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Message From the President



Welcome to the fall issue of *Kent State Magazine*. As you will learn, Kent State's flagship campus and the city it has called home since 1910 are each undergoing a transformation of historic size, scope and significance.

For those of us who live and work on or near the Kent Campus, hard hats and traffic cones have become as familiar as black squirrels. We already are enjoying a modernized University Library. And students soon

will be able to enjoy a Student Green that is a gathering place and a beautiful, new "front door" to the campus. Most important, we are embarking on an effort to bring aging campus facilities up to 21st-century standards. A range of projects will be funded through a \$170 million bond issue. The changes we will make are part of Kent State's ongoing quest for excellence, including our commitment to student success.

Another far-reaching transformation is underway in downtown Kent. About a year from now, you will find new restaurants and retail, and a transportation hub for cars, buses, bikes and pedestrians. You'll be able to stay at the new Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center. From there, you can stroll to campus via the scenic Kent State University Esplanade.

I hope you will plan a visit that allows you to marvel at our town-gown renaissance (Homecoming 2013 would be a great time). In the meantime, I invite you to join us in marking the successful conclusion of the Centennial Campaign, the most ambitious fundraising initiative in university history.

From a campaign that changes lives to an initiative that changes the faces of Kent and Kent State, the coming year will be one to remember. When it's done, you'll be part of a university with one of the best college towns in the nation.

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WHAT MAKES A GREAT COLLEGE TOWN?

by Phil Soencksen, '89

(Photos by Bob Christy, '95, and Jeff Glidden, '87.)

Kent State University officials, local politicians and business leaders have been successfully working to make the city of Kent a more attractive and inviting place for students, parents, local residents and visitors.

Kent State President **Lester A. Lefton** often mentions Ann Arbor, Mich., as an example of a great college city. Steve Powers, city administrator for the home of the University of Michigan, credits a strong town-gown relationship as the foundation of successful college cities.

Under President Lefton's leadership, Kent State has entered an era of unprecedented cooperation and collaboration with Kent city officials.



“I like to think of a great college town as being a combination of the transformational and the traditional,” Powers says. “The transformational from things such as the transfer of university research into start-up companies, and the traditional coming from the campus sense of place, the academic cycle, the excitement from athletic events and so forth.”

Kent State Magazine looked at the qualities that the country’s other outstanding college towns share, including arts and culture, entertainment, shopping, proximity to larger cities and outdoor activities. Then we checked out everything that the university and the city of Kent have to offer. The results give compelling and exciting evidence that Kent is truly the region’s rising college town.

Music

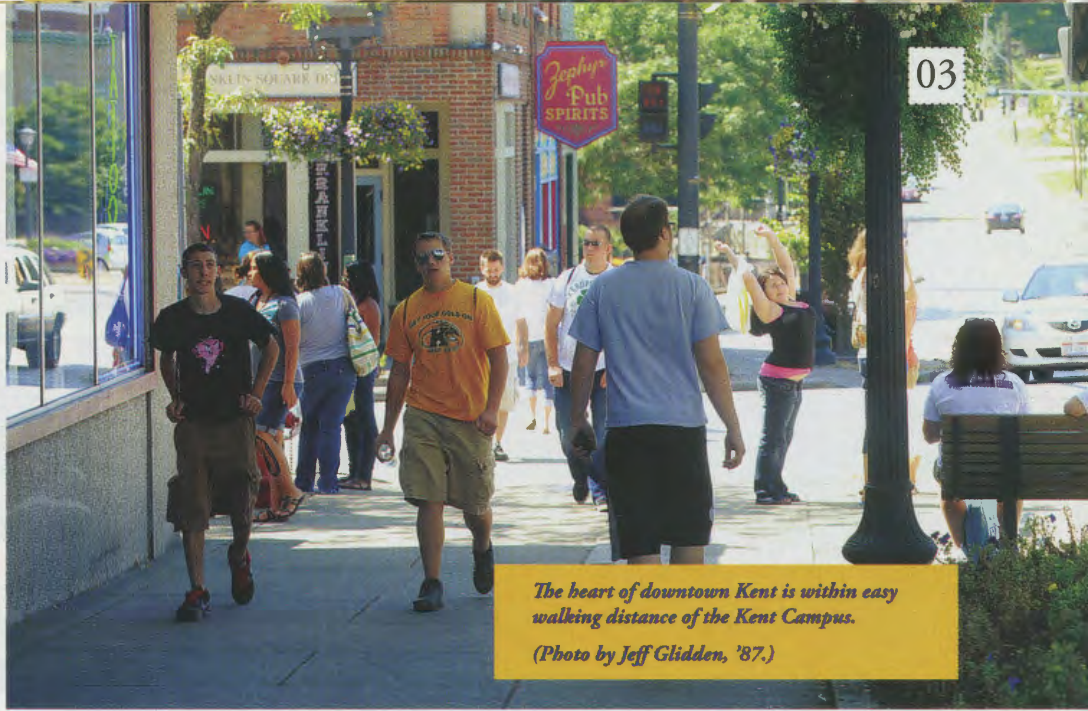
Live music abounds in Kent. The historic Kent Stage brings a wide variety of national acts, The Drifters, Kris Kristofferson, Mary Chapin Carpenter and Stephen Stills. The annual Kent State Folk Festival attracts musicians and fans from all over the world. On campus, there are student and faculty recitals, musical productions and other performances.

Art

Kent is home to a number of local art galleries, including those located on the Kent Campus. The university offers a self-guided tour of the many sculptures and public artworks on campus. The annual Masterpieces on Main Art & Wine festival held on the streets of Kent is attended by artists from around the country.

Events

The city of Kent hosts several major annual festivals that attract people from across the region. The Kent Blues Fest, Kent’s Reggae Meltdown and Kent Heritage Festival feature live bands in venues throughout the city. On campus, the annual Black Squirrel Festival welcomes students to everything the city of Kent has to offer with free live music, food and plenty of black squirrel spirit.



Shopping

With its newly expanded selection of retail offerings, downtown Kent is a great place to spend a day shopping. Residents, students and visitors can choose from coffee shops, bakeries, bookstores, galleries, jewelers, two exceptional music

it to the College World Series. Plus, the university’s Division 1 football team, as well as the men’s and women’s basketball teams, have all delivered outstanding performances within the MAC conference.

“I like to think of a great college town as being a combination of the transformational and the traditional.”

— Steve Powers

stores, a quirky toy store, an ice cream shop, a natural food store and a student-run international food market.

Bright Lights

While enjoying the small town atmosphere of Kent, residents and students have easy access to nearby metropolitan centers with city dining and entertainment, major and minor league sports, world-class museums, a world-renowned orchestra and the largest entertainment district outside of New York City.

And for sports excitement in Kent, don’t forget the Kent State Golden Flashes — most recently igniting a fan frenzy when Kent State’s baseball team made

Restaurants

From white tablecloths to street vendors, Kent features an eclectic mix of locally based quick-service, casual and fine dining restaurants.

Great Outdoors

With numerous city parks and many, welcoming green spaces, there are plenty of outdoor activities in the aptly named “Tree City” of Kent. The university-sponsored Crooked River Adventures offers trips along the Cuyahoga River by canoe, kayak and tubing. Kent is also close to two of the country’s best park systems — the Cleveland and Summit metroparks, as well as the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.



(Photo by Bob Christy, '95.)

RISING COLLEGE TOWN

*Public-private partnerships
drive town-gown redevelopment.*

Susan Menassa; Foluke Omosun, M.A., '09; Jessica Smeltz, '12; Phil B. Soencksen, '89; and Emily Vincent, '97, contributed to this story.

Have you seen Kent, Ohio, lately? Kent State University alumni and visitors returning to the city will be surprised and delighted with the downtown redevelopment projects currently underway — all part of the \$100-million “facelift” to downtown Kent that has created 1,600 jobs. The redevelopment of downtown Kent promises to be transformational, as university officials, city administrators, the Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority (PARTA) and its partners have collaborated to make Kent an excellent place to live, work, study and visit. Those partnerships are designed to make Kent a vibrant and bustling college town.

It all began with a few shovels full of dirt. Now, after a series of groundbreaking ceremonies, downtown Kent is teeming with earthmovers, cranes, cherry-pickers and a small army of hard-hatted construction workers. Several major building projects are

occurring, all within one square mile of one another.

Seeds of growth

Fairmount Properties, the Pizzuti Companies and RLB Phoenix Properties are among the developers that are making downtown Kent's \$100-million redevelopment a reality, collaborating and working together with the city of Kent, Kent State University and PARTA.

Kent State President **Lester A. Lefton** is very grateful for all of the partners in this unprecedented collaborative effort.

"We have become a family in a way that we've never been before," Lefton says. "That's something new in the city of Kent in terms of town-gown relationships. We have forged a real public-private, city-university partnership — with private developers, with private business, with the city and with our friends in Washington. This has just been terrific."

Transportation facility

Working in partnership, officials from the city of Kent, Kent State and PARTA teamed with Congressman Tim Ryan from Ohio's 17th District to secure a \$20-million Transportation Investment-Generating Economic Recovery grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the construction of a new transportation facility in downtown.

The new Kent Central Gateway Multimodal Facility will accommodate buses, pedestrians, bicycles and cars. It will serve as a transfer point for bus transport to Akron, Cleveland and all points in Portage County. Located at Erie and Depeyster streets with a curb cut into Haymaker Parkway, the Kent Central Gateway project is estimated to stimulate \$60 million worth of new investment, both public and private, in Kent.

Hotel and conference center

Directly across from the PARTA construction zone is another busy job site. There, the new Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center is being built. The \$16-million



Clockwise: Architects' renderings of the College Town Kent project, which includes the corporate headquarters of Davey Tree Resource Group, and the Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center.

"We have forged a real public-private city-university partnership."

— Lester A. Lefton

project, located at the corner of Haymaker Parkway and Depeyster Street, is a partnership between the Kent State University Foundation and the Pizzuti Companies of Columbus, Ohio. Developer **Ron Pizzuti**, '62, a former university trustee, grew up in Kent and received his bachelor's degree from Kent State.

Pizzuti says that the new hotel and conference center, scheduled to open in spring 2013, will feature 94 guestrooms, an elegant cocktail lounge, a fitness center and an indoor pool. The conference center can accommodate up to 300 people and will offer full catering



See the construction unfold at <http://bit.ly/kent-downtown>.

services, making it ideal for community events and weddings, as well as business meetings and academic conferences.

Acorn Alley grows

Several years ago, longtime Kent resident and business leader Ron Burbick of RLB Phoenix Properties invested \$6.5 million of his own money in the Phoenix Project, transforming two buildings at the top of East Main Street. Dubbed Acorn Alley in a nod to Kent's famous black squirrels, the complex is home to local businesses, including a toy store, a jeweler, a barbershop and a sandwich shop. Other businesses and services in the complex are being run by Kent State students, including The Tannery — an integrated marketing communications agency and International HOME Markets, a grocery store.

A second phase — Acorn Alley II — opened for business in fall 2011 with a soup-themed restaurant, a coffee shop, an outdoor apparel store, a Mediterranean fine-dining restaurant and a boutique selling unique clothing and accessories and run by Kent State fashion merchandising students. The upper floors will offer condominium living spaces. Acorn Alley II also includes Acorn Plaza, a new venue for live music and other outdoor events.

New life for historic hotel

In early spring, Burbick purchased the long-vacant Kent Hotel. He plans to preserve the historic structure that held an important role in Kent history. When the building opens at the end of this year, it will have 100-percent occupancy. Tenants include a financial services company, the Kent Area Chamber of Commerce, transitional apartment spaces, luxury rentals and a Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant — a company that originated in Kent.

Once the building is occupied, Burbick has pledged that 100 percent of any profit will be distributed to Kent and Portage County nonprofit organizations through his own Burbick Foundation.

"It's a great time to be in Kent," says Burbick. "I like to say that Kent is Ohio's best-kept secret, but the secret is getting out, and that's a good thing."



The Ametek building is receiving finishing touches. In fact, some retailers have already opened for business.



Acorn Alley I and II and Acorn Plaza are immensely popular.

(Photos by Bob Christy, '95, and Jeff Glidden, '87.)



*“The university
continues to be an
economic engine.”*

—Dave Ruller,
Kent City Manager

Pedestrian-oriented spaces

On South Water Street, between Erie Street and the Haymaker Parkway, Fairmount Properties and its partners Premier Development Partners LLC and BUD Kent LLC are constructing an 185,000-square-foot development called College Town Kent — a pedestrian-oriented shopping, office and lifestyle center with a blend of local, regional and national shops, restaurants and businesses. The upper floors of the Davey building will house the new corporate headquarters of Kent-based Davey Tree Resource Group. The Ametek building will house two divisions of Ametek Inc., a technical and industrial products company headquartered in Berwyn, Pa. In both buildings, the upper floors will provide high-end apartments, and the lower floors will consist of new retail spaces and restaurants.

Randy Ruttenberg, principal of Cleveland’s Fairmount Properties, has praised Lefton for his unwavering support and brilliant, visionary leadership that played a critical role in moving the development forward.

Connecting town and gown

The Kent State University Esplanade is a pedestrian walkway that runs through the heart of the Kent Campus, creating a much more pedestrian-friendly and bicycle-friendly environment. The University Esplanade extension into downtown Kent strengthens the ties between the university and the city by providing a physical link — a landscaped, easily traversed pathway for students to visit, enjoy and patronize downtown Kent businesses and for residents and visitors to discover and enjoy the campus.

The University Esplanade extension into downtown Kent strengthens the ties between the university and the city.

Mirroring the construction boom in downtown Kent, improvements and new construction are underway on campus. Two projects include the installation of solar panels on the roof of the Kent State University Field House and the creation of the Student Green.



Student-centered green

Fulfilling the commitment President Lefton made to students, the university began initial construction activities on the Student Green project in the Kent Student Center area this past April. Located at the heart of the campus, the new Student Green extends from the recently renovated Risman Plaza to the lawn area south, creating a contiguous green space to Summit Street.

“This is the second phase of a project to create an attractive entrance to campus for our university family, university guests and prospective students,” says **Gregg Floyd**, Kent State’s senior vice president for finance and administration. The Student Green project, with the expanded lawn area, creates an attractive, student-centered space at the “front door” to campus. It includes a performance stage for students to use. The stage faces toward Central Campus, with the new Student Green and Risman Plaza serving as a backdrop.

“The Student Green also provides a new gateway to the campus from Summit Street, making it an inviting access point for visitors to the campus,” explains **Brian Pickering**, project



An architect's rendering of the Student Green.

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*“The Student
 Green provides
 a new gateway to
 the campus.”*

— *Brian Pickering*

manager and landscape architect in the Office of the University Architect at Kent State. “It will be located right across from the Admissions Office, making it more visible to prospective students and their families.”

Construction of the Student Green ramped up after spring commencement ceremonies in early May, with expected completion in mid-October 2012. Once completed, the vista into the heart of campus will be a tree-lined lawn with pathways in and out of Central Campus.



Environmental stewardship

During the summer, Kent State installed 1,716 solar panels on the Kent State Field House located by Dix Stadium. The panels cover almost one acre of roof area or nearly 0.5 megawatt of panel capacity. This installation is believed to be the largest roof-mounted system among Ohio's public universities. The project is the first renewable energy project for Kent State.

The solar panels will generate about 500,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per year, which is about one-third of the annual power used by both the university's Field House and Dix Stadium — enough to power about 50 average-sized homes. The project will eliminate an average of 779,000 pounds of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions per year, which is roughly equivalent to removing 70 cars from the road per year.

“We have been searching for funding opportunities to install solar panels on this roof for many years, and it is great to see the installation underway,” says **Tom Euclide**, Kent State's associate vice president for facilities planning and operations. “The benefits of adding this renewable energy source to our campus

energy portfolio will not only help keep our costs lower for decades to come, but will also provide a visual reminder of Kent State's leadership in sustainability, energy conservation and the use of renewable energy.”

The solar panels were installed by Ohio developer Third Sun Solar and Wind Power located in Athens, and contractor Thompson Electric Inc. in Munroe Falls, Ohio.

“Facilitating the installation of energy-saving technologies and now, renewable solar energy systems, is extremely satisfying,” says **Robert Misbrener**,

project manager of sustainability, energy conservation and commissioning in the Office of the University Architect at Kent State. “The true goal is to demonstrate our stewardship of the environment and empower generations of students to carry that mission to the world.”

Kent State does not initially own the solar panel system, but will purchase all the electricity produced and has the option to purchase the system after seven years. Some larger electrical system components are being included for the potential expansion of the Kent State Field House.



Solar panels are an impressive sight on the Field House. (Photo by Matt Unger.)



WHAT KENT LOOKS LIKE -

(Photos by Bob Christy, '95, Jeff Glidden, '87, and Matt Unger.)

From new housing in the center of town, to trolley cars full of freshman students eager to explore the city, you'll find renewed excitement, optimism and activity in Kent these days. The bandstand is usually filled with crowds attending one of the many festivals or concerts held regularly throughout the year, and the expanded Kent Free Library is home to a popular cafe run by university entrepreneurial students. With a vibrant farmer's market held nearly year round and well-maintained city parks to enjoy, Kent is a welcoming and vibrant community for residents, students and visitors alike.





NOW

1. New addition to the Kent Free Library, with Kent State student-run cafe
2. Bandstand and minipark, corner of Main and Water streets
3. New residential housing, historic West Main Neighborhood
4. Tannery Park, walking distance to campus
5. Acorn Plaza, heart of downtown
6. Haymaker Farmer's Market, frequented by residents and students alike
7. Popular street musicians
8. Crooked River Adventures, Kent State Recreational Services
9. Blues Fest artist
10. Destination Kent State students board the trolley to visit downtown Kent



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Aaron and Gwen Rosenberg are ready for business in their new shop Popped.

FACULTY, STAFF AND ALUMNI BRING BUSINESS AND BUZZ TO KENT

By Bob Burford

Although many of the exciting developments in downtown Kent were made possible through the close collaboration of city officials and the Kent State University administration, led by President Lester A. Lefton, the university's faculty, staff and alumni are contributing to the city's renaissance in a variety of ways, at the ground level.

Aaron Rosenberg's, '10, day job is serving as ScanPath manager in Kent State's School of Library and Information Science. But he is using his technological expertise in a new setting — as a small business owner.

Rosenberg and his wife, Gwen, opened the popcorn shop Popped in Acorn Alley II in January 2012.

"It was Gwen's idea and inspiration, and I'm able to help out in a number of areas including infrastructure and technology, so it's a great partnership," Rosenberg says.

His technological expertise led him to explore innovative solutions for some of the business's basic needs. When the couple began investigating point-of-sale options for the new shop, they relied upon their creativity to save money.

"Our cash register is an iPad," Rosenberg says. The Rosenbergs use the iPad app ShopKeep to track purchases and handle back-end accounting. "It's an incredibly inexpensive solution and one that worked out perfectly for us."

Interest in the business was high even before the Rosenbergs popped their first tasty kernels. Gwen blogged about her dream business for the Kent Patch website for several months prior to Popped's opening. "People were really fascinated, and they like her honest, accessible writing style," Rosenberg says. "It was a good way to generate some interest."

The Popped pair have their sights set on expanding into online sales. "One of the reasons we like the popcorn business is that it's not only great for retail, but it works well for e-commerce," Rosenberg says. "We have a pretty nice site that's in development now and should be ready by fall."

Sales thus far have been very consistent, and the Rosenbergs are excited about what the future holds for the city. "The buzz is pretty amazing. There's a real sense of excitement that Kent is changing dramatically and for the better," he says.

Entrepreneur mentors students as business grows

Mike Beder's, '00, Water Street Tavern has been a vital part of the downtown Kent business scene since 2001.

Beder was the first Kent business owner to make a significant investment using

the city's loan and grant program for improving facades, and a number of bars and restaurant have since followed suit. In 2008, Beder expanded his offerings with the opening of the Cajun Dave's restaurant, adjacent to the Water Street Tavern.

Beder maintains close ties to his alma mater in a variety of ways, including partnerships with the Intercollegiate Athletics department and by serving as the entrepreneur-in-residence in the College of Business Administration's entrepreneurship program.

Beder mentors a handful of students who are pursuing their business dreams. "I meet with them regularly and act as a resource and advisor, helping them start and grow their businesses. I'm happy to be able to share my expertise and assist students."

New gathering place

Beder is a big believer in Kent and invests accordingly. He and partner **Evan Bailey**, '03, M.A. '09, opened Tree City Coffee & Pastry in Acorn Alley II earlier this year.

Bailey, an assistant professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, is the manager of The Tannery, a student-run integrated marketing firm in downtown Kent. He and Beder have been friends since their years at Kent State, and liked the idea of an independent coffee shop and gathering place for students and the community.

"We saw a need for a new type of social space downtown," Bailey explains. "From both a personal and business perspective, I liked the idea of opening a craft coffee shop, one that deals with smaller roasters, offers freshly baked items and works with local suppliers."

From day one, Tree City Coffee & Pastry has been welcomed by the students, faculty and local patrons.

"The response has been great, and we were really thrilled to come out of the gate strong and be supported by students and the community," Bailey says.

Beder and Bailey are learning as they fine-tune the operation. "One of the things that's great about being a small business is that we can be very nimble," Bailey explains. The duo already are looking into hosting evening social events, such as wine tastings.



Top: Cass and Bob Mayfield at McKay Bricker Gallery and Framing's new location; Bottom left: Mike Beder pictured in the popular Water Street Tavern; Bottom right: Evan Bailey serves up a mean cup of java in Tree City Coffee & Pastry.

(Photos by Bob Christy, '95)

"We want to be a true community coffee shop and gathering place," Bailey says.

With Beder's busy schedule, one might wonder how he finds the energy to keep all of the plates spinning. "The caffeine does help," he says.

Commitment to downtown pays off

In one instance, a city infrastructure project spurred a Kent business to make the move downtown.

When Cass and Bob Mayfield, owners of McKay Bricker Gallery and Framing, learned they would have to relocate their business due to the Crain Avenue bridge

project, they knew where they would go. But the move was a true leap of faith.

"When we relocated three years ago, we had no idea that any of the new city developments were going to happen," explains *Cass Mayfield*, a Kent State alumna. "We just wanted to be downtown. I love the ambiance, and I enjoy being able to walk to the bank or to get something to eat. We really wanted that."

The couple's Main Street business shares an entrance with the Downtown Gallery, operated by the Kent State School of Art, which has allowed them to work together on events and promotions.

The Mayfield's have seen their business prosper in the new location. They look forward to even better things in the future.

"We were there when the new stuff was just a glimmer in the eye," Mayfield says with a laugh. "But in the long run, we think our move is going to be a pretty good investment."



Watch a video of the ribbon tying at <http://bit.ly/cpm-video>.



INTRODUCING KENT STATE'S NEWEST COLLEGE

*The Kent State University
College of Podiatric
Medicine will shape the
future of podiatry.*

By Foluke Omosun, M.A., '09

(Photo by Jeff Glidden, '87)

Kent State University has expanded its pursuit for academic excellence with its recent acquisition of one of the largest and most respected podiatric medical education institutions in the country: the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, now known as the Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine.

The friendly acquisition signifies the beginning of a strategic partnership that will impact the teaching and practice of podiatric medicine.

Established in 1916, Kent State's College of Podiatric Medicine is one of only nine accredited colleges of podiatric medicine nationwide, and the only accredited podiatry school in the state of Ohio. With this acquisition, the college becomes the only podiatry school associated with a state university.

The four-year, graduate-level medical college has an average of 435 enrolled students, and has graduated more than 6,000 podiatrists, granting an average of

100 Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (D.P.M.) degrees annually. The college is located in Independence, Ohio, at a 137,000-square-foot facility that houses state-of-the-art medical and technical labs, clinical facilities and a renowned medical library.

“The College of Podiatric Medicine is a great fit for Kent State and ties in with our vision to expand STEM-related instruction and degree options,” says Kent State President **Lester A. Lefton**. “Our partnership will have a huge impact on the future and quality of podiatric medicine.”

Impacting the teaching and practice of podiatric medicine

Although the Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine will remain at its current site in Independence, Ohio, the college will benefit from strategic research and teaching collaborations with

“The merger gives our students more professional opportunities and an advantage in higher education.”

— *Thomas V. Melillo*

the university’s other health and science faculty in areas such as public health, biomedical sciences, medical ethics and sports medicine. Other potential areas for interaction include medical practice management, faculty professional development and shared access to technological resources.

“This is a great opportunity for the college to be partnered with a high-caliber institution such as Kent State,” says **Thomas V. Melillo**, chief executive officer of the new college.

By becoming a part of Kent State, podiatric students will have expanded academic options, including the ability to obtain a dual degree, such as a master’s

CLEVELAND FOOT AND ANKLE INSTITUTE

The Cleveland Foot and Ankle Institute has been diagnosing and treating the foot and ankle problems of Northeast Ohio patients since 1916. For 96 years, the Cleveland Foot and Ankle Institute has been leading the area in podiatric innovation and patient care. Patients are treated by specialists in heel pain, diabetes, sports medicine, arthritis-related foot ailments, children’s foot disorders and many other specialties.

The Cleveland Foot and Ankle Institute serves as the clinical teaching and outpatient treatment facility for the Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine. Students primarily in their third and fourth years, work alongside faculty members in the treatment of Cleveland Foot and Ankle Institute patients. In this clinical setting, students learn firsthand how to treat, care, interact and access patients on a daily basis.



To learn more about the Cleveland Foot and Ankle Institute, visit <http://clevelandfootandankleclinic.com>.



Recent graduates of the Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine at the White Coat Ceremony. (Photo courtesy of the College of Podiatric Medicine).

degree of business administration or public health, or a Ph.D. in a variety of science programs. Additionally, access to all Kent State men’s and women’s sports teams and the ability to work with Kent State faculty, trainers and team physicians, and be exposed to a variety of varsity and intramural sports activities, could possibly lead to a new area of specialization in the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine program.



For more information about the new Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine, visit www.kent.edu/cpm.

STRENGTHENING THE CORDS BETWEEN CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

By Foluke Omosun, M.A., '09

From serving the art and entertainment needs of its communities, to contributing to the development of local businesses and professional training of local workforces and other town-gown initiatives, Kent State University's campuswide system is strengthening the relationship between campus and community.

"Kent State University's Regional Campuses represent a true collaboration between higher education and Northeast Ohio's local communities," says **Wanda Thomas**, Ph.D., Regional College dean and associate provost for Kent State Systems Integration. "Each campus extends higher education opportunities that lead to significant contributions to the quality of life and economic growth for local residents."

Arts and culture

Kent State's Regional Campuses drive arts and entertainment in their communities by bringing internationally renowned artists, experts and performances to local audiences.

Every year, more than 50,000 people walk through the doors of the 50,000-square-foot, \$175 million Performing Arts Center at Kent State University at Tuscarawas. Located in New Philadelphia, Ohio, the 1,100-seat theatre is a premiere venue for Broadway shows, concerts, dance and comedy, and brings both local and internationally renowned artists to its stage and to the community.

Enriching the campus' academic and cultural programs, Kent State University at Stark also

The Performing Arts Center at Kent State University at Tuscarawas. (Photo by Jeff Glidden, '87.)



See the grand opening of this magnificent space at <http://bit.ly/tusc-pac>.

contributes to the cultural heritage of its local community by offering more than 50 cultural and arts events each season, including two theatrical plays and a musical. Kent State Stark's Featured Speakers Series, now in its 22nd season, provides the community with unique opportunities to hear from international experts and personalities on a wide range of topics.

The successful partnership between campus and community also is evident in stage performances at the Kent State Trumbull Theatre that involve cast members from both worlds. The

theatre records about 5,000 attendees to its seven to eight yearly performances. The works of emerging and established regional and national artists also are exhibited at Kent State University at Trumbull's Link Art Gallery and brought closer to the local community.

There are several community theatres in Warren and Youngstown. We work with most of them, providing talent and support," says **Daniel Raymond-Nadon**, Ph.D., theatre director for the Kent State Trumbull Theatre.

Campus venues are often transformed into theatres to host a range of community performers and groups. For the last three years, Kent State University at Ashtabula, for example, has hosted the local Ashtabula Brass Band — a community group showcasing local talent that includes select high school students — bringing together members of the community and the campus.

Community initiatives

Kent State's Regional Campuses strengthen the ties with their communities through initiatives that help to fight hunger, care for those in need, promote healthy living, offer job opportunities and business growth and more.

Kent State University at Geauga has been helping local businesses improve their bottom lines through a variety of community projects. More than 60 local businesses, including caterers and local restaurateurs, recently participated in a community open house and workshops with experts in areas of technology, college financing and more. The annual event is designed to promote local businesses and the idea to shop locally. More than 500 people visited the campus to meet the local merchants.

Kent State Geauga, in partnership with other area organizations, also hosts Learning for a Lifetime — a series of classes for senior citizens. Currently in its fifth year, Learning for a Lifetime offers classes taught by Kent State faculty and community experts.

Building community development into academic curricula is something that Kent State does well. Kent State Ashtabula Professor of Sociology **Brian Castellani**, Ph.D., for example, challenged students in his Introduction to Sociology class to help the local community in what is called



A Republic Steel professional training session at The Corporate University at Kent State University at Stark. (Photo by Bob Christy, '95.)

a cash mob. Students were required to go into the community and spend at least \$5 and to also meet a new person.

"At the end of each semester, I have students complete a community service assignment," says Castellani. "The purpose is to show students that they can make a positive impact on their community and it is an attempt to get them to become involved in service learning. We have a harbor in Ashtabula with a rich community of local vendors who work very hard trying to bring community and commerce to the area, and so we decided to help.

Other initiatives involve partnerships on the environment. Kent State University at East Liverpool students learn the importance of community involvement through several projects, including a recent collaboration with the Garden Club of East Liverpool to weed, mulch, trim and edge the green area off the state Route 30 highway.

With support from the Herbert W. Hoover Foundation, the late Associate Professor **Penny Bernstein**, Ph.D., was for many years the catalyst behind an environmental consortium involving Stark County's five colleges and universities for the united cause of preserving and protecting area watersheds. Bernstein partnered to educate Stark County citizens

and businesses on real-world solutions that positively affect environmental change, promote clean-energy resources and provide new jobs. Her colleagues at Kent State Stark and members of the consortium will continue the vital work that she leaves as her legacy.

Professional and workforce development/training

Besides tailoring degree programs to meet industry and regional needs, the campuses help to create jobs and stimulate the economic growth of their communities by offering professional training to area businesses and employees.

The economies of these communities are highly dependent on their ability to attract new businesses and the growth of the existing companies," says Thomas. "This requires a continuous supply of workers who have the knowledge and skills needed by these employers. Kent State's Regional Campuses respond to these needs through degrees, certificates and workforce development activities aligned to the regional needs."

Kent State's commitment to its local communities is helping to change lives and impact societies — a true reflection of how campuses can birth stronger communities.



For more information about Kent State's Regional Campuses, visit www.kent.edu/campuses.

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RISE AS ONE

Fall 2012
ATHLETICS

Fans share excitement surrounding upcoming football program.

By Todd Vater

The Golden Flashes opened league play with a 23-7 ESPNU-televized win at Buffalo.

The Flashes are coming off a strong finish to the 2011 season, having won four of their final five games. Now with a team full of experienced veterans and an influx of highly talented recruits, the team is looking to "Rise As One" in its pursuit of the Mid-American Conference championship. For fans, there has never been a better time to become a part of the excitement surrounding the up-and-coming program.

The Kent State football game day experience provides high-quality, family-friendly entertainment at an extremely affordable price. Where else can you get five hours of fun for only five dollars? The experience begins at the Indoor Tailgate Zone inside the Kent State Field House featuring inflatables, games, prizes and more. Doors open two-and-a-half hours before kickoff; so while the kids play in a

safe environment, parents can relax in the Sports Lounge. The first 1,000 fans receive a free promotional item as they enter the Indoor Tailgate Zone. So come out to Dix Stadium on game day and get more Flash for your cash!

Like all 120 Football Bowl Subdivision schools, Kent State must reach the NCAA-mandated goal of averaging 15,000 fans per game in order to maintain its Division I FBS status. With five home games this season, the Golden Flashes must meet an attendance goal of 75,000 tickets sold for the season. That makes alumni support all the more important. Collectively Kent State students, alumni, faculty and staff need to "Rise As One" this season to reach our goal.

Help us "Rise As One." Call 330-672-2244 and order your tickets today.



View the 2012-13 Football Schedule at tinyurl.com/flashfootball2013.



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Take advantage of the opportunity to support the team by purchasing your season or group tickets. Tickets are just \$5.00 for groups of 15 or more. New season ticket holders will be entered to win a VIP Fan Experience package during a home football weekend complete with field passes, hotel and dinner.

Other options include Family Fun Packs, offering four tickets, food and drinks for the whole family. Donations of unused tickets through the Flash It Forward program will allow the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics to invite groups such as Akron Children's Hospital, Big Brothers Big Sisters and other youth organizations to a game. The program also ensures that all military men and women are admitted free to Kent State games.



Check out the Fan Experience at <http://bit.ly/kent-gameday>.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBER PROFILE



Virginia Horvath, M.A. '79, Ph.D. '84, is the 13th President of the State University of New York - Fredonia. Her career at Fredonia began in 2005 when she served as vice president for Academic Affairs. Prior to her appointment at Fredonia, Horvath served as dean of Academic and Student Services for Kent State's Regional Campuses and also served as special assistant to the president for strategic planning. Her academic career started as a faculty member at Kent State University at East Liverpool in 1985, where she was tenured and promoted to professor. She also spent a year as a Visiting Professor at Shimane University in Japan.

DR. VIRGINIA HORVATH, M.A. '79, PH.D. '84

Why Kent State?

I came to Kent State as a graduate student because of the strong reputation of the Department of English. I had never visited the campus before I arrived in the fall of 1978, but I immediately felt at home at the University Library, Satterfield Hall and on Front Campus, where I enjoyed the beautiful trees and black squirrels. I intended to be at Kent State for one to two years, but I ended up staying for 27!

Who was your favorite Kent State professor?

I had two favorite professors. Professor **Joseph Baird**, my dissertation director, was an inspiring instructor, a demanding

reader and a wise mentor. And Professor **Kelly Jentoft** presented brilliant and surprising lectures, paired with writing assignments that changed my thinking and my ability to write.

What does Kent State mean to you?

I came to Kent State when I was 20 years old. It's where I discovered my passion for teaching and learning, raised my children and had many opportunities to grow and become involved. It was my home for almost three decades, and the people and campuses of Kent State remain in my heart.

Something most people don't know about you

When I received the Distinguished

Teaching Award from the Kent State University Alumni Association, it included a cash award that I used for two great purposes: to take my family on a vacation and to purchase academic regalia (which I'd previously rented). Now every time I wear that doctoral robe, hood and cap, I remember how much it meant to me to have been recognized as a distinguished faculty member.

Why did you become a lifetime member of the Kent State University Alumni Association?

I became a lifetime member because I wanted to show my commitment to Kent State and to stay connected to the Alumni Association.

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ALUMNI COLLEGE

Kent State alumni returned for the second annual Alumni College, held May 18-20. Here are the top 10 memories from the weekend. By Ashley Katona, '06, M.Ed. '12, and Brittney Braydich, '02, M.Ed. '06.



10 Residence hall food never tasted so good: Alumni did not go hungry and were served an array of meals from delicious appetizers at the Ray's Place beer tasting to a more formal steak dinner at the closing reception.

9 Hanging with the in crowd: Alumni spent their lunch with some of Kent State's most promising student leaders and learned firsthand about what it's like to attend Kent State today.

8 CHEERS!: Alumni attended a beer tasting at Ray's Place, a wine tasting at Riverside and caught a glimpse of some of the new downtown developments. Some attendees even extended their evening to include visiting favorite haunts like the Loft and Venice Café.

7 New friends: How much fun is it to reminisce about your Kent State days? Alumni had the chance to do plenty of reminiscing with other alumni who shared similar experiences. In fact, some of the stories left the staff speechless!

6 Prominent speakers: Keynote Regina Brett, '86, New York Times best-selling author, Pulitzer Prize winner and *Plain Dealer* columnist was certainly inspiring said one alumna. Brett talked about how Kent State prepared her for life personally and professionally and her new book, *Be the Miracle*.



5 Reliving residence-hall days: Memories of communal showers, shoebox-sized rooms and curfews may come rushing to you, but Alumni College attendees experienced firsthand just how much residence hall life has changed with the option to stay in the newly renovated Stopher-Johnson Hall.

4 Rediscover the beauty of campus: So much is happening at Kent State! Alumni not only had the opportunity to take a campus tour but also heard about some of Kent State's latest endeavors from President **Lester A. Lefton**.

3 The KSUAA team: Whether you rode the bus with *Nancy Schiappa*, '85, M.Ed. '90; took your chances on a golf cart tour with *Shilpi Tiwari*, M.Ed. '12; or headed to the winery with *Ashley Katona*, '06, M.Ed. '12, chances are you spent some time with a staff member from the Kent State University Alumni Association. Making the weekend a memorable experience was important to us. Staff members were eager to get to know our alumni and were available at every turn to answer questions.

2 Sent to the dean's office: This time around, a private meeting with the dean was served up with breakfast and an update about each specific college and the exciting accomplishments and developments on the horizon, not a call home to mom and dad and a warning!



1 Classes without quizzes: Receiving another diploma is easy! Alumni attended several courses and learned about interesting topics such as autism, the crisis at Citicorp Tower, issues in college athletics and many more.

Class Notes

'69

Jim Grant, New Philadelphia, Ohio, wrote *The Gradall - A Story of American Ingenuity*, a book about the commercial history of a globally recognized Ohio product and company, the Gradall machine and Gradall Industries Inc. of New Philadelphia. Grant also recently published *Load Handler*, a book that presents the legacy of the Gradall material handler product line.

'70

Michael R. Mc Cafferty, Seattle, Wash., began his work at the Seattle Art Museum as a security guard 40 years ago and recently retired as director of exhibition design. McCafferty plans to spend his retirement visiting family and working on his own art.

'71

Peter M. Jedick, Rocky River, Ohio, recently created a Facebook page for his *Hippies* novel, facebook.com/hippiesbook.

'73

Carter E. Strang, B.S. '73, J.D., Cleveland, Ohio, a partner with Tucker Ellis & West LLP in Cleveland, Ohio, has been named to the 2012 Top-Rated Lawyers Guide for Energy, Environmental and Natural Resources Law, published in *Corporate Counsel* and the *American Lawyer* magazines.

'74

James V. Smolka, Hinckley, Ohio, worked with the Ohio State Extension office for 15 years and the Medina Landmark, a farm co-op for eight years primarily helping farmers with pest management and limiting pesticides. While working in the late 80s, Smolka took his interest in insects on the road when he started Bugs Unlimited, an educational traveling display of live and dead insects.

'78

Barbara J. (Wright) Mountjoy, J.D., Meadville, Pa., published her sixth and seventh novels this summer. *Conviction of the Heart* and *Second Changes* will be printed under the nom de plume Alana Lorens, and are the first two volumes in the *Lady Lawyers of Pittsburgh* series. Previously she has authored the *Clan Elves of the Bitterroot* series and the science-fiction novel *TRIAD*, under the non de plume Lyndi Alexander. Mountjoy has five more books contracted to come out over the next two years.

'79

Kip Greenhill, M.Ed., Columbus, Ohio, retired after 17 years as principal of Upper Arlington High School, nine years as principal of Bexley High School and 39 years as an educator.

Virginia S. Horvath, M.A., '79, Ph.D., '84, Fredonia, N.Y., is the 13th president to lead SUNY Fredonia in Fredonia, N.Y. Horvath served as Vice President for Academic Affairs since 2005.



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ALUMNI CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

1 Members of the **Honors College Alumni Chapter** take a break for a photo during a chapter meeting.

2 Alumni and friends from the **Central Ohio Alumni Chapter** participated in the Kent State University Alumni Association National Alumni Day of Service in

April. During a river clean-up, the chapter picked up 41 bags of trash, several construction cones, a muffler, an air mattress, plastic chairs, a seat cushion and a buoy.

3 The **Tampa Bay Alumni Chapter** hosted an exciting social at Rick's On the River in March.

Class Notes

'83

Linda N. (Nicklos) Reid, Seven Hills, Ohio, is the new superintendent of the South Euclid-Lyndhurst school district. Reid worked in the Garfield Heights school district for 12 years, serving as superintendent since 2010.

'84

Matthew J. Janke, M.F.A., '92, Atlanta, Ga., has a passion for glass art. Since 1996, Janke and his wife, Kim, have owned Janke Studios, a colorful studio of blown glass in Atlanta, Ga. Kevin T. Ritchie, Williamsburg, Va., is the event planner for York County Parks and Recreation. Ritchie previously worked as their recreation supervisor, and prior to that was the park manager for Fairfax County Parks and Recreation.

'86

Deborah S. Delisle, M.Ed., North Myrtle Beach, S.C., former superintendent of Cleveland Heights-University Heights schools, has been confirmed as the nation's new assistant secretary of education for elementary and secondary education. Delisle will work under U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan as part of the senior leadership team at the U.S. Department of Education.

Kimberly S. Peer, Mogadore, Ohio, Athletic Training Education Program undergraduate and graduate coordinator and associate professor at Kent State, has recently been named to the Ohio Athletic Trainers' Association Hall of Fame. Candidates for this prestigious award are nominated by their peers, making this a most revered honor.

'87

Margaret F. (Maimone) Mascio-Medzie, M.Ed., Ravenna, Ohio, has been named the executive director of The American Red Cross of Summit and Portage counties. Medzie joined the local Red Cross chapter in October of 2011 as Director of Regional Development. Before joining the Red Cross, she spent several years with the Ohio Division of the American Cancer Society, Goodwill Industries of Akron and The Portage Foundation.

'90

David B. McCoy, L.S.M., Massillon, Ohio, recently retired from 32 years of teaching social studies at Jackson Local Schools in Ohio. McCoy just released the new e-book, *A Short History of Hilton Head Island*.

'91

Minton P. Mayer, Germantown, Tenn., of counsel, has joined Wiseman Ashworth Law Group PLC. Mayer will work on civil litigation matters in the areas of medical malpractice, longterm health care, personal injury defense and professional negligence defense.



4 Alumni and friends from the **Southern California Alumni Chapter** also participated in the Kent State Alumni Association National Alumni Day of Service in April. Volunteers helped out at the Veteran's Administration West Los Angeles Medical Center.

Communication Alumni Chapter *Daily Kent Stater* Reunion in May. *Daily Kent Stater* alumni gathered to say "good-bye" to retiring advisor Carl Schierhorn.

5 The **Stark County Alumni Chapter** hosted a group of volunteers at the Domestic Violence Project Inc. for the Kent State University Alumni Association National Alumni Day of Service.

8 Alumni and friends from the **National Capital Alumni Chapter** kicked back at a third Thursday happy hour.

6 Alumni and friends from the **Black Alumni Chapter** had a great time at "The Day Party" held in May at Harvard Wine and Grille in Cleveland.

9 The **Lake County Alumni Chapter** led a service project at the Lake County Historical Society during the Kent State University Alumni Association National Alumni Day of Service in April.

7 There was lots of dancing and singing at the **School of Journalism and Mass**

10 Alumni and friends from the **Marching Band Alumni Chapter** were invited back to campus to participate in the chapter's annual Flasher Brass event.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

In this year of the Queen of England's Jubilee, the Kent State University Alumni Association thought it might be fun to catch up with a few former Kent State homecoming queens.

By Ashley Katona, '06, M.Ed. '12

ALUMNI



Debbie Oris Taylor, '90, M.P.A. '92

Current Position:

Director of Business Development at Select Specialty Hospital in Columbus

Year Crowned Homecoming Queen: 1988

Favorite Homecoming Weekend Activity:

The parade. There was a lot of energy, and it was great how many organizations were involved from college and the town.

Thanks to her Kent State marketing degree and graduate assistantship with the Admissions Office, Oris landed her first job at Heartland of Mentor Nursing Center as the director of admissions

and marketing. Now Oris manages the development and implementation of the census and marketing strategy for Select Specialty Hospital.

Oris says her education has been invaluable, including her textbooks that she still uses as references today. "The marketing classes truly prepared me to work in the marketing field. They gave me a leg up when I started my career in healthcare," Oris says. "Throughout my career, I've met so many other people who attended Kent State. I'm convinced it got me in the door on a number of occasions."



Erika Glenn, '05

Current Position: Attorney at Woodfill Law Firm in Houston, Texas

Year Crowned Homecoming Queen: 2003

Favorite Homecoming Weekend Activity:

"It's between the bonfire and the parade. The bonfire was nice to relax and hang out with friends, and the parade truly made me feel like royalty to be recognized alongside my peers, friends and other student leaders who were on Homecoming Court."

Erika Glenn says being named Queen was one of the highest honors that she has ever received in her life next to passing the bar and being sworn-in as an attorney. She

now works in Texas as an attorney for the Woodfill Law Firm and practices several types of law, such as medical malpractice, prescription drug litigation and family law.

Glenn was a Kent State University Alumni Association Student Ambassador, resident assistant, Student Orientation instructor and Planning, Advising and Scheduling System facilitator. One of her favorite Kent State memories was traveling with *D'Andra Mull*, '02, and *Arica Kress*, '03, to Kentucky and South Carolina to watch the Men's Basketball team compete in the NCAA Sweet 16 Tournament.

Class Notes

Diana L. Rogers-Adkinson, Ph.D., '91, Whitewater, Wis., assumed the duties of Dean of the College of Education at Southeast Missouri State in July.

Larry Steinberg, Sammamish, Wash., joined Agilysys, a leading provider of innovative information technology and hospitality software solutions, as senior vice president of technology.

'93

Steven P. Koproski, '93, M.B.A., '95, Dayton, Ohio, is the national campus director for Athletes in Action. Koproski served many roles with them since 1995, most recently as the director for the Great Lakes Region.

'96

Gordon G. Frissora, Ph.D., Fredonia, Pa., was promoted April 2012 to associate professor in the Criminal Justice

Department of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services at Youngtown State University in Youngstown, Ohio. Frissora has been teaching in the Criminal Justice Department since graduating with his Ph.D. in 1996.

John T. Hines, M.M., Cedar Falls, Iowa, is an associate professor of voice at Northern Iowa School of Music, where he chairs the vocal division.

'97

Traci L. Purdum, North Ridgeville, Ohio, an award-winning business journalist with extensive experience covering management issues, has joined HVACR Business as editor-in-chief. Purdum spent the last 10 years at *Industry Week* magazine. She also is a prolific freelance writer doing projects for various outlets including Cleveland's *The Plain Dealer*, *Business.com*, and several local public relations agencies in the Cleveland area.

'98

Aimee L. (Hagerty) Johnson, Northfield, Minn., designed the record cover for a limited edition re-release of the Cure's

"Friday I'm in Love" single. The 7" debuted in a pop-up exhibition on Chance Street in London in April.

Chris Martin, M.B.A., Redwood City, Calif., has been promoted to general manager of North America for Obopay, a leading provider of mobile and instant payment solutions for market-leading brands. Martin will serve in the new position in addition to his role as executive vice president of global operations.

'99

Ayris T. Scales, Cleveland, Ohio, has been appointed the first executive director for the D.C. Promise Neighborhood Initiative Inc. Scales held leadership roles in the private and public sectors in Washington, D.C., Savannah, Ga., and Indianapolis, Ind.

'01

Nic Langlois, Mount Juliet, Tenn., has been named associate director, Campaign Growth and Analytics for United Way of Metropolitan Nashville, Tenn. Since 2001, Langlois has held a



KENT STATE FOLK FESTIVAL



Photos of the 17th Annual Folk Festival are from the Chestnut Burr.



flashback

From Around the World to 'Round Town

By Bob Burford

The Kent State Folk Festival is the second-oldest continuously produced folk festival on a college campus, preserving folk and heritage music through concerts,



workshops and educational programs. Over the decades, the festival has presented concerts by music legends such as Bob Dylan, Judy Collins and Doc Watson, as well as exciting new acts such as Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros.

The 46th Kent State Folk Festival will take place Sept. 20–22 at venues around the city and on the Kent Campus, presenting a diverse mix of heritage performers and up-and-coming artists.

On Thursday, Sept. 20, Canadian world music group Dehli 2 Dublin play a free show at Manchester Field, while Tracy Grammar and John Gorka perform at the Kent Stage.

On Friday, Sept. 21, the popular Folk Alley 'Round Town event brings free live music to more than 30 Kent locations, and Over the Rhine plays the Kent Stage. Closing the festival on Sept. 22 is folk icon Tom Paxton along with the Red Clay Ramblers and John McCutcheon.

LOSSES

'42

Bert Altmann, Los Gatos, Calif.,
March 2012.

'49

Carl A. Walther, Canton, Ohio,
May 2012.

'50

Shirley E. Howes, J.D., North
Canton, Ohio, March 2012.

Richard J. Martin, Westerville, Ohio,
November 2008.

'51

John E. Masline, Santa Barbara,
Calif., March 2012.

'52

Donald O. Sanderson, B.S., '62,
Fairfield, Vt., October 2002.

'54

Maurice A. Bittner, M.Ed., '59,
Columbus, Ohio, April 2012.

'55

Charles P. Catanese, M.Ed., Costa
Mesa, Calif., March 2012.

'56

Ellen A. Anchin, Sarasota, Fla.,
June 2011.

Kenneth W. Wolff, Ravenna, Ohio,
April 2012.

'60

Burwell O. Buchanan, M.A., Kill
Devil Hills, N.C., April 2012.

'61

Joseph R. D'Amico, Stow, Ohio,
November 2010.

'63

Jane F. Van Almen, Buffalo Grove,
Ill., April 2012.

'67

Dixie L. Ullman, Ravenna, Ohio,
May 2012.

'68

Myung Kee Kim, M.A., Flushing,
N.Y., March 2012.

'69

Bill Monbeck, M.Ed., '71,
Stow, Ohio, April 2012.

'71

Jane C. Robertson, M.Ed., '73,
Longmont, Colo., September 2011.

Kenneth K. Tieber, Cleveland, Ohio,
April 2012.

'74

Debra A. Thompson, Beachwood,
Ohio, December 2011.

'75

Sharon L. Brugmann, Chino Valley,
Ariz., March 2012.

Michael Zaremba, Stow, Ohio,
March 2012.

'78

Gerald C. Hoffman, Kalamazoo,
Mich., May 2012.

Adora V. Parish, B.B.A., '82, Canton,
Ohio, April 2012.

'82

Patricia R. Peyton, M.Ed., '82, South
Euclid, Ohio, September 2004.

'86

Collins D. Green, Akron, Ohio,
April 2012.

'87

Jeffrey K. Skilling, Lewis Center,
Ohio, April 2012.

'09

Rebecca L. Smith, Butler, Pa.,
September 2011.

Class Notes

variety of positions of increasing responsibility with United Way where she began her professional career in Cleveland, Ohio. She is a member of United Way's Sennet Society, a leadership group of young professionals.

Dennis Vaughn Jr., Bedford, Ohio, was named Ohio Big Brother of the Year by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cleveland, where he has been a mentor for more than 10 years. Vaughn is a senior associate at SS&G Inc., an accounting firm in Solon.

'04

Susanna S. Linqvist, Carolina Beach, N.C., relocated her photography business from San Diego, Calif. to Wilmington, N.C., two years ago and is busier than ever. Linqvist specializes in wedding and boudoir photography.

Marian B. Maxfield, M.Ed., '04, Ph.D., '11, Stow, Ohio, received the Outstanding Dissertation Publication Award for her dissertation in the American Educational Research Association Division H Conference in Vancouver, Canada.

'05

Alaina A. Farabaugh, Wellesley, Mass., is the web coordinator for *Tire Business* and its sister publication *Rubber and Plastics News*.

Maya Kaminsky, Chicago, Ill., just launched her own line of weighted workout clothes designed specifically for women. W8FIT Active Wear is made in the U.S.A.

Cindy P. Sefton, M.L.I.S. Cincinnati, Ohio, was named director of the Johnnie Mae Berry Library at Cincinnati State. Sefton has been employed at the Cincinnati State library since 2001.

'06

David L. DiPillo, M.T., Youngstown, Ohio, tells an inspiring tale of a travelling salesman who crafts his own furniture but can't build his future. His novel, *A Bridge Apart*, sings the praises of a simplistic lifestyle.

'08

Rebecca R. Antill, B.A., '08, M.L.I.S., '09, Fayetteville, N.C., is the new youth services librarian at the Scotland County Memorial Library in North Carolina.

'12

Gabrielle N. Ingram, Indianapolis, Ind. is one of 54 fellows selected for this year's Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellowship. Ingram will receive a \$30,000 stipend to complete a special intensive master's program at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

LIFE MEMBERS

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

Karen Adams, Ann Arbor, Mich.
 Carolyn Adelman, North Canton, Ohio
 Patricia Agble, Tallmadge, Ohio
 Erica Alexander, Gilbert, Ariz.
 Ronald Alexander, Gilbert, Ariz.
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 John Amatangelo, Saint Augustine, Fla.
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 Jason Aronoff, Tonawanda, N.Y.
 Antoinette Augustine, Atlanta, Ga.
 Albert Barber, Stow, Ohio
 Deborah Barber, Stow, Ohio
 Robert Barrett, Queen Creek, Ariz.
 Howard Bates, Burton, Ohio
 Marilyn Becker, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Paula Benford, Westlake Village, Calif.
 Keith Benjamin, Kent, Ohio
 Wendy Benjamin, Kent, Ohio
 Debra Berry, Kent, Ohio
 Marianne Bertsch, Tallmadge, Ohio
 Mandar Bhagwat, Belmont, Mass.
 Sreekala Bhagwat, Belmont, Mass.
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 Arlene Borthwick, Palatine, Ill.
 Gail Bowen, Chagrin Falls, Ohio
 Richard Bowen, Cleveland, Ohio
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 Phyllis Carnahan, Blue Bell, Pa.
 Robert Carnahan, Blue Bell, Pa.
 Don Chappelle, Kent, Ohio
 Kathy Chappelle, Kent, Ohio
 Angela Charles, Stow, Ohio
 Richard Charles, Stow, Ohio
 Larry Church, Louisville, Ky.
 Jamie Cickelli, Warren, Ohio
 Cherlyn Cleavenger, Towson, Md.
 Larry Cleavenger, Towson, Md.
 Donald Coffee, Hudson, Ohio
 Christopher Cogan, Defiance, Ohio
 Lynda Copeland-Fields, Palo Alto, Calif.
 Emily Cornelius, Tallmadge, Ohio
 Donna Costanza, Columbus, Ohio
 Edward Costanza, Columbus, Ohio
 Judith Cox, Santa Cruz, Calif.
 John Crecelius, Milan, Ohio
 John Czar, Berea, Ohio

Joyce Dearborn, Cleveland, Ohio
 Gretchen Deuble, Bastrop, Texas
 Joseph Patrick Di Lullo, Stow, Ohio
 Jann Dittmer, Atwater, Ohio
 Deborah Dowdell, Grafton, Ohio
 Lin Drees, Houston, Texas
 Ron Drees, MBA, Houston, Texas
 William Drypolcher Jr., San Francisco, Calif.
 Constance Dubick, Akron, Ohio
 Dean Dudley, Charleston, Ill.
 Beverley Enright, Streamwood, Ill.
 Christopher Everett, Flagstaff, Ariz.
 Judith Everett, Flagstaff, Ariz.
 Gregory Farabee, Tallmadge, Ohio
 Joan Fath, Burton, Ohio
 Michael Fath, Burton, Ohio
 Ruth Fife-Crepage, Painesville, Ohio
 Patricia Filipiak, Carolina Beach, N.C.
 Angela Francis, Newark, Ohio
 James Francis, CPA, Newark, Ohio
 Gail Freeman, Burke, Va.
 Stephanie Gabbard, West Farmington, Ohio
 Dwight Garner, Columbus, Ohio
 Nicholas Giardina, ATP, Middlefield, Ohio
 Michael Gigliotti, Solon, Ohio
 Dana Gilliland, Wellston, Ohio
 Mike Golub, Streetsboro, Ohio
 Kelly Gombert, Northfield, Ohio
 Richard Gombert, Northfield, Ohio
 Elaine Grudzinski, Great Neck, N.Y.
 Michael Guerriero, Hudson, Ohio
 Rosemary Guerriero, Hudson, Ohio
 Kimberly Halter, Kent, Ohio
 Daryl Hannes, Aurora, Ohio
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Emeriti and alumni G. Dennis Cooke and Barbara Andreas found their life's work – and their heart for giving back – at Kent State University

By **Deb McGuinness, '78**
Photo courtesy **Dennis Cooke**

G. Dennis Cooke, '59, and Barbara Andreas, '68, have unique ties to Kent State University — both are graduates who then went on to become leading professors in their fields — Cooke in limnology (fresh water biology) and Andreas in plant biology. Their deep love of their undergraduate days and for the students they in turn guided into their own careers, led them to give back to Kent State in many ways.

Students and Teachers

Denny Cooke planned to study chemistry, but a required freshman biology class changed his mind. “I took that class, and the whole world changed for me. My grades went up, biology was all I thought about,

that’s all I did, that’s all I wanted to do,” says Cooke.

Barbara came to Kent State to study journalism, but after getting C’s in journalism and A’s in biology, she saw the handwriting on the wall. “I was fortunate to become part of the Department of Biology when it was full of young, excited professors like *Lowell Orr, Art Herrick and Tom Cooperrider,*” she says.

Teachers and Students

Denny and Barbara were popular and effective professors in their long careers at Kent State — both earned the Kent State University Alumni Association Distinguished Teaching Award — and had the pleasure of shepherding several generations of students in biological science, many of whom went on to become leaders in their respective fields. Says Barbara, “Denny and I took our students under our wings, just like our professors did for us.”

Embracing the Future

Andreas worked at the Herbarium in Cunningham Hall as an undergraduate. “I really want other students to have that opportunity — that’s why Kent State is so important to me. I often think of it as my third child, so I have a strong desire to support it.” Cooke concurs, “Giving to Kent State is pure payback for the doors that I could open, walk through, and be encouraged to do what I wanted to do.”

The direct financial support and future gift plans that Cooke and Andreas have in place ensure that their legacy of excellence will live on at Kent State. The *Dr. G. Dennis Cooke and Dr. Barbara J. Andreas Scholarship in Biological Sciences* is endowed through generous gift annuities, as well as annual outright gifts. Denny sums up their reason for giving: “Kent State had a fantastic influence on me. I found my passion at Kent State, and I still have it.”



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Professors G. Dennis Cooke and Barbara Andreas visiting the Captree Valley in Australia.

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Close of Centennial Campaign Marks New Focus in Fundraising

BUILDING ON SUCCESS

By Deb McGuinness, '78

With the launch of the Centennial Campaign, Kent State University took on an aggressive agenda to raise \$250 million to fund the university's endowment, capital projects and operating needs, with a particular emphasis on student scholarships. An increased endowment provides a long-term, stable funding source for university priorities, from scholarships to research to faculty support. Capital projects are ongoing, and have expanded facilities, allowing Kent State students to learn in modern classrooms and labs and giving them access to state-of-the-art technology. And current-operating funds allow us to address immediate and emerging needs — giving us the opportunity to quickly put resources toward the ever-changing educational landscape.

As we celebrated the first 100 years of Kent State, we laid the foundation for the next century. We look back on the exceptional accomplishments of our history, while looking forward as we envision the legacy each of us will leave for deserving students for the 21st century. These students make us proud of our university and optimistic about the future.

Scholarships combat financial challenges

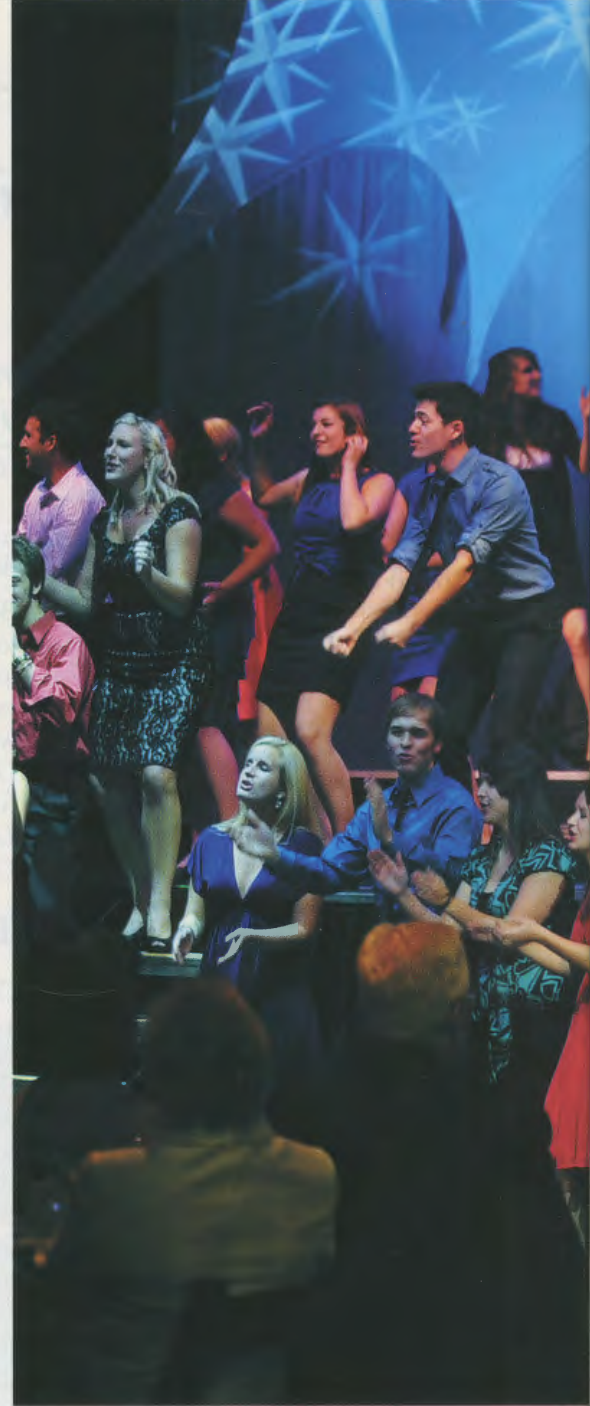
The single largest obstacle to student success is the financial aspect of their education. And the best tools we have to combat those financial challenges are scholarships, which were a key focus of the Centennial Campaign. Since the start

of the Campaign, donors committed to supporting nearly 290 endowed scholarship funds.

Ron Pizzuti, '62, who is a leading force behind the redevelopment of downtown Kent, headed up the Centennial Campaign effort. He is also a Kent State alumnus and a scholarship donor. Says Pizzuti, "As a graduate of Kent State, I was pleased and proud to help lead this instrumental fundraising effort. I'm also looking forward to continuing the legacy it has established so that future generations of students will benefit as well."

Next phase of fundraising begins

With the end of this enormously successful



effort — in which the university raised a record-breaking \$265 million — Kent State will begin the next phase of a significant fundraising plan, in which private philanthropy will be the key to ongoing growth. According to **Gene Finn**, vice president, Institutional Advancement: "Surpassing our goal for the Centennial Campaign was the result of a universitywide and communitywide commitment. Now we're looking forward — with the goal of continuing the momentum we've achieved — to strengthen our fundraising potential and bring it to a new level to meet future needs."

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Students performing at the campaign event opening. (Photo by Bob Christy, '95.)



The Centennial Campaign generated gifts such as:

- ◆ **\$13.5 million in software** for the College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability and Technology from Appropriate Technology
- ◆ **\$6.5 million** for the Roe Green Center for the School of Theatre and Dance
- ◆ **\$6 million** for the Robert S. Morrison Health and Science Center at Kent State University at Ashtabula
- ◆ **\$3 million** to the new School of Digital Sciences from the Enterprise Architecture Center of Excellence

◆ **\$1 million** from *Gerald Schweigert*, '55, to the Kent State University Museum for the preservation and future support of museum collections and activities

◆ **20 licenses** for the College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability and Technology from Rockwell Automation for Classroom Toolkit, software to help students create control and automation systems

Adds Kent State President **Lester A. Lefton**: "The Centennial Campaign

was just the beginning in terms of meeting our aggressive agenda for the future of the university. We simply could not have come this far without the support of our donor partners. To all those who contributed to the enormous success of the Centennial Campaign, thank you. We will work to ensure that Kent State University continues to be worthy of your support and investments, that our students are achieving excellence and making an impact on our future."



To learn more about scholarship opportunities, visit www.kent.edu/advancement.



Students in the Student Instructor program. Left to right: Natalie Klebine, Joe Charnas, Julia Meek, Eric Juengel, Jagannath Silwal. Lower two, left to right: Keri Hamberg (assistant director of Academic Success Center) and Jamie Cordier

STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS

Peer-to-Peer Supplemental Instruction

For many students, their first few years as an undergraduate can be an eye-opening experience, especially when they find themselves in lecture classes like General Chemistry or Analytic Geometry and Calculus. Those who struggle in these classes can find help with Supplemental Instruction from the Academic Success Center.

There are nearly 40 student leaders in the Supplemental Instruction program. They are extremely bright and possess unbridled energy and enthusiasm. SI leaders attend all of the same classes that the students they tutor do, and they take the same notes. Then they create study materials and teach peer-to-peer study sessions, helping each student to not only grasp the material but also to apply the study habits they learn to all of their other classes. The success rate of Supplemental Instruction is quite high: 33 percent of students who

don't take advantage of Supplemental Instruction either fail or drop the course; only 19 percent of those who receive Supplemental Instruction do.

Many of the Supplemental Instruction leaders were valedictorians in their high schools, and a large number of them are scholarship or financial aid recipients.

Born in Nepal, senior biotechnology major *Jagannath Silwal* is working on his honors thesis in cancer treatment. He has received an Honors College Scholarship six times during his college career. Says Silwal, "My education has opened the doors to the real world of scientific research. This would have been impossible without my scholarships."

Joe Charnas, a junior in biology, is a premed major. He was offered a full ride to both the Naval Academy and The Ohio State University, but chose Kent State to be closer to his family,

and because of the many financial aid opportunities that were offered here.

Jamie Cordier and her friend *Natalie Klebine*, are both nursing students. Both are also recipients of the Yoost and Crawford Fundamentals of Nursing Scholarship.

Says Cordier, "It's devastating when students say that they aren't sure if they will return next semester, not because they are failing, but because of financial reasons."

Klebine agrees, "It's heartbreaking to meet students who are just not in a place to pay their own tuition, but really deserve the chance to shine academically and earn a degree. Scholarships invest in individuals and the fields they will later work in."

Julia Meek is a senior biology major. "I've encouraged the students I tutor to apply for every scholarship they can, since Kent State always tries to help its students." She adds, "Financial aid enables those who may not have been fortunate enough to have a college fund to grow into scientists, authors, technicians, educators and more."

And that's a dream we can all support.



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The Centennial Campaign:

- ✦ Broke an all-time record by raising in excess of \$260 million
- ✦ Created nearly 290 brand new endowed scholarships
- ✦ Provided a stable funding source for university priorities
- ✦ Funded capital projects to expand facilities
- ✦ Impacted the quality of our students' education – and the quality of their lives

We are grateful to everyone who has contributed to the Centennial Campaign – because of your support, our students are achieving excellence and making an impact on our future.

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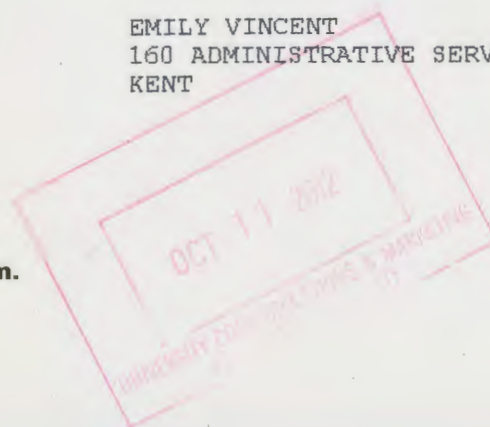

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Schedule of Events

Alumni Continental Breakfast and Parade Viewing 9-11:30 a.m.
Hosted by Kent State University Alumni Association
Williamson Alumni Center at 1200 Main St.

Homecoming Parade 10-11:30 a.m.
Main Street

Christopher Carter, Mentalist Show 12:30 p.m.
Kent Student Center Ballroom

Tom Batiuk, '69, and Chuck Ayers, '71, Art Auction and Reception 12:30-2:30 p.m.
The Nest in the Kent Student Center

Football 3:30 p.m.
Western Michigan Broncos vs. Kent State Golden Flashes
Dix Stadium

Other Activities

- Class of 1962 reunion luncheon
- Bowman Cup 5K Race
- Kiss on the K
- Kent State University May 4 Visitors Center Open House
- Much more

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