.edu/magazine](http://www.kent.edu/magazine). 



(Left) Shawn Miller works at R&J Cylinder and Machine Inc., in Dover, Ohio, where Kent State Tuscarawas provided training for ISO certification. (Below) Shirley English works for the Conneaut Leather Company, which partnered with Kent State Ashtabula for ISO training.



# Setting the Standard

**ISO training helps businesses move ahead of the competition**

By Melissa Edler, '00

Remember the last time you tried to plug in something and realized you had a three-pronged plug but a two-pronged outlet? Compatibility is often taken for granted until it poses a problem. Nonetheless, it's a vital consideration in our ever-changing, ever-expanding technological world.

One of the best ways to ensure "compatibility" is by creating standards. The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) is a global network that identifies international standards required by businesses, governments and societies. ISO develops those standards in partnership with the sectors that use them and helps implement the standards worldwide.

"ISO creates a framework to operate your business under," says Karl Gelke, director of operations at Conneaut Leather Company, which supplies leather for the automotive, furniture and aircraft industries. Gelke is one of four employees who received ISO training

from the Kent State Ashtabula Campus.

"It drives improvement, increases quality and tracks any nonconformance," Gelke adds. ISO standards help develop consistent classification of materials, manufacturing of products and provision of services. They also provide a common technological language between suppliers and their customers. For consumers, the worldwide compatibility of technology, which is achieved when products and services are based on international standards, brings them an increasingly wide range of options. For businesses, ISO certification can provide an advantage over their competitors.

As part of Kent State University's Division of Regional Development, the Office of Regional Corporate and Community Services plays a valuable role in offering ISO training and certification to area companies.

"If a company sees you're ISO certified and the competitor's not, it gives them the comfort level that you have these standards in place," says Jim DiLella, president, Conneaut Leather Company.

In addition, those who have received ISO training from Kent State have noticed several improvements within their company. At Conneaut Leather Company, those changes include the addition of structured meetings with management, written work instructions for all processes and the posting of quality policy, says Gelke.

It also has helped the sales department, says JoAnne Gelke, national sales manager for Conneaut Leather Company. "Because ISO


is designed to improve quality internally, our return rate has already improved," she says.

Don Sandy, vice president of Dover-based R&J Cylinder and Machine Inc., credits ISO training from Kent State's Tuscarawas Campus with helping increase and improve the company's on-time deliveries, as well as the number of orders they have been able to process. The company manufactures custom hydraulic cylinders and precision-machined components.

Sandy adds that ISO training has helped with even the simplest things, such as enforcing the rule of wearing safety glasses. "We've appointed a safety manager who is responsible for enforcing safety, and that's all come about because of our ISO mentality," he says.

Despite the advantages ISO offers businesses, the training can be cost-prohibitive, at least for small companies. Fortunately, Kent State has found a way to help offset this expense. As part of the Enterprise Ohio Network, a group of colleges and universities that work together to improve Ohio businesses, Kent State can jointly apply with any manufacturing, health care or information technology employer for grant funding from the state. The grants typically pay from 50 to 75 percent of the total cost for ISO certification.

"Kent State was very aggressive about offering us grants," says Sandy. "For a small company like ours, it was really helpful."

ISO training is offered through the workforce development offices at most of Kent State's Regional Campuses. For more information, visit [www.kent.edu/magazine](http://www.kent.edu/magazine). 




## KENT CLASSIC ARTS' SEASON FEATURES

# AWARD-WINNING PERFORMERS

Bringing today's top artists and ensembles in classical music to Kent State University, Kent Classic Arts kicks off its 2006-07 season with the world-renowned chamber ensemble the Miami String Quartet and rising young soprano Arianna Zukerman on Saturday, **Sept. 30**, at 7:30 p.m. in Ludwig Recital Hall.

"Zukerman will be performing a repertoire that's very unusual and should be very interesting," says **Ann Waters**, Kent Classic Arts coordinator. The schedule of concerts also includes pianist Chu-Fang Huang, winner of the 2005 Cleveland International Piano Competition and finalist in the 12th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition; a Bartok Festival showcasing vocal and instrumental chamber music of this important 20th-century composer and featuring faculty from Kent State's Hugh A. Glauser School of Music; and an evening of classical Indian music and dance performed by well-known and beloved artists of northeast Ohio.

All performances will be held in Ludwig Recital Hall on the Kent Campus. For more information, visit [www.kent.edu/academics/kentclassicarts.cfm](http://www.kent.edu/academics/kentclassicarts.cfm). 

**The Miami String Quartet includes Ivan Chan, Keith Robinson, Chauncey Patterson and Cathy Meng Robinson.**



Photo by Bob Christy, '95

To order subscriptions or single-event tickets, mail this form with your payment to Kent Classic Arts, Hugh A. Glauser School of Music, Kent State University, P.O. Box 5190, Kent, OH 44242-0001. To purchase tickets by phone, call the box office at 330-672-4741 between noon and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Subscriptions received before Sept. 15 will be mailed. Subscriptions received after Sept. 15 will be held at the box office.

### Please select single events or subscription:

- ☐ Subscription to all four performances
- ☐ Sept. 30, Miami String Quartet/Zukerman
- ☐ Nov. 12, Chu-Fang Huang
- ☐ Feb. 3, Bartok Festival
- ☐ March 17, Indian Music and Dance

### Please indicate ticket level:

- ☐ Adult single \$20.50
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# COUNTDOWN TO CENTENNIAL

## Kent State honors traditions and memories

By Beth Baldwin, '05

*This is the first in a series of articles about Kent State history as the university approaches its 100th anniversary in 2010. Follow the links at [www.kent.edu/magazine](http://www.kent.edu/magazine) for updates on centennial celebration-related events, historical information on the Web and more.*

College is a time for making friends, experiencing life in and out of the classroom and creating memories. As Kent State University approaches its centennial celebration in 2010, alumni, faculty, staff and friends are invited to reminisce about the traditions they remember from their time here.

Below are just a few of the favorite memories and traditions shared with *Kent State Magazine*. You'll find many more listed at [www.kent.edu/magazine](http://www.kent.edu/magazine). Visit the site to add your memories to the list, or send them to us at Kent State Magazine, University Communications and Marketing, Kent State University, P.O. Box 5190, Kent, Ohio 44242-0001.



Small skullcaps called "dinks" were part of Kent State tradition until 1968. Upon request of any upperclass student, a freshman was required to raise his or her cap and dip under it.

Source: *A Book of Memories* (Kent State University Press, 1993).

## Campus life

Living, studying, working and playing — Golden Flashes did all of these, and more, during their time at Kent State.

- Sunbathing on the roof of Lake Hall
- Playing cards in the Hub
- Painting the rock
- Disco dancing in the Rathskeller
- Chasing black squirrels across campus
- Attending the Black United Students' annual Renaissance pageant and ball
- People-watching at the Kent Student Center

## Sports

Whether they played or cheered, sports — varsity, intramural and unofficial — were a big part of many students' Kent State experience.

- "Traying" down Blanket Hill
- Playing mud football
- Cheering for the Golden Flashes at football games
- "Getting your gold on" for a Bracket Buster game
- Metcalf and Apple Hall broom hockey games
- Playing on the women's field hockey team, especially when MAC games were on the line
- Tossing a Hacky Sack on the Risman Plaza

## Homecoming

There's no better way to show your school spirit than by participating in Homecoming festivities.

- Watching the parade
- Hiding and finding the "Spirit Log" during Homecoming weekend
- Enjoying Campus Day

## Eat, drink ...

Lots of people connect memories to food, and Kent State alumni are no exception. Kent State students, faculty, alumni and friends have fond memories of some favorite diners and watering holes.

- Ordering \$3 pizzas from the Loft on Thursdays

- Having Singing Sam's deliver hot submarine sandwiches to Terrace Hall
- Eating chocolate chip cookies and coffee for breakfast at Brady's Café
- Enjoying breakfast at Jerry's Diner after a night on the town
- Eating at Poots
- Grabbing breakfast at 4 a.m. at the Kent Motor Inn after a night of disco-dancing at the Rathskeller
- Having breakfast at Prentice Hall after the Homecoming parade

## And be merry

College has its highs and lows, and everyone has his or her favorite place in Kent to go and "get away" from it all.

- Hanging out at Ray's Place
- Living up Thursday nights in downtown Kent with trips to the Robin Hood, Panini's, Buffalo Wild Wings and Ray's Place
- Patronizing the Venice Café on Friday nights
- Going to Halloween and St. Patrick's Day parties in Metcalf Hall
- Listening to the poets at Brady's Café

## Education

Since college is about education, it's only fitting that some of your memories happened in the classroom.

- Pulling an all-nighter in Taylor Hall
- Taking "Seven Ideas that Shook the Universe"
- Buying textbooks at the beginning of each semester
- Studying abroad

## Going Greek

For many alumni, their "brothers" and "sisters" became a family away from home. And, for the rest of Kent State, the Greek community was an unforgettable part of the university.

- Participating in Greek Week
- Going to fraternity rush parties
- Singing old Sig Ep songs 🌟

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## NEWS FLASH

### Annual awards celebrate diversity

Last spring, Kent State presented three awards recognizing efforts to enhance and promote diversity by individuals and academic units at the university and in the community.

The Diversity Leadership Awards recognize superior performance demonstrated by personal efforts, unique contributions and initiatives above and beyond expectations toward institutional diversity-related goals. This year's teaching/research leadership award went to **Christina M. McVay** and **Linda Piccirillo-Smith**, lecturers in Pan-African studies and English. The academic unit award went to Kent State East Liverpool.

The efforts of McVay and Piccirillo-Smith to facilitate the academic growth of underrepresented students, specifically African-American students, are apparent in their teaching and mentoring activities. The enthusiasm, commitment and academic rigor exhibited by the two colleagues has been recognized by university administrators, faculty and students.

Kent State's East Liverpool Campus was recognized for

consistently implementing an exceptional diversity program that fosters an atmosphere of inclusion. Issues of diversity are woven into the very culture of campus life, teaching and administration. From hiring of faculty and staff, to recruitment and retention of students from underrepresented groups, to classroom instruction, to the daily operations of campus, each member of the Kent State East Liverpool family works daily to promote an environment that respects people regardless of gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity or physical ability.

The President's Social Responsibility Award, which acknowledges an individual or organization outside the university, was given this year to Margaret W. Wong, Esq.

Wong is president of Margaret W. Wong and Associates Co. LPA., a firm nationally and internationally renowned for its knowledge of immigration and national law. She became one of the first non-U.S. citizens licensed to practice law in New York and Ohio, and has assisted thousands of people coming to the United States to become permanent residents, advance their education and work to

pursue opportunities.

For the full story about these important awards, visit [www.kent.edu/magazine](http://www.kent.edu/magazine).

### Cartwright lends name to building, plane

The Kent State University Board of Trustees voted unanimously to name the University Auditorium Building on the Kent Campus "Carol A. Cartwright Hall," in honor of the university's 10th president, who retired June 30 from the leadership post she had held for more than 15 years.

The Auditorium Building, which was built in 1914 and was rededicated in 2002 after a major, multi-year renovation, stands among the most distinctive buildings on the Kent Campus. The building houses the offices of the university's division of Research, Graduate Studies and Technology Transfer, and the 65,000-square-foot University Auditorium. The auditorium is used for lectures and is equipped with the latest technologies for presenting a wide variety of musical, theatrical and orchestral performances.

In the resolution naming the building after Cartwright,



trustees commended the president for serving with "unrivaled distinction and extraordinary commitment ... successfully leading the university into the new millennium during a time of dramatic change in higher education and in the world."

Kent State's aviation program also honored Cartwright by naming a newly purchased, twin-engine Piper PA44 Seminole plane after her. "In appreciation for 15 years of excellent leadership and support of the aeronautics program, we

(Left) President Emeritus Carol A. Cartwright and Vice Provost for Diversity and Academic Initiatives Steve O. Michael, right, present Dean Jeffrey Nolte of the East Liverpool Campus with the Diversity Leadership Award for an Academic or Service Unit at the 2006 ceremony. (Right) Christina McVay and Linda Piccirillo-Smith at the 2006 Celebration of Diversity and Awards Program in the Student Center Ballroom.







Photo by Jeff Glieden, '87



Photo by Gary Harwood, '83

(Left) President Emeritus Carol A. Cartwright holds a model of the new twin-engine Piper PA44 Seminole plane that was named in her honor. Also pictured at the dedication ceremony are Dr. Phil Cartwright, Dr. Raj Chowdhury, dean of the School of Technology, and Dr. Isaac Richmond Nettey, senior academic program director of aeronautics. (Above) The University Auditorium Building will be renamed Carol A. Cartwright Hall in honor of Kent State's 10th president.

have named this aircraft after President Cartwright," said Dr. **Isaac Richmond Nettey**, senior academic program director of aeronautics. He added, "This is the first time in our aviation program's history that we have named a plane in our fleet after someone."

The purchase of the Piper PA44 Seminole marks the second purchase of new aircraft in the past four months for Kent State's aeronautics program. In February, two Cessna Skyhawks, featuring the Garmin G1000 navigation system, were acquired as part of an ongoing modernization of the university's training fleet. For more information, visit [www.kent.edu/magazine](http://www.kent.edu/magazine).

## Tuscarawas' Dean Andrews recognized at reaffirmation celebration

Dr. **Gregg L. Andrews**, dean of Kent State University Tuscarawas, was recently honored by the university at a reaffirmation celebration hosted by Dr. **Paul L. Gaston**, provost of Kent State University, and the Kent State Tuscarawas campus community. The reaffirmation recognized the positive five-year review of Andrews' performance and accomplishments at the Tuscarawas Campus and in the local community. This


was Andrews' second five-year review since his appointment as campus dean in 1995.

"Gregg Andrews serves the university, the Tuscarawas Campus and the campus' broader community with a focused dedication to accomplishing clear priorities," said Gaston. "He devotes his efforts to what matters most: educating Tuscarawas students and serving the region, and the result is a series of successes."

**Zoe Ann Kelley**, '61, vice chairperson of the Kent State Tuscarawas Board of Trustees, credited Andrews' "visionary leadership" for numerous campus accomplishments. For example, she noted that enrollment has grown to nearly 2,000, an increase of more than 72 percent, and the number of graduates has increased 133 percent. "The launching of innovative degree programs in high-demand and emerging fields brings the total academic degree offerings to 19 associate, six bachelor's and the Master of Technology degree," added Kelley. She also praised the \$1.5 million expansion and renovation in Founders Hall, the \$9.5 million construction of the state-of-the-art Science and Advanced Technology Center, and the upcoming construction of a \$13.5 million Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Andrews credited the entire community for the campus' successful initiatives. "It is

important to note that all we have done and all we are about to do is the result of a united campus community," he said. "We have become the first-choice college experience for the vast majority of our students and have become the preferred provider of contract training and workforce development for local business and industry. We have become a leader in economic development throughout the region. And we have become the hub for cultural activities through our Artist/Lecture and Voices of Distinction, Featured Speaker Series."

For more information about the Tuscarawas Campus, follow the link at [www.kent.edu/magazine](http://www.kent.edu/magazine). 

## Kent State Tuscarawas Dean Dr. Gregory L. Andrews

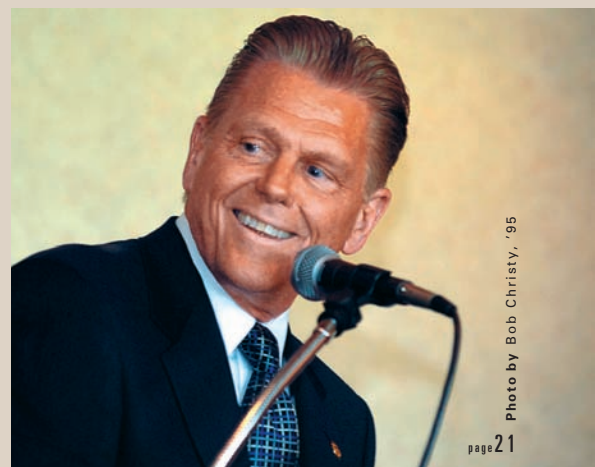


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# HOMECOMING

Oct. 14, 2006

## Homecoming Extravaganza

Kent Student Center  
Noon – 2:30 p.m.

*Sponsored by the Kent State  
University Alumni Association*

A Homecoming celebration  
for Kent State alumni,  
family and friends.



### Special Events

Bowman Cup 5K Race  
8:30 a.m. at SRWC

Class of 1956 Reunion and  
Golden Order Induction  
11 a.m. at Rockwell Hall

Honors College Center  
Stopher and Johnson Halls  
Dedication and Open House  
Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Kent State Golden Flashes  
vs. Toledo Rockets  
4 p.m. at Dix Stadium

Visit our Web site for times,  
locations and a complete schedule  
of Homecoming activities.

[www.ksualumni.org](http://www.ksualumni.org)

### Welcome Home

#### *Campus Tours and Open Houses*

Revisit favorite campus destinations and explore what's new and exciting at Kent State.

### Classes Without Quizzes

#### *Kent State Cooking – LIVE!*

*John Goehler, University Dining Services*

Discover the culinary secrets of Kent State's own John Goehler, Certified Executive Chef. This live cooking demonstration highlights the best in gourmet cooking with a Kent State flair.

#### *Introduction to the Night Sky*

*Kent State Planetarium*

Bring the family to this awesome encounter with the night sky, featuring prominent fall constellations and celestial objects visible to the naked eye.

#### *3-D Immersive Technology: A 21st-Century Classroom Experience*

*Department of Chemistry*

Take a multidimensional look at biomolecules and the human brain in Northeast Ohio's only 3-D classroom. Discover why this cutting-edge technology is changing the future of the classroom experience in biological sciences and chemistry.

#### *Liquid Crystal, The Next Generation*

*Dr. John West, Director, Liquid Crystal Institute*

The modern liquid crystal display (LCD) was invented by a Kent State scientist more than 30 years ago. From cell phones and laptop computers to flat screen TVs, LCD technology is found in nearly every household. Learn how Kent State is leading the worldwide race to pioneer the next generation of displays.

### Entertainment

#### *Music*

Enjoy the spirited sounds of the Kent State Marching Bands, Men's Chorus and more.

#### *President's Spirit Rally*

Meet and greet Kent State's 11th president, Dr. Lester Lefton, for a pregame spirit rally and complimentary refreshments from 2 to 3 p.m.

### Family Fun

#### *Children's Story Time*

Hosted in the Reinberger Children's Library Center, this interactive story time is sure to captivate your child's interest.

#### *Fun and Games*

Stop at the Student Recreation and Wellness Center for family fun, and at the Ice Arena for an open skate. Meet Flash, local mascots, Mr. Balloon and other Kent State friends.



## CLASS NOTES

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**Donald J. Erb**, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, is retired from the Cleveland Institute of Music, where he taught for 30 years. \*

'51

**Ray B. Bliss**, Old Saybrook, Conn., recently moved and still writes music and plays the trumpet. \* ✦ **August DiVito**, M.A. '54, Cleveland, Ohio, is a financial consultant at Investment Planning Group, Inc. \* ✦ **Edith E. Knouff**, Tigard, Ore., is a retired elementary teacher and library/media specialist.

'52

**LeRoy C. Erickson**, Mechanicsburg, Pa., has completed his term as the president of the residents' council for Messiah College in Harrisburg, Pa. \*

'55

**Tom Duke**, Greenville, S.C., completed a term as president of the South Carolina Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. Duke was named South Carolina Public Relations Practitioner of 2004 and is currently senior public relations counselor for Jackson-Dawson Marketing Solutions. He also serves as a member of the national PRSA Board of Ethics and Professional Standards. \*

'61

**William R. Hudnall**, New Canton, Va., published the book *Kelly's Creek Chronicles, the Illustrated Diary of James Alexander Jones, 1870-1939*.

'63

**George A. Landis**, an independent consultant who specializes in defense, logistics and international activities, is currently working with Bulldog Technologies Inc.

'64

**Barbara J. Gregorich**, Chicago, Ill., was interviewed for inclusion in a documentary on the life and influence of Earl Derr Biggers because of her 1999 *Timeline* magazine article "Charlie Chan's Poppa: The Life of Earl Derr Biggers." \*

'66

**Susan Pratt-Brown**, Cincinnati, Ohio, is a coordinator at High AIMS Consortium in Mason, Ohio. ✦ **Jack D. Tippens**, M.F.A. '68, Woodstock, Ill., is a retired professor of art. Tippens also finished second in the Olympics of Amateur Road Racing held at Mid-Ohio and second in the national championship. \* ✦ **Jay Walsh**, Williamsburg, Va., is retired. \*

'67

**David E. Amacher**, M.S. '71, Ph.D. '73, Old Lyme, Conn., is retired from Pfizer Inc. where he worked as a research advisor in the safety sciences department. Amacher is currently an adjunct professor in the School of Pharmacy at the University of Connecticut. \* ✦ **Kenneth H. Sturtz**, J.D., Sinking Springs, Pa., was elected senior vice president and secretary of Burnham Holdings Inc. ✦ **James E. Walton**, Fresno, Calif., was elected to a second term as chair of the English department at California State University. Walton has numerous publications and professional presentations to his credit. He is the recipient of the Great Teacher Award from Mount Union College, a consultant for Educational Testing Service of Princeton and was also commissioned as a guest columnist to the *Fresno Bee* to write a series of articles. ✦

**Fred H. Zielger**, M.Ed. '71, Ph.D., Tallmadge, Ohio, is a visiting assistant professor at the University of Akron. \*

'68

**Robert J. Cich**, Dublin, Ohio, is in the 12th year of his management training and consulting business, Priority Management, of which he is president/owner, in Columbus, Ohio. \* ✦ **Sharon D. Dennis**, M.A.T., Fountain Hills, Ariz., was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission in the town of Fountain Hills, Ariz., for a three-year term. ✦ **G. Vaughn Smith**, Woodruff, S.C., has finished his second book, *The Eleventh Commandment*, and is the president/co-founder of Red Fox Games Corp. \*

'69

**Wilbur E. Fleming**, Garden Grove, Calif., is a fifth-grade teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District. ✦ **Louis J. Papalas**, Palm Desert, Calif., is the president of C.A.S.A. de Louis Inc. Papalas retired from Ford Motor Company as the manager of labor relations for Ford's Power Train Operations. \*

'70

**Alan Lavine**, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., published his 16th book, *Quick Steps to Financial Stability*, and is a consumer banking columnist for Dow Jones Market Watch. \* ✦ **Dorothy (Carlin) Nugent**, Bradenton Beach, Fla., is a retired second-grade teacher. \* ✦ **Ken Stephen**, North Canton, Ohio, is an advertising and Internet marketing consultant for a large Ohio newspaper. \*

'71

**Susan L. (Harriss) Cox**, San Diego, Calif., is the art director/stylist for Cox Productions.

✦ **Gaby Haddad**, Amman, Jordan, is retired from Royal Jordanian Airline, where she was the assistant general manager. \* ✦

**Walter Killian**, M.Ed., Warrensville Heights, Ohio, is a retired track and basketball coach. He is also retired from teaching 32 years of high school. \* ✦ **Shirley A. Lisk**, Warren, Ohio, has recently been appointed business manager of the St. Joseph Health Center in the Eastwood Mall in Niles, Ohio. She also serves on the boards of the American Cancer Society for Trumbull County, the Ohio Northeast Health Systems and Pleasant Valley Evangelical Church.

✦ **Richard S. Zera**, Kutztown, Pa., is the vice president for information technology at Kutztown University, Kutztown, Pa. Zera recently published his book *Business Wit and Wisdom*.

'72

**Jane E. (Edge) Dodge**, Manassas, Va., is a math teacher and department chair for Prince William County Public Schools. ✦ **David A. Hollis**, Rocky River, Ohio, is currently a photojournalist with the investigative unit at FOX8 WJW in Cleveland. Hollis has received many awards, such as the 2006 Alfred I. Dupont Columbia University Broadcast Journalism award for a series of reports on Cleveland City School bus-ing woes. Hollis also has other numerous awards to his credit. \* ✦ **Kevin Kerrigan**, Corpus Christi, Texas, is the slot editor at the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* and has been named to the Scripps Howard Hall of Fame in Cincinnati for headline writing. Kerrigan was also three-time Headline Writer of the Year. \* ✦ **Kenneth M. Kofsky**, Powell, Ohio, is the franchise accounting supervisor for Wendy's International in Dublin, Ohio. \* ✦ **Bill Marsh**, San Diego, Calif., works at Nortel Government Solutions doing Navy/Marine Corps Defense Sector business development in the western United States and the Pacific Rim. \*

'73

**Anne M. Dorley**, Cleveland, Ohio, is the co-owner of McAuliffe & Gibson Graphics Inc. ✦ **Timothy J. Kauffman**, M.B.A., Columbiana, Ohio, is employed by Kauffman and Associates. ✦ **Judith L. (Nichols) McArthur**, Victoria, Texas, recently published a book with the University of Missouri Press titled *Women Shaping the South: Creating and Confronting Change*. McArthur is a lecturer in history at the University of Houston-Victoria. She has authored and co-edited several other books. ✦ **Michele J. Zeldner-Wachstein**, Collingswood, N.J., is a speech-language





pathologist at Haddon Township Public Schools in Haddon Township, N.J. \*

#### '74

**Tommy Dowdy**, Sarasota, Fla., is the CEO/Founder of National In-Store and has been named president of its newly created services division, The Radiate Retail Group. \*  
 \* **Laura L. (Woerner) LaVigne**, Richmond, Texas, is the executive director for The Arc of Fort Bend County in Missouri City, Texas. \*  
 \* **Patricia S. (Hanlon) Sherman**, Dover, Ohio, is a registered nurse and UR/QA manager and client rights officer at Tuscarawas County Adam HS Board. \*  
 \* **Ruth M. (Elemm) Stefanik**, M.Ed., Copley, Ohio, is an elementary school teacher for Norton City Schools in Norton, Ohio.

#### '75

**Elizabeth A. Young**, Shreve, Ohio, is a special-education teacher for Wooster City Schools in Wooster, Ohio. \*

#### '76

**Robert W. Armstrong**, M.Ed. '85, Ph.D. '88, Florence, Ala., is a professor of marketing at the University of North Alabama in Florence, Ala. Previously, Armstrong resided in Australia. He has published scholarly papers, a textbook and a monograph. \*  
 \* **John B. Buchanan**, M.A., Key West, Fla., is an emeritus professor for Kent State University's School of Visual Communication Design. \*  
 \* **Christine B. D'Ortona**, Scarsdale, N.Y., is the regional vice president at Epocrates in San Mateo, Calif. \*  
 \* **Lisa A. Laitman**, Metuchen, N.J., currently works as the director of the Alcohol and Other Drug Assistance Program for Students (ADAPS) at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.

#### '77

**Nina M. (Senyk) Binger**, La Mesa, Calif., is an administrative assistant for Intuit in San Diego, Calif. \*  
 \* **James R. Boothe**, Carpinteria, Calif., is an investment manager and has recently joined SBAM. \*  
 \* **David E. Fry**, D.B.A., Midland, Mich., received the AIADA (American International Automobile Dealers Association) 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award honoring his continuous dedication to the international nameplate automobile industry and promoting the value of a free market and practical global management at one of the country's institutions of higher education.

#### '78

**JoAnna (Lynn) Bratt**, M.Ed., Ed.S. '86, Medina, Ohio, is a high-school counselor for Berea City Schools in Middleburg Heights, Ohio. \*  
 \* **Doreen K. (Williams) Kuster**, Stow, Ohio, is the chief financial officer for Child

Guidance and Family Solutions in Akron, Ohio. \*  
 \* **Marjorie J. (Vancura) Sullivan**, Wellington, Fla., is vice president of Palm Healthcare Foundation Inc. and team manager for a U-17 boys soccer club. \*  
 \* **Mark Turner**, M.A., Bellingham, Wash., is the photographer for a book that was recently released, titled *Wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest*.

#### '79

**Elliot C. Bennett**, Tallmadge, Ohio, is the district executive for Boy Scouts of America in Akron, Ohio. \*  
 \* **Fred Eichholzer**, M.Ed., New Hartford, N.Y., is retired. \*  
 \* **Robert D. Pierson**, Massillon, Ohio, has been named deputy director of the Stark County Child Support Enforcement Agency. \*  
 \* **James T. Rodgers**, Golden, Colo., is in sales at Recreation Plus Ltd. \*  
 \* **George E. Sulin**, Arlington, Texas, is a senior associate manager for Cracker Barrel OCS. \*

#### '80

**James A. Conser**, Ph.D., Salem, Ohio, retired from teaching after 32 years.

#### '81

**Terrence E. O'Neal**, New York, N.Y., has been elected president of AIANYS (American Institute of Architects New York State). He is the first African American to hold the post. \*  
 \* **John S. Smatla**, Hackensack, N.J., is the principal at Westwood Public Schools and has recently signed a contract with 215 Music & Media, a major record label and publishing company specializing in the contemporary/smooth jazz market. \*  
 \* **William E. Van Vugt**, Ph.D., Lowell, Mich., is a professor of history at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich., and recently authored the book *British Buckeyes* (Kent State University Press), in addition to numerous other publications.

#### '82

**Danielle N. Ripich**, Ph.D., Portland, Maine, has been chosen as president for the University of New England. **Patrice M. Salmeri**, Plymouth, Minn., is currently the director of the StepUP® program at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minn. Salmeri previously held positions such as teacher, coach, counselor, supervisor and manager of chemical dependency services. \*  
 \* **Richard S. Tidyman**, Fleetwood, N.C., is a CTE teacher at Watauga Public Schools in Boone, N.C.

#### '83

**Douglas W. Cross**, Cleveland, Ohio, is the national sales director of WOIO-CBS and Cleveland Browns Properties.

#### '84

**Dianne R. Sarr**, M.Ed., Sheridan, Wyo., has

taught kindergarten for 30 years in Sheridan School District. \*  
 \* **Paul J. Warmuth**, Bartlett, Tenn., is the material damage claims manager for Nationwide Insurance in Cordova, Tenn. \*

#### '85

**Robert M. Gow**, J.D., Frisco, Texas, is the senior counsel for Countrywide Financial in Plano, Texas. \*  
 \* **Donald Lombino**, M.A., Red Hook, N.Y., was recently named chair of the department of emergency medicine at Stamford Hospital. \*  
 \* **Nichele P. Malie**, St. Augustine, Fla., is the senior network account manager at United Healthcare. \*  
 \* **Paul E. McClure**, Bay Village, Ohio, is part owner of Lee Meier Interiors Inc. in Westlake, Ohio. \*  
 \* **Kim S. (Stephan) Phipps**, Ph.D., Grantham, Pa., is the first female president at Messiah College. \*  
 \* **Kathi (Kirksey) Purdy**, M. Ed. '89, Alliance, Ohio, is the first minority president of the East Central Ohio Education Association. Purdy also received the Outstanding Educator Award from the OEA and the Doris L. Allen Minority Caucus. \*  
 \* **Roger S. Quinn**, Dowington, Pa., was promoted to European/Mideast chief pilot for UPS Airlines in Philadelphia, Pa. \*

#### '86

**Patricia A. Bauch**, M.A., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, is the children's librarian at Akron-Summit County Public Library in Akron, Ohio. \*  
 \* **Catherine E. Carter**, Grants, N.M., is the distance education coordinator for New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M. \*  
 \* **William D. Harmon**, Medina, Ohio, is the accounting manager at Edge Seal Technologies Inc. in Walton Hills, Ohio.

#### '87

**Denise R. Abboud**, M.Ed., Ph.D. '94, Niles, Ohio, is the special-education supervisor for Strongsville City Schools in Strongsville, Ohio. \*  
 \* **Rajinder Garcha**, M.L.S. '89, Toledo, Ohio, is a faculty member at the University of Toledo. Garcha is also a published author. \*  
 \* **Roy F. Jenkins III**, Mableton, Ga., is the director of finance at the Home Depot in Atlanta, Ga.

#### '88

**Thomas E. Janini**, Ph.D. '97, Northfield, Ohio, is an assistant professor of chemistry at Kent State University. \*  
 \* **Tony Trigilio**, Chicago Ill., is director of the Undergraduate Poetry Program at Columbia College Chicago and is a featured poet in the Three Candles Press anthology.

#### '89

**Robert R. Maschue**, Loxahatchee, Fla., is the president of Solutech Environmental in West Palm Beach, Fla. \* \*



## Alumni Volunteers Benefit Students and University

By Carli Cichocki

Kent State Public Relations Student

For many alumni, the Kent State University experience does not end the moment they cross the stage and receive their diploma at graduation. Instead, they continue a lifelong relationship with their alma mater as active, dedicated volunteers, many participating with local alumni chapters throughout the country. As volunteers, these individuals help Kent State continue to prosper by sharing their time and talents in a variety of ways to benefit students, fellow graduates and the university.

"I volunteer (with Kent State) because it gives me an opportunity to keep the university how it is — keep the focus on the learning environment for the students and the community," says Rex Ray, '68. "It makes the university better for future students."

Ray, who participated in the Air Force ROTC program during his years as a student, is an alumni national board member and president of the Central Ohio Alumni Chapter. Among its many activities, the chapter supports the university's Columbus Program in Intergovernmental Issues, which provides students with the opportunity to live, work and study in Columbus, Ohio, and gain real-world experience with leaders in state government.

Last year, alumni volunteers with the Central Ohio Alumni Chapter began hosting a picnic for incoming Kent State freshmen. In July, approximately a dozen students and their parents attended the event.

"I think the picnic will get bigger because the freshman students will get the word out to their friends, who are still in high school and plan to go to Kent State," Ray said.

Also active in the Central Ohio Alumni Chapter is *Shawna Julian*, '96, a service coordinator for the Help Me Grow Program in Newark, Ohio.

"I am fortunate that my parents gave me the opportunity to attend such a renowned university, and I enjoy sharing my wonderful educational experience through networking and recruiting," Julian says.

Ray and Julian are a few examples of the many Kent State alumni who recognize the importance of volunteering to help students and the university.

Many other alumni volunteer at admission receptions, help organize university programs, like the Distinguished Teaching Award, and



Photo by Bob Christy, '95

**Alumni volunteer Maria Smith, '99, talks to students as part of the Alumni Association's "Careers Over Coffee" program. Smith is a furniture marketing specialist with Arhaus Furniture.**

support alumni programs such as "Careers Over Coffee."

*Josephine Posti*, '90, a former undergraduate student senator and Chi Omega sorority president, shares her Kent State experiences as a volunteer with high-school students.

"I talk with them about the academic programs that are at Kent State now and how that may apply to what their interests are," Posti says. "A lot of my drive and self-confidence are a direct result of my experience at Kent State." Posti lives in Pittsburgh and operates Posti Communications.

Another volunteer, *Henry (Hank) Ford*, '47, says he likes to keep busy. In addition to volunteering with the Summit and Portage county chapters of the American Red Cross and Redmon Funeral Home in Stow, he helps arrange social events for Kent State's Golden Order, a prestigious organization for Kent State graduates who have been alumni for more than 50 years. As part of the Golden Order, Ford assists in planning Homecoming and other reunion dinners and visits to the university.

"Mainly, we sit around and gab a lot and do a lot of reminiscing," he says.

Members of the Golden Order committee also contact classmates about reunion activi-

ties and lead a fund-raising drive to generate financial support for the Alumni Association's Legacy Scholarship Program.

Other volunteers enjoy helping Kent State's next generation of students or assisting fellow graduates with career advice and professional development opportunities.

"Ultimately, volunteer support helps make Kent State University stronger," says **Matt Butts**, assistant director of alumni relations. "By volunteering, people make a difference in the life of the university and assist current students. As the university becomes stronger and develops, the value of students' degrees are enhanced.

"People volunteer because they know their time and efforts make a difference and they enjoy being able to give back to Kent State," he adds. "Volunteers want to give back to the institution that gave so much to them. They know their status and achievements were not obtainable without Kent State."

For more information about volunteer opportunities through the Alumni Association, please call 330-672-KENT (5368) or 1-888-320-KENT or go to the Alumni Association Web site at [www.ksualumni.org](http://www.ksualumni.org). 🌟





## Alumni Chapters Connect with their Communities

By Kimberly Thompson, '06

Besides helping alumni connect with one another and with the university, many Alumni Association chapters are using the organization as a means to help their communities. The chapters still gather for social and athletic events, as well as Homecoming, but they also spend time and money investing in their own communities.

### Tools for learning

"Tools for Learning," a project started this year by the Honors College Chapter of the Alumni Association, collects school supplies for the Head Start program at the Portage Private Industry Council. Chapter members asked incoming freshmen in 2005 to donate school supplies, and the result was more generous than they envisioned.

"We filled up the entire conference room table, and much of the space on the floor, with all the supplies the students brought in," says Marc Vincent, '97, president of the Honors College Chapter. "We also had more than \$200 in cash donations.

Chapter members wanted to support an academic project in the Kent community, Vincent says. The Head Start program seemed like the perfect recipient, because the Head Start grant requires recipients to match 25 percent of funding with in-kind donations.

Because of the project's initial success, the chapter set up a drop-off location at the Honors College. Since the beginning of the school year, it has made three separate donations to Head Start.

"The first donation was the largest — with 23 boxes of donated school supplies at an estimated value of more than \$1,600," Vincent says. "We made another donation in November and a third at the beginning of February."

### MS Walk in Downtown Cleveland

The recently established Cuyahoga County Alumni Chapter included community service in its mission. Founded in July 2005, the chapter participated in its first service project in April.

"When we formed, we had to write a list of goals for the organization, including projects we'd like to do and events we'd like to have," says chapter president Linda Gonzalez, '93. "A member of the chapter suggested the MS Walk for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, so we decided to participate."

The event was held in April in downtown Cleveland. Gonzalez says about 20 members participated in the event, including walkers and event planners, and

many chapter members who couldn't attend donated money.

Gonzalez, also a chapter founder, says she wanted to form the alumni chapter because of her appreciation for the university. "Kent State held a lot of great memories, and this was a way to stay connected to the university and help other people get connected too," she says.

### Reverse raffle and auction fund scholarships at Stark Campus

In 2001, the Stark County Alumni Chapter started a reverse raffle and auction as a way to create an alumni legacy, says chapter president Joe French, '90. Alumni wanted to use the proceeds to make the Stark Campus better for faculty, staff, students and others throughout the community.

The event grows in size and success each year. In 2005, the reverse raffle and auction brought in nearly \$12,000. This year, the event raised \$13,000.

Some unique donations the auction has garnered include a weekend rental of a BMW automobile, an autographed picture of the national championship Ohio State football team and two roundtrip airline tickets. French says the chapter secures donations by writing to local companies and asking for help.

"It's not a hard sell," French says. "A lot of people are very supportive and rally around the campus."

The chapter uses part of the proceeds to fund five \$1,000 scholarships for students with a parent or grandparent who also attended Kent State Stark. Last year, the proceeds also helped fund a faculty appreciation luncheon in May and a doughnut and cookie reception for students at the beginning of the school year. The chapter also funded a free movie night for students and purchased "Kent State University Alumni" static stickers for all graduates.

This year, the chapter plans to add a scholarship and also wants to add to the scholarship endowment. The event draws around 250 people, including many alumni.

For more information on alumni chapters and their activities, follow the link at [www.ksualumni.org](http://www.ksualumni.org).



(Above) About 20 members of the Cuyahoga County Alumni Chapter participated in the Cleveland-area MS Walk in April, including Pat O'Brien, '64, M.Ed. '72; Lee Kamps, '70; Robin Koch, '03; Claudia Kovach, '03; Linda Gonzalez, '93; and Cathy Pasciak, '97. (Right) Stark County Alumni Chapter member Pat Albacete, A.A. '02, past president Barb Warstler, '96, and current president Joe French, '90, help out at the group's annual Alumni Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction.





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**Kimberly D. (Commedo) Strong**, Miramar, Fla., is a QA specialist/independent contractor. ♦ **Karen Deer Sutton**, Livonia, Mich., is an information scientist for General Motors in Warren, Mich.

#### '90

**Joseph R. French**, Canton, Ohio, was selected for a second term as president of the Kent State Stark Alumni Chapter. French also serves on the boards of the United Way of Greater Stark County, the Child and Adolescent Service Center, the Early Childhood Resource Center and Early Childhood Educator's Consortium. French is also the director at Little Angels Preschool/Zion Child Development Center.

♦ ♦ **Jennifer L. Life**, Canton, Ohio, recently joined Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths & Dougherty Co. Law Firm as an associate focusing on estate planning, probate and elder law. Life previously served as a magistrate at the Stark County Probate Court. She has been an adjunct professor of advanced legal writing and research at Kent State University and taught as a legal instructor at the University of Akron Law School. ♦ **Laura L. (Charobee) McFadden**, Macedonia, Ohio, is a user-interface designer at KeyCorp. ♦ **Mike Prejna**, Streetsboro, Ohio, has been awarded honorary membership in the Ohio Continuing Higher Education Association.

#### '91

**Tammy A. Andreyko**, Sewickley, Pa., was named Pennsylvania Middle School Association's Administrator of the Year for 2006 and is currently the principal of Ingomar Middle School of the North Allegheny School District in Pittsburgh, Pa. ♦ ♦ **Jessie L. Grant**, Kalamazoo, Mich., is a research assistant for Western Michigan University. ♦ **Trudy A. (Tinglan) Kelly**, M.L.S., Oldsmar, Fla., is the library director at Schiller International University in Dunedin, Fla. ♦ **Mark D. Krantz**, M.B.A. '92, Upper Arlington, Ohio, is a senior manager/partner with Centric Consulting LLC. ♦ **Michael J. McFarland**, Port St. Lucie, Fla., is the president of MICA Building Company Inc. ♦ **Al Murin**, Burlington, Wis., is a systems analyst/interface developer at Transolutions Inc. ♦ ♦ **Evans A. (Benjamin) Sevieux**, Apopka, Fla., is an accountant for corrections in Orlando, Fla. ♦ **Monica L. (Almason) Smith**, Twinsburg, Ohio, is a registered nurse at Akron Children's Hospital. ♦ **Donald Taylor**, Ph.D., Fair Oaks, Calif., is a special assistant to the provost/vice president for academic affairs at Sacramento State and has been named an American Council on Education Fellow for the 2006-07 academic year.

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## Marcus Butler's Foundation starts with his roots

By Kimberly Thompson, '06

Anyone who looks at his accomplishments can see that *Marcus Butler*, M.B.A. '03, is driven. He started his first company, Butler Express Inc., shortly after getting an undergraduate business degree. He now has a second company, Claiborne Consulting Co. Ltd. In 1998, he started the African Descent Foundation to support economic development in African communities throughout the world.

Still, most important to Butler is remembering where he came from, and hidden among these accomplishments are aspects of his roots.

Through tracing his genealogy, Butler found that his family extends far into American history. One of his ancestors was brought from Africa to Cumberland County, Va., in 1765. That ancestor's name was Claiborne, which Butler said must be a derivation of his ancestor's African name because it has been passed down through generations of his family.

"That name has been in our family for more than 250 years," Butler says. "I have an uncle whose middle name is Claiborne, so I believe that name has been passed down for five generations."

So when Butler started his second company, there wasn't a more fitting title, and Claiborne Consulting Co. Ltd. was born. The company helps clients define and develop new global markets for their products and services and serves as an outlet for Butler's passion for international issues.

That same passion also led him to Kent State, where he obtained an M.B.A. in international business. Butler wanted to further his education because he was delving into the international arena with his company and with the foundation, which he had recently started.

Butler's desire to start the foundation arose from his travels to Africa with his wife, Lynda. "We went to Accra, Ghana, and we visited a village in a rural area outside the city," Butler says. "The doctors and dentists that accompanied

us said 85 percent of the health issues were water-related because [the residents] were drinking contaminated water."

Butler felt connected to these people because of his family history, and realized that through the foundation, he could assist them. "I realized that my business was successful and I was blessed, and I wanted to give back and help others," Butler says. "I thought if we could bring clean water to the community, it would eliminate a lot of the health problems. The foundation was a vehicle to do so."

A year after Butler's foundation had a water-purification system installed there, Butler returned with the doctors, who told him the water-related health issues were almost nonexistent.

Since that initial project, the African Descent Foundation has drilled a water well in Fond-des-Negres, Haiti, and given an Afro-Brazilian group funds to manufacture apparel that will be sold in Brazil and eventually the United States and Africa. Butler says he would also like to install solar panels in West African villages, so the residents can have electricity.

Butler credits his Kent State education with enhancing his skills and expanding an international business perspective important to his past accomplishments and future plans and projects.

"I broadened my international business skills and background while at Kent State," he says. "My classroom work added to my real-world experience." 🌟



Photo by Gary Harwood, '83





## Colleen Dolgan: A Belief in Lifelong Learning

By Kimberly Thompson, '06

Raised in Ashtabula, educated at Kent State University and employed by the Cleveland Clinic Health System — *Colleen Dolgan*, A.A. '74, is Northeast Ohio through and through.

She's been a student, a nurse, an instructor and a manager, and now she's the director of the Center for Leadership and Learning at the Cleveland Clinic Health System. And all the while, she's been a lifelong learner.

That, Dolgan says, is something her degree at Kent State helped her realize.

"Kent State provided me with a very good foundation of learning," Dolgan says. "It gave me the opportunity to start a good paying job with a college degree. More beneficial than anything was the challenge to me to become a lifelong learner. Two years in school was just the tip of the iceberg. Several years after graduation, I started to work on my bachelor's degree."

After getting an associate degree from Kent State Ashtabula, Dolgan eventually received her bachelor's and master's degrees as well.

"I got promoted to a nurse manager position and only had an associate degree," Dolgan says. "It allowed me to continue to go to school while I was working and learn about the business of healthcare through attending school and working."

Now, 30 years and many experiences later, Dolgan continues to learn in her position at the Cleveland Clinic Health System. Dolgan runs a leadership and employee-development program for the entire health system.

"Every day I am learning something either about people, the job or myself," she says. "Most recently, I have learned a great deal about my role as a leader. I have discovered how important it is to be authentic; to develop my employees so they, too, are learning and growing and contributing more to the organization; how to bring people together for collaboration purposes; how to coach individuals and how to deal with difficult issues with a growing level of comfort."

As a leader, Dolgan says she's also learned the importance of humility, especially when surrounded by bright and capable individuals.


"As I learn, see and do more, I have also learned how important it is to admit that my team members are quite often better than I am at certain skills, to admit when I have made a bad call and to ask others for their insights." 



Photo by Jeff Glidden, '87

**Colleen Dolgan, director of the Center for Leadership and Learning at the Cleveland Clinic Health System, in the lobby of the Beachwood, Ohio, facility.**

'92

**Cindy Cragon**, Washington, D.C., is the vice president of marketing for GridPoint.

✦ **Megan L. (Ickles) Gill**, Bolivar, Ohio, is a student pilot at the American Winds Flight Academy. ✦ **Dana O. Roberts**, Portland, Ore., is an account executive for Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis, Ind. ✦ **Art J. Slayton**, Rincon, Ga., is currently employed by Vopak Terminal Savannah, Savannah, Ga.

'93

**David A. Bowen**, M.B.A., Avon, Ohio, is a senior vice president for National City Bank in Cleveland, Ohio. ✦ **Eric L. Dicken**, M.Ed., Cleveland, Ohio, is the director of campus events for Case Western Reserve University.

✦ **Mary Ann (Hunt) Little**, Ashtabula, Ohio, is a registered nurse supervisor at Akron Children's Medical Center. ✦ **Paul C. Nosek**, Seaside, Calif., is a major in the U.S. Air Force in Monterey, Calif. ✦ **Denise A. Seachrist**, Ph.D., Rootstown, Ohio, is the interim dean for academic and student services at Kent State University. ✦ **Robyn (Goldfarb) Siminske**, Robbinsville, N.J., is the general manager for Potomac Group Homes in Princeton, N.J.

'94

**Heather D. (Jessie) Gessino-Kraft**, Lakewood, Ohio, is an alumni-relations specialist at McKinsey & Company in Cleveland. ✦ **Denise S. (Schneider) Hunter**, Concord, N.C., is the manager of development communications at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. ✦ **Saunjula (Degraffinried) Staton**, Sheffield Lake, Ohio, is the assistant director of major gifts at Oberlin College.

'95

**Deborah J. Safron**, M.A., Ann Arbor, Mich., is an instructor at Michigan State University.

'96

**Mychaelane (Park) Anderson**, Ashtabula, Ohio, is the recreation director for the city of Geneva. ✦ **Craig A. Brown**, Columbus, Ohio, is a marketing technician for Abercrombie & Fitch in New Albany, Ohio. ✦ **Kenneth A. Dawson**, Uniontown, Ohio, was named employee of the year and received the Carol J. Byrd Award from his employer, InfoCision Management Corporation, where he is senior vice president. ✦ **Vicki J. Eikelberry**, M.A. '96, Lafferty, Ohio, is the speech-language pathologist for the Ohio Valley Education Services Center in Cambridge, Ohio. ✦ **Glenn J. Lewis**, M.A., Albany, N.Y., owns a personal concierge service, The Black Squirrel Group. ✦ **Mike Wiant**, Akron, Ohio, is a realtor for Coldwell Banker in Canton.

'97

**Laura L. (West) Barker**, Burlington, N.C., is the architect/project manager at Performa

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Inc. ✦ **Kevin R. Brodzinski**, Mentor on the Lake, Ohio, is the general manager for Lake County Captains Professional Baseball in Eastlake. ✦ **Michael S. Miller**, North Fort Myers, Fla., is a fifth-grade teacher for Lee County Schools. ✦ **Sean C. Wood**, Washington, D.C., is the associate director of advancement systems for the National Academies.

#### '98

**Tracy B. Allen**, Dayton, Ohio, is employed by Wright State University. ✦ **Barbara J. Callock**, B.A. '00, Westmont, Ill., is a mental-health professional with the DuPage County Health Department. ✦ **Joseph D. Dunn**, York, Pa., is a deportation officer for Homeland Security. ✦ ✦ **Gary L. Esmonde**, M.L.S., Chardon, Ohio, is a self-employed information specialist. ✦ **Stewart J. Hansen**, Columbus, Ohio, is a tax specialist for Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company. ✦ ✦ **Mitsuhiko Kamo**, M.B.A., Roselle, Ill., is an account executive for Tokio Marine Management Inc. in Chicago, Ill. ✦ ✦ **Pete Marbais**, M.A., Ph.D. '05, Hutchinson, Kan., teaches English at Hutchinson Community College and was selected to present a paper at the South Central Society for 18th-Century Studies conference.

#### '99

**Sandra L. Hanlon**, B.B.A. '00, Wadsworth, Ohio, is the supervisor of commercial billing/payroll at Davey Tree in Kent, Ohio. ✦ ✦ **Chad M. Hoover**, Newton Falls, Ohio, is the president of Hoover Fence Company. Hoover Fence Company, along with Extreme Makeover: Home Edition: "After the Storm — Florida," recently revitalized a hurricane-ravaged little league ballpark in the community of Boynton Beach, Fla.

#### '00

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#### '01

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#### '02

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#### '03

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#### '04

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#### '05

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## LOSSES

### IN THE KSU FAMILY

The following alumni and friends have recently passed away.

'39

**Howard R. Mooney**, Mogadore, Ohio, March 2006.

'44

**Mary L. (Nelson) Patterson**, Sun City, Ariz., February 2006.

'54

**Robert E. Forbes**, Hurst, Texas, March 2005. ✦  
**Malcolm F. Mann**, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, December 2005. Mann was a rubber industry executive, chaired the Geauga County Democratic Party, and served on the board of Kent State University's Geauga Campus.

'57

**Roger M. Knabe**, Stow, Ohio, March 2006.

'64

**Galvin J. DePompei**, Stow, Ohio, March 2006. ✦  
**Diane Marshall Smith**, M.Ed. '74, Midlothian, Va., November 2005.

'67

**Hugh I. Jae**, MA, Alliance, Ohio, March 2006.

'69

**Stanley G. Johnson**, Lilburn, Ga., August 2005.

'71

**Stephen T. Dodge**, Dumfries, Va., December 2004. ✦  
**Anthony J. Tisci**, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, March 2006.

'73

**Stephanie J. (Lasson) Williams**, Virginia Beach, Va., November 2005. Lasson was a violinist for the Virginia Symphony for 25 years and was a charter member of the Virginia Opera Orchestra.

'74

**Douglas E. Lawson**, North Olmsted, Ohio, March 2006.

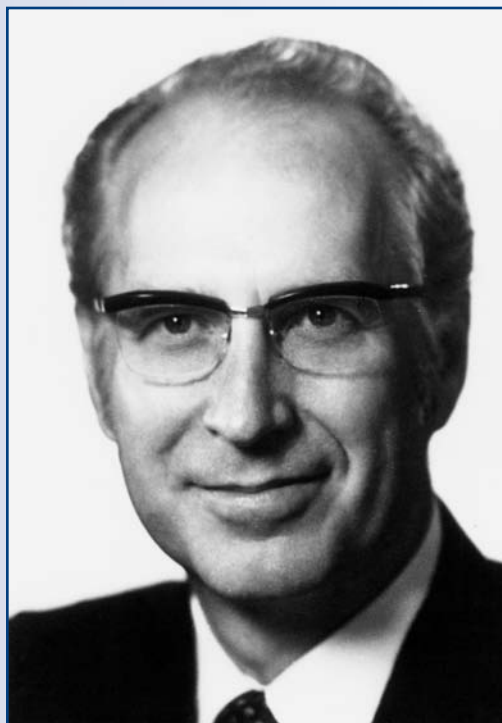
'81

**Daniel M. Middough**, Cleveland, Ohio, owner of Falls Limousine, May 2005. ✦ **Robin D. Sullivan**, Hudson, Ohio, March 2006.

'88

**Gerald L. Mahlar**, Stow, Ohio, March 2006.

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The National Alumni Board of Trustees will present a living — and growing — tribute to the legacy of Dr. Glenn A. Olds, Kent State's seventh president, with the planting of a tree at the Williamson Alumni Center this fall. Olds, who passed away in March, came to Kent State in August 1971, after serving as president of Springfield College in Massachusetts and as U.S. representative to the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

According to *A Book of Memories* (Kent State University Press, 1993), Olds "was called to calm the troubled waters and reopen lines of communication, especially between the administration and the students. A philosopher and diplomat given to thinking globally about problems, Olds was a master rhetorician and true believer in dialogue, in reasoning together, as a means of reconciliation." In 1977, Olds left Kent State for Alaska Methodist University, now Pacific University, in Anchorage.

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Robert "Yank" Heisler is chairman of KeyBank National Association and CEO of McDonald Financial Group. An active volunteer, Yank serves as chair of Team NEO and is immediate past chair of the Kent State University Foundation. He holds a B.A. in biochemistry from Harvard College and a M.B.A. from Kent State University, both with honors.



### **What Kent State means to you**

When I started a career in banking, I wanted to round out my business experience. Kent State had a strong, part-time M.B.A. program. The fundamentals I learned in economics, finance, management and strategic planning still guide me today.

### **Most memorable student experience**

I was part of a four-person team assigned to a real-life production problem for an automobile supplier. It was a great learning opportunity and my first real team experience. Today, team projects are the standard for M.B.A. programs. Kent State was ahead of its time.

### **Greatest lesson learned at Kent State**

There are usually many solutions for every business problem. The level of success depends on how well you execute the idea selected.

### **Something most people don't know about me**

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