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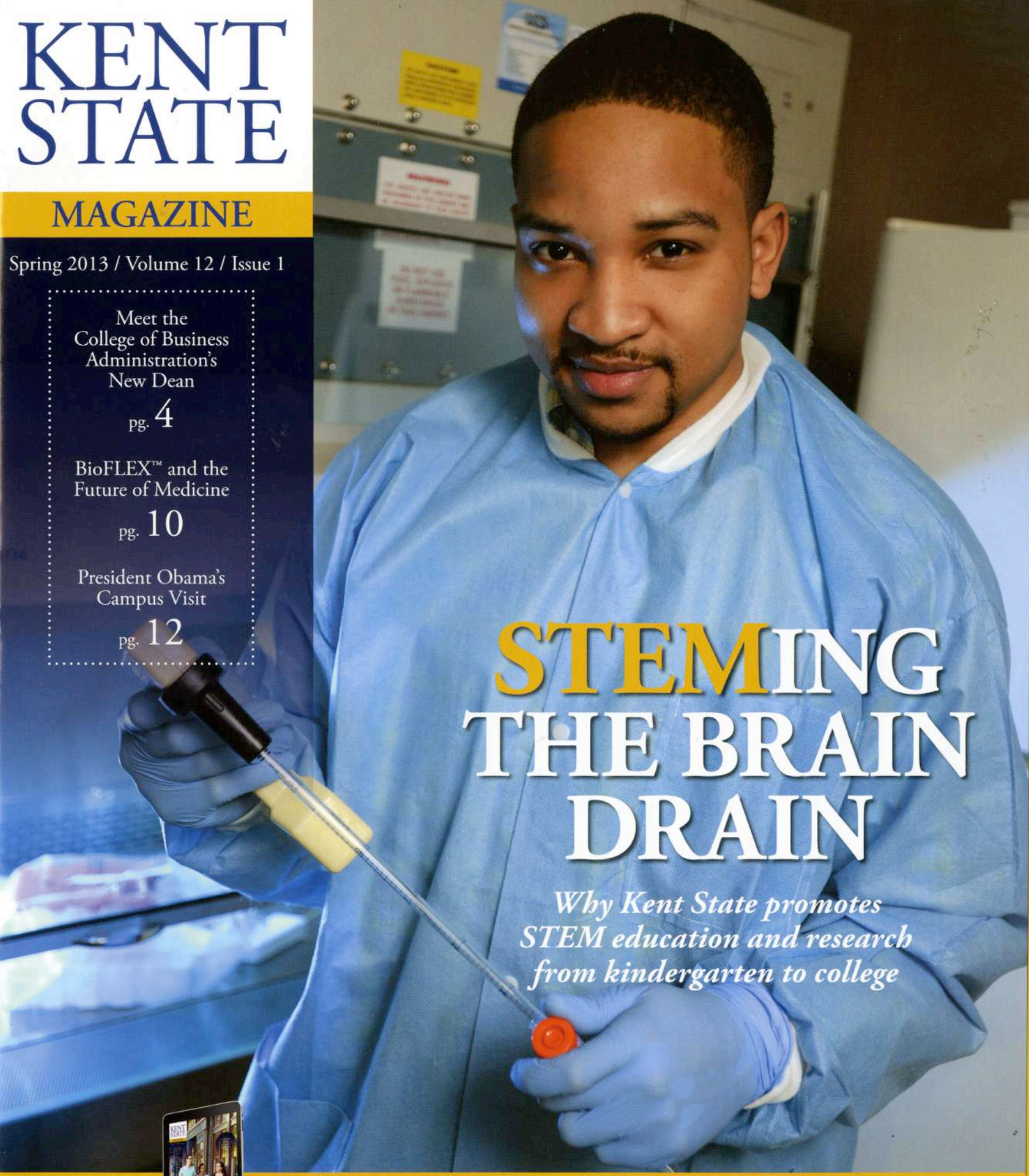

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Why Kent State promotes STEM education and research from kindergarten to college

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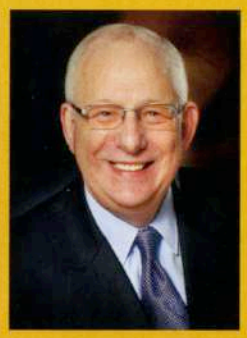

Welcome to this issue of *Kent State Magazine.* It focuses on a question that is never far from my mind: How can Kent State ensure the success of our graduates, our state and our nation — especially in a global economy that will continue to be marked by an insatiable appetite for innovators and entrepreneurs, and for professionals who are fluent in the universal languages of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)? As you will learn in the following pages, Kent State is addressing this critical and complex question as a leader. Our responses include a proactive approach to nurturing the next generation of experts in STEM fields. Without them, America's future success stands to be dangerously diminished.

Investing in the future of our students and our state compels us to work closely with business and industry as we develop and update academic programs. For example, we created an accelerated, online program that is helping to fill a critical need for nurses with baccalaureate-level education. And, as you will find in an interview with the dynamic, new dean of our College of Business Administration, we continue to prepare the next generation of business leaders for successful careers in companies, nonprofits and government agencies in Northeast Ohio and worldwide.

The most exciting pages of this issue will introduce you to students who have found that their Kent State education is a passport to success. They are among a growing number of student entrepreneurs who are translating great ideas into commercially viable products and services. I'm delighted by the national and international attention they have earned. Most of all, I'm proud that Kent State is producing graduates who not only will keep pace with the unprecedented changes of this century, but who will be pace-setters in their own right.

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Kent State center promotes and encourages STEM education and research in students from kindergarten through college.

Early childhood education major Kaihla Smith incorporates scientific discussion and experimentation into her lesson plans at the Child Development Center. (Photo by Jeff Glidden, '87)

STEMING THE

By Susan Pappas Menassa

Growing up in Cincinnati as the youngest of four boys raised by their single mother, *Ashley Hoyte* knew that going to college was a longshot. None of his older siblings had gone, and the family could not afford to send him, either.

But instead of giving up, Hoyte played the odds and took college preparatory classes in high school, holding fast to his dream of one day becoming a pharmacist. Upon graduation, he enrolled part time at the nearby University of Cincinnati and paid for his education through student loans and jobs in retail and insurance.

Promising student finds doors of opportunity

Hoyte transferred to Kent State University when he learned about the pharmacy program at Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED), a consortium of three universities that allows students to move seamlessly from an undergraduate degree to enrollment in a pharmacy or medicine program. And it was while he was doing his undergraduate work in biochemistry that two life-changing things happened.

First, Hoyte fell in love with pharmacokinetics — examining molecular structures of drugs — a facet of pharmacy he only discovered while studying under Kent State Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry **Chun-che Tsai**, Ph.D.

Second, he became the first student to receive a scholarship from Kent State's newly minted Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Research and Education Center.

"I was very honored when I found out I was the first person ever to receive this," says Hoyte, a senior biochemistry major. "It was very humbling because when you apply for something like that, you think it's out of your grasp. And then you find out you're actually on the right track. This scholarship is going to allow me to do more of the research that I love."

New center dedicated to Ohio's competitive edge

Promoting such scientific research and education is precisely why Kent State opened the STEM Research and Education Center in 2012. Among its many goals: develop collaborative partnerships both within the university and with business and industry to facilitate STEM education and training; promote and encourage STEM research and study at both the college and pre-college level; and develop K-12 outreach programs focused on generating excitement for STEM education.

Those strategies are part of Kent State's answer to solving a growing crisis at both

BRAIN DRAIN

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— Gerald Thompkins, Ph.D.

Gerald Thompkins, Ph.D., Director, STEM Research and Education Center

state and national levels that shows fewer students pursuing degrees in STEM fields. This puts Ohio and the country at risk of losing its competitive edge in technological innovation and in the global economy, says **Gerald Thompkins**, Ph.D., the director of the new STEM Research and Education Center.

"We need to start encouraging students to pursue science and math the way we did years ago," says Thompkins. "And we have lost our edge. A lot of the cutting-edge technology no longer comes from the United States."

Thompkins says early intervention is the key because it reaches out to students who might not otherwise have the chance to pursue careers in science or technology.

"It's all about what we expose them to," he says. "We need to have early exposure to science and math in order to pique the interest of students. Given the right environment, math can be fun, and students can feel excited about it instead of fearing it."

Science Camp: A STEM summer vacation

This summer, middle school students from Cleveland's inner city will have the opportunity to experience that excitement when the STEM center hosts its first-ever science camp on the Kent Campus for four weeks in July. The camp is made possible by a NASA-sponsored grant that Thompkins successfully garnered for the STEM Center last year. Known as the Ohio Space Grant Consortium, this prestigious program awards scholarships and research funding to students and faculty interested in STEM education.

Summer camp is fast approaching and Thompkins has drafted the curriculum. Among the highlights will be visits to companies such as Timken and Lockheed, as well as studying Kent State's unique aviation program. The camp is available to both boys and girls, but part of the center's mission is to encourage girls at a young age to become interested in STEM activities.

Future teacher shares passion for STEM education

Kaihla Smith, a Kent State junior majoring in early childhood education, has always been interested in science and echoes Thompkins' view about early intervention. It was that philosophy and her proposal to infuse science into her elementary school lesson plans at Kent State's Child Development Center that made her the second student to receive a scholarship from the Ohio Space Grant Consortium.

"The science approach is often forgotten in many elementary schools," Smith says. "But it's very important. It teaches children how to explore on their own by doing science experiments. They learn without me having to tell them — they see it for themselves."

Creating excitement for math and science is the driving force behind the new STEM center at Kent State, as is another broader and inspiring goal, according to Thompkins.

"I want Kent State to become a leader in STEM education in Northeast Ohio," he says. "We need to eliminate the brain drain in Ohio and across the country — it's the only way to stay competitive.

To learn more about the Child Development Center, visit **http://bit.ly/child-dev.**

Visit **http://bit.ly/choose-ohio** to learn more about STEM scholarship opportunities at Kent State.

To learn more about Professor Chun-che Tsai and his research, visit **http://bit.ly/prof-tsai.**

Visit **www.osgc.org** to learn more about the Ohio Space Grant Consortium.

Full-time MBA student Jessica Peck chats with Dean Deborah Spake about her studies. (Photo by Bob Christy, '95)

CONVERSING WITH THE DEAN

Meet Deborah Spake, new dean of the College of Business Administration

By Phil Soencksen, '89

Dean **Deborah F. Spake**, Ph.D., recently joined Kent State University from the University of South Alabama to head up the College of Business Administration.

Prior to serving as associate dean at the Mitchell College of Business at the University of South Alabama, she taught at colleges in Alabama, Michigan and Germany, where she most enjoyed teaching strategic marketing at the MBA level and also brand marketing, since those courses allow students to work with businesses to solve problems. Spake has extensive experience in marketing research and has published widely. She is very active in the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB).

Kent State Magazine recently sat down with Dean Spake and asked about her background, what she sees as the strengths of Kent State's program and her vision for the college.

KSM — How did your professional and academic career bring you to your position as dean of the College of Business Administration at Kent State?

DS — After earning the master's degree, I began working for a publishing company as its marketing research director and later made the transition from corporate to consulting and worked for firms that specialized in marketing research and strategic planning. I completed the Ph.D. and taught for a number of years before moving into academic administration six years ago. I found that the job allowed me to draw on both my industry and academic experience to help move a college forward. The opportunity to bring those skills and experience to Kent State, at a time when the campus is growing and being recognized for its many achievements, was appealing.

KSM — What is the overall mission of the College of Business Administration?

DS — Our mission is to create new knowledge and to educate undergraduate, master's and doctoral students. We accomplish that through a balanced collective engagement in rigorous and relevant research and teaching, and we revisit the mission as needed to reflect modern business college focus and practices.

Beyond the classroom, we can also share knowledge from the cutting-edge research we conduct with the business community as it relates to economic development. One of my first priorities will be to meet with corporate leaders in Northeast Ohio to solidify existing relationships and forge new ones.

KSM — What are the greatest strengths of Kent State's business programs?

DS — Certainly, a great strength is the college's faculty and staff who are dedicated to student learning, research advancements and outreach to the business community.

Another strength is the college's focus on experiential learning — bringing authentic business experiences and practices to students before they graduate. Students are better prepared and more competitive when they take advantage of our resources. We offer internships, shadowing and mentoring opportunities, working with our entrepreneurs in residence, receiving coaching from business leaders, attending sessions by guest lecturers, visiting business workplaces and more. Kent State students are fortunate to have access to a full-time business experiences manager who can help them make the most of all of these opportunities.

At Kent State, undergraduate and graduate education-abroad programs deliver value in the deeper understanding gained from seeing other places, people and business practices. Students understand that we live in a global economy where products are created in part or whole in other places in the world. Their education-abroad experiences help them to appreciate differences in the way markets operate and the connectedness of a global economy by seeing it firsthand.

> ***"We're obligated to help business students understand living and working in an international environment*** *and encourage education abroad."*
>
> ***— Deborah Spake***

The international component of the Executive MBA gives working professionals the opportunity to meet with business leaders, tour selected businesses, meet with the U.S. Embassy, visit a local university and explore a country's culture, thus comparing their own industry experiences to business practices in other parts of the world.

KSM — What are the advantages of a business degree in today's workplace?

DS — A degree in business offers a wide variety of opportunities. Every company is a business. Nonprofit and government agencies are businesses. All are in need of the skills that business graduates provide.

For graduates and professionals, if you want to be in management in any field, you need to add business, whether management, accounting or finance. Business degrees help you rise to the level of management within a company or give you the ability to manage your own company. In starting their own businesses, people with degrees or skills in other disciplines need to know about accounting, human resources, management and marketing.

I formerly taught in an MBA program that frequently had physicians come back to get their MBAs so that they could run their private practice. One former student is a cancer researcher who came back for an MBA because he needed to learn how to commercialize his work. The same is true at Kent State.

So, from freshmen to graduate students to experienced professionals, the question we could ask incoming students is — from high-tech to healthcare — where wouldn't a business degree help you?

KSM — Imagine that you're selling the college to an incoming student or the parents of an incoming student. What would you say?

DS — Despite its large size, the college is a very "high-touch" experience. Professors know you. Timely, personalized advising offers you a high level of support, and our advising office is fantastic. Experiential learning is an essential part of the program, including education-abroad opportunities, internships and so much more. This program gives you real business experiences that will better prepare you for your business career after graduation.

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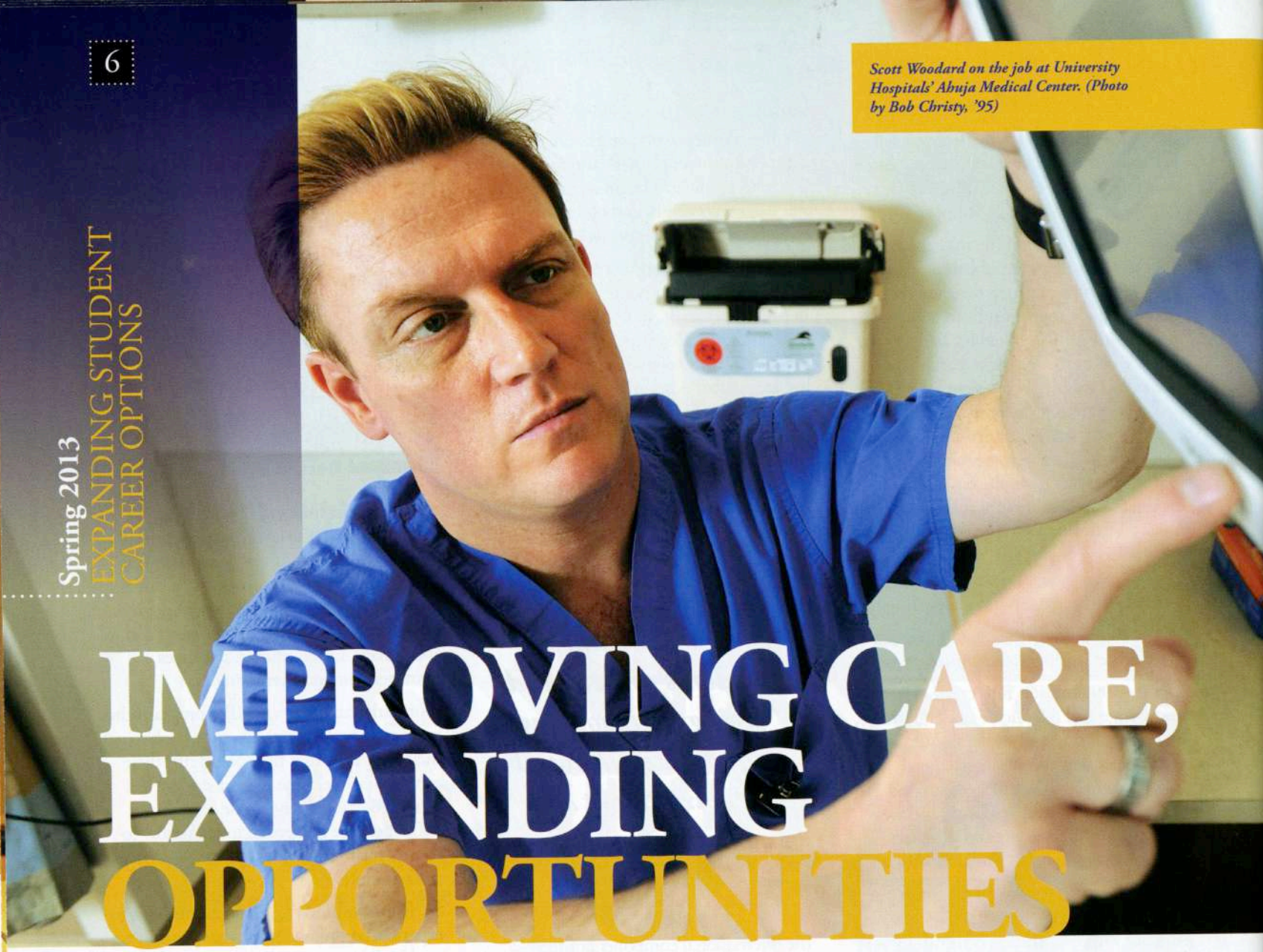
Kent State awards more MBAs than any other graduate degree.

The College of Business Administration's graduate programs were included in Princeton Review's Best 294 Business Schools.

The Executive MBA program, one of the oldest in the country, has received "Top Tier Status," the highest ranking, by *CEO Magazine*.

Learn more about the College of Business Administration at **http://www.kent.edu/business.**
View a video about Dean Spake at **http://youtu.be/MKwj8Fzd_ps**



Scott Woodard on the job at University Hospitals' Ahuja Medical Center. (Photo by Bob Christy, '95)

IMPROVING CARE, EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES

Kent State's RN to B.S.N. Online Program meets the need for more skilled nurses.

By **Bob Burford**

For endoscopy procedure nurse *Scott Woodard*, '12, the decision to pursue a career in nursing was personal.

Both of his grandparents had chronic health problems. They were in and out of hospitals, and communication with medical professionals was difficult.

"We didn't always understand the terminology and everything that was going on," Woodard explains. "It was frustrating, and I wanted to learn more."

That quest for knowledge led the Chardon, Ohio, native to go into nursing. He's now working at University Hospitals' Ahuja Medical Center in Beachwood, and his journey continues to be shaped by his drive for more education.

Woodard credits Kent State's RN to B.S.N. Online Program for improving his skills, his position and his confidence.

Developed specifically for RNs with diplomas or associate degrees, Kent State's RN to B.S.N. Online Program allows nurses the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree in an accelerated online format from one of the finest nursing programs in the country. The program is available in both part-time and full-time formats and can be completed in less than two years.

RNs broaden knowledge and skills, become better nurses

"Northeast Ohio is one of the most complex healthcare environments in the world, and there is incredible demand for skill and knowledge," says **Laura Dzurec**, dean of Kent State's College of Nursing. "Earning the B.S.N. to practice professional nursing is being increasingly mandated around the country. The RN to B.S.N. program gives students — who are already good nurses — the opportunity to build the science behind their work." Because healthcare is changing rapidly, professional organizations such as the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the

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— Dr. John Dumot

American Organization of Nurse Executives believe that a B.S.N. education prepares nurses for the expanding role of the nurse, the acceleration of healthcare delivery changes and the increased emphasis on community-centered care.*

The Institute of Medicine recommends that the proportion of nurses with B.S.N. degrees be increased to 80 percent by 2020. Dr. John Dumot, medical director of endoscopy at Ahuja, says the degree makes a difference. "I think the more educated a healthcare professional is, the better the patient experience," Dumot says. "So having a bachelor's degree does help." Nurses' front-line skills are vital to the well-being of patients.

Woodard started out as a nursing assistant in 1993, and has steadily added to his education over the years. He completed his RN in 2007, but continued to monitor trends in the healthcare industry and saw firsthand the increased demand for nurses with greater leadership and technology skills.

"There's a real push within places such as University Hospitals and the Cleveland Clinic for RNs to have a bachelor's degree," Woodard says. "It really expands your opportunities."

A colleague at University Hospitals recommended that he check out Kent State's online offering.

"The nursing educator here raved about the online program, so I looked into it and decided Kent State was the place for me," he says.

Brenda Culler, academic advisor for the College of Nursing, worked closely with Woodard as he navigated his studies.

Culler says demand for the online program is growing, and she's not surprised.

"Our classes are small — limited to just 30 students — and they're very focused on collaboration, communication and intensive writing," Culler says. "It really helps individuals in their scope of practice to be better nurses."

Program's flexibility appeals to working professionals

The flexibility of the RN to B.S.N. Online Program appealed to Woodard.

"I had taken online courses before, so it was something I was comfortable with," Woodard says. "Kent State's program fits your schedule very nicely and it's pretty flexible. I was actually able to take my schoolwork to Florida when I went on vacation, so that was wonderful."

"Scott was unique," Culler says with a laugh. "He was already in a program somewhere else but saw the opportunity here to move through faster and get where he wanted to go."

Culler is impressed by Woodard's hard work and dedication.

"He changed his whole life to do this," she explains. "He chose Kent State because of the value for him, and he's a great success story."

Kent State meets need of healthcare sector

Approximately 260 students from 22 states are currently enrolled in the program. Healthcare administrators from Northeast Ohio and beyond recognize Kent State's leadership in meeting the needs of a changing industry. Dumot thinks Woodard is a great ambassador for the university.

"The Kent State program has a great reputation," Dumot says. "I'm always pleased when Kent State graduates apply for positions here."

"Scott's exceptional because he has the clinical skills and the personality to handle just about any encounter we come across," he says. "He's good with patients and he's good with doctors, and he takes care of both the routine and the complex procedures. So we can put Scott in just about any room in any situation, and he'll do an extremely good job."

Dumot says increased access to insurance and healthcare will fuel the demand for well-prepared nurses.

"As the patient population in the United States ages, there's no question nursing is a good secure job," Dumot says. Woodard definitely sees a future for himself in nursing. He's currently pursuing his master's degree through Kent State and expects to graduate in May 2015.

He says he's recommended Kent State to colleagues at University Hospitals, and several are already looking into it.

Given the anticipated demand, the university plans to expand the RN to B.S.N. Online Program to include all eight of Kent State's campuses.

For more on Kent State's College of Nursing, **visit www.kent.edu/nursing.**
View a video interview with Scott Woodard, **visit http://youtu.be/KLlHMT52mEA.**

* American Association of Colleges of Nursing (2000). "The Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing as Minimal Preparation for Professional Practice." AACN Position Paper. http://www.aacn.nche.edu/Publications/positions/baccmin.htm and American Organization of Nurse Executives (2008). Position Statement. http://www.aone.org/aone/resource/practiceandeducation.html

From left: Daniel Gur, David Steinberg and Camden Fullmer with their app SimpleWash. (Photo by Bob Christy, '95)

GIVING SOCIAL MEDIA A SIMPLEW

Kent State students generate a huge buzz with their social media "cleanup" app.

By **Bob Burford**

We've all heard the horror stories. A high school teacher loses his job because of a Facebook posting that insulted the chairman of the local school board. A young professional missed out on interviewing for her dream job because the prospective employer saw her Facebook party photos and read her Tweets about being hung over.

Today, social media and employment are increasingly intertwined. Most of us have some type of online presence, and prospective employers often scan those digital footprints to see if there are any signs of less-than-professional behavior.

Three Kent State University students recently developed a Web application to help those looking to clean up their acts — virtually speaking. Computer science majors *Camden Fullmer* of Lebanon, Pa., *Daniel Gur* of Johannesburg, South Africa, and *David Steinberg* of Kent, Ohio, created FaceWash — now known as SimpleWash™ — in a weekend hackathon, a programming competition at the University of Pennsylvania that was held Jan. 18–20, 2013.

Students' work captures the world's interest

SimpleWash is a Web app that allows users to easily remove or edit objectionable content from their Facebook accounts, and the world is taking notice. In the 10 days following the launch, the site has attracted more than 135,000 unique visitors from more than 175 countries.

News about the students' app began spreading before the trio returned home from the hackathon, after a story was posted on the influential tech blog "The Next Web."

"I'm personally blown away by how much reaction we've had," says Fullmer, a Kent State senior who also majors in applied mathematics. "On the way home from the competition, I found the article online, and at that time, it already had 800 shares from people."

The development has garnered attention from media outlets across the country, including the *Los Angeles Times, PC Magazine*, ABC News, *The New York Times, Chicago Tribune*, Forbes.com and scores of others.

"There are a lot of college students joining the professional world, quickly and potentially not so easily, and so we thought we wanted to make a tool that can help automate the process of finding content connected to you, but that you clean up as you wish," says Steinberg, a senior who also majors in electronic media production at Kent State. "We've received a lot of positive feedback from around the world, which has been really exciting."

Professor **Mikhail Nesterenko**, Ph.D., Department of Computer Science, is the faculty advisor for the hacKSU student club the three students founded. He also taught all three and considers them excellent students who enjoyed learning new material. Nesterenko sees in them the right blend of traits to spell success — showmanship, an enterprising spirit and technical proficiency. "They complement each other's strengths and make a good team," he says.

Team already expanding offerings

The trio is genuinely grateful for all of the positive coverage and feedback, but they are not resting on their laurels. They are expanding and improving SimpleWash.

They began with a pre-set list of English terms that may be considered undesirable content, and they have since expanded to Spanish, French, German and Italian.

Photo and image recognition functionality is being explored, but shortly after the "hackathon" competition, the team began setting its sights beyond Facebook. Due to that expanded focus, on Feb. 1 they changed the name of their Web tool from FaceWash to SimpleWash, reflecting their planned move into additional social media outlets.

"There are a variety of social media that we're really excited to expand into," Steinberg says. "Twitter is our next step. People on Twitter actually have been commenting that they would be excited to have that functionality."

Less than a month after creating the app for cleaning up content on Facebook, the three students began beta testing SimpleWash for Twitter.

Students gained experience for life

Gur admits that juggling their busy schedules is a real challenge, especially in the wake of the extensive media coverage.

"It's been a great learning experience," Gur says. "But we basically don't sleep that much anymore."

Officials from Facebook have not contacted the budding tech developers.

"They have not commented on the use of the application," Steinberg says. "The hope here is that you can maintain your public image in a professional light. We find Facebook to be a phenomenal social tool, and we only hope to expand it."

Steinberg, Fullmer and Gur seem to be taking all of the attention in stride.

"The buzz really inspires us to work even harder on the project," Fullmer says.

All three display a positive attitude that will no doubt serve them well as they pursue their dreams. As Nesterenko sees it, "The common character trait for David, Daniel and Camden is ambition. They have the desire to go beyond just good grades and a predictable career path, as well as the will to work hard to make it happen."

"We love this college, and we've had a great time here," Steinberg says. "We're really excited to be generating energy and excitement about the Department of Computer Science and Kent State as a whole."

For information about Kent State's Department of Computer Science, visit **http://www.kent.edu/CAS/CS.**

To watch a video about SimpleWash, visit **http://tinyurl.com/simplewash.**

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bioFLEX™ AND THE FUTURE OF MEDICINE

By **Jim Maxwell**, '00, MS, '11

It's 8 a.m. on a Monday, and Doug King is nervously waiting for the nurse to wheel him into the operating room. Doug is 45 years old, with a wife, three kids and a great job. Life is good. Or it was until a month ago — when Doug's doctor found a suspicious lump in his abdomen, and a CT scan showed that he had developed a kidney tumor. Medical tests confirmed it was malignant, and then the world changed for Doug and his family. We have all heard of the stories of those first days and weeks following a cancer diagnosis and the harrowing treatments that can sicken patients and leave them debilitated, or that simply are not very effective. This world of anxiety has become Doug's universe.

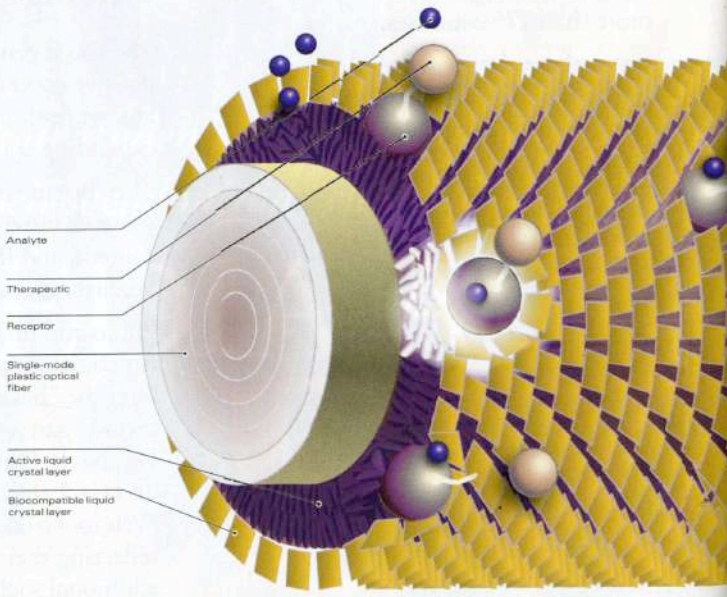
Let's leave Doug in the competent hands of the operating room team and consider a different world just a few short years into the near future, where Doug's anxiety waiting for surgery is still high, but he is infused with greater hope for a successful outcome. After reviewing different treatment options with his doctors, Doug and his wife decided to try one of the newest approaches to treatment — an implanted bioflexible device.

Doug's surgery in this future world will be minimally invasive and will involve a

Anatomy of a **bioFLEX**™ Device

Analytes (represented by small blue spheres) bind with receptors causing the release of therapeutics and disruption of the liquid crystal array leading to an optical signal transmitted by the optical fiber

The approximate thickness of a bioFLEX™ strand will be one micron



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tiny device implanted into his body. This device, smaller in diameter than a human hair, will consist of a bundle of dozens of flexible and stretchable cable-like probes that are only a few microns in diameter. The device can be precisely implanted near Doug's tumor, monitoring the progression or regression of Doug's cancer and in response, delivering medicines to kill tumor cells. It will also communicate what is happening in Doug's tumor to his doctors, who will be able to fine-tune his treatment for maximum efficacy.

Creating this world of the near future is a major focus at Kent State University, where researchers are working in multidisciplinary teams to bring this type of technological advance in biomedicine much closer to reality.

The multidisciplinary team of Kent State researchers, from such diverse fields as bioengineering, biological sciences, chemical physics and liquid crystals, is joined by colleagues from Case Western Reserve University and Northeast Ohio Medical University. Additionally, Kent State has created four new bioengineering faculty research positions and has invested more than $5 million in new facilities and equipment as part of a major bioFLEX™ initiative.

Implanting flexible biocompatible electronic diagnostic and therapeutic systems in the body will provide superior monitoring of aging and noncompliant patients, more effective wound healing in both clinical and nonclinical settings, and better treatment of diseases like Doug's cancer that stubbornly resist traditional therapies.

Here is how Kent State's bioFLEX™ device could work: An optical fiber, smaller in diameter than a human hair, would be coated with a biocompatible layer of liquid crystal molecules. Although liquid crystals are usually associated with LCD televisions and laptops, they also have unique properties that qualify them for many other applications, including sensors. When liquid crystal molecules get together, they often form well-ordered arrays of molecules that respond to external stimuli like light or electricity by changing their shape. And when they change their shape, they often produce an optical signal that can be detected.

In the device, receptor molecules will be embedded into the liquid crystal film and coated on the optical fiber. These receptor molecules recognize and bind with specific molecules in the body that are markers for disease, infection, immune response or other physiological processes.

In Doug's case, the receptors may bind with proteins that are produced specifically by tumor cells. Once this binding event has taken place, the shape of the embedded receptor molecule transforms and triggers a change in the shape and order of the liquid crystal film, which causes an optical signal to be transmitted by the optical fiber. In essence, we will have created an optical sensor for a disease marker where a single binding event can cause a widespread shape change — a magnifying effect in the liquid crystal.

As Kent State's Vice President for Research **Grant McGimpsey** notes, "The variety of applications possible with a bioFLEX™ device is dramatic. For example, recovery from an accidental or post-operative wound can be compromised by the effects of age, lowered immune systems, infections and chronic disease."

A bioFLEX™ wound-healing device would take on a different format than the fiber optic device described above, but it could include similar sensing and drug delivery capabilities.

Meanwhile, Doug has undergone a successful surgery and heads to recovery. But in a bioFLEX™ world of the future, he might have avoided invasive surgery altogether.

For more information about Kent State University's bioFLEX™ initiative, visit **www.kent.edu/researchforlifemagazine.**

A VISIT FROM

(Photo by Bob Christy, '95)

Despite rain and long lines, town and gown come together for historic event.

By *Ryan Collins* and *Olivia Arnette*, public relations majors

A sea of umbrellas amid pouring rain welcomed President Barack Obama to Kent, Ohio, on Sept. 26, 2012. Two days prior, thousands of students, faculty and staff waited for several hours for tickets to see the president of the United States, crowding around the Memorial Athletic and Convocation Center (MAC Center), the Kent Student Center and Risman Plaza.

It had been 100 years since a sitting president visited the city of Kent, and the community was energized. The campus was buzzing with excitement since first getting word that Obama was coming to speak at Kent State. Despite the rain and long lines, the turnout was impressive — 6,600 students, faculty, staff and community members attended the event.

President Obama spoke before more than 6,600 excited students, faculty, staff and community members in the MAC Center. Students waited for hours in the rain to attend the president's speech. (Photo by Lindsay Frumker)

Student-sponsored event

Obama appeared as a special guest of the Kent State College Democrats for a campaign rally. "Regardless of one's political affiliation, having a sitting president visit the campus is unmatched. We have concerts, art shows, plays and sporting events, but this was in a league of its own," says *Evan Gildenblatt*, executive director of Kent State's Undergraduate Student Government. Gildenblatt spoke to the crowd prior to the president's address.

The administrative team at University Communications and Marketing understood the impact of the event and the importance of high-profile figures speaking with students. The visit was a chance for all Kent State students to get involved — regardless of political affiliation.

"We would have done the same thing for Gov. Romney, if he had visited," says **Eric Mansfield**, '12, executive director of media relations at Kent State. "We would have given him the same resources, the same student-organization funding and the same treatment."

"Part of doing good in the world is focusing on civic responsibility," Gildenblatt says. *Bryan Staul*, president of the Kent State College Democrats, says he and the rest of his team knocked on 2,000 doors for Obama's campaign.

"We all were so excited when we found out the president was coming to Kent State," Staul says. "I think he came

PRESIDENT OBAMA

here because Ohio is an important state for any candidate, and we are also the second-largest school in Ohio." Staul had the honor of introducing the president in front of the 6,600 attendees and of meeting with the president and head of the Secret Service beforehand.

Experience for life

The presidential visit provided Kent State student-journalists a particularly high-profile opportunity to hone their skills. TV2, Kent State's student TV station, used a satellite truck for all-day live coverage. The *Daily Kent Stater* journalists were working on deadline, live-Tweeting and then ran from the event back to the newsroom in Franklin Hall to write stories.

"This was a tremendous opportunity for our student-journalists to cover a presidential visit," says **Emily Vincent**, '97, Kent State's director of media relations. "It makes for a great memory — as well as an impressive portfolio piece that our students can share with potential employers."

"I thought they did a great job. They had to roll with the punches," Mansfield says. "The broadcasts and the next day's paper were top-notch."

The visit involved students, university administration, student and professional media and the city of Kent.

(Photo by Jeff Glidden, '87)

***"Education** was the **gateway to opportunity** for me."*

— President Obama, Kent State University, Sept. 26, 2012

"It was quite a coup for the university and for the city, and I think it was just great for Kent State students," says **Barb Hipsman**, associate professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Kent State. "We haven't had a sitting president tool through here in quite a long time."

Civic-minded students

The lengthy line to get in the MAC Center, which wrapped around five buildings, coupled with pouring rain didn't hinder the crowd's enthusiasm to see the president. Attendees started lining up the night before and some even slept in tents through a thunderstorm.

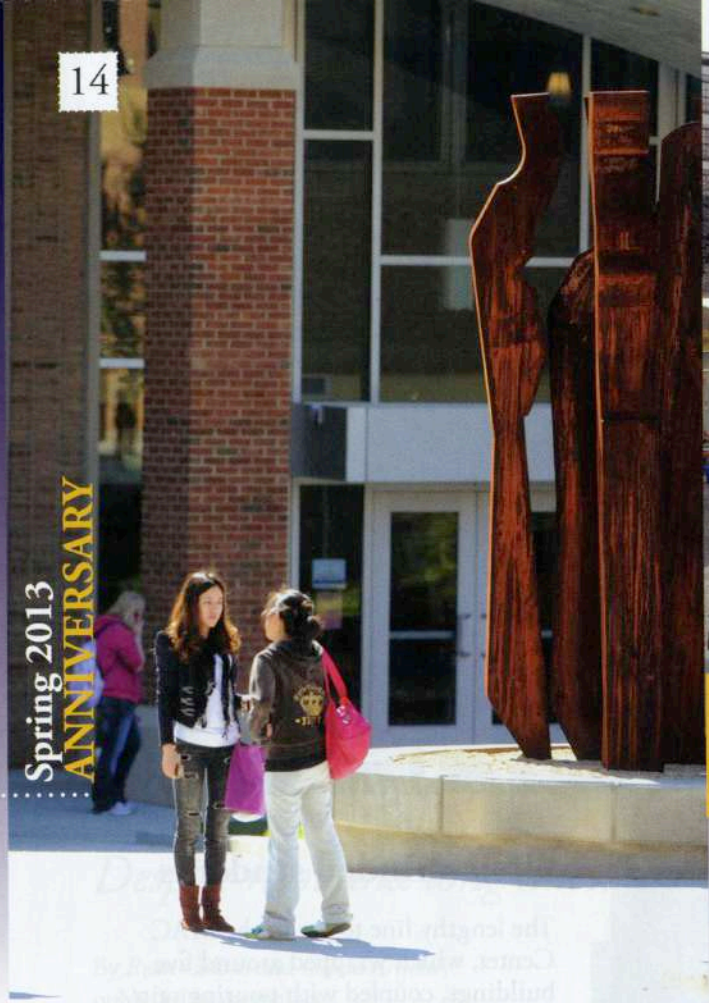
"I wish it wasn't raining, but I know it will be worth it," said *Sara Hutcheson*, a Kent State senior communication studies major, on the day of the president's visit. "It's pretty cool to see all these people still standing out here despite weather conditions and other obligations."

The Undergraduate Student Government worked hard to make it easier for students to register to vote for the Nov. 6, 2012, presidential election.

"October was intense," says *Jake Green*, communications director of the Kent State College Democrats. "We did a huge voter registration push, in which we managed to get almost 2,000 students registered, which is a big part of the reason why President Obama chose this campus."

See a video of the visit at **http://youtu.be/yhEGRB.nYmUM**

Read an expanded account of student media's coverage in the *Kent State Magazine* app, **www.ksumagazineapp.com.**



Clockwise, top left, Merrill Hall (1913) was the first home of the Library; top right, Rockwell Hall was completed in 1929 (Photos courtesy University Archives); above, visitors to University Library (built 1970) enjoy the "Fab Fourth" student lounge's comfortable seating; An atrium, with seating and an awning, was added to the main entrance fall 2010. (Photos by Bob Christy, '95, and Jeff Glidden, '87)

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL

By *Megan Confer*, public relations major

This year, University Libraries celebrates its Centennial in May 2013. For 100 years, University Libraries has been a center for knowledge, a focal point of campus and a place of learning and research for generations of students and faculty, as well as community members and scholars from around the world who take advantage of its holdings.

In 100 years, University Libraries has evolved, but as Dean **Jim Bracken** says, "Our libraries continue to be the center of excellence at Kent State University."

In order to provide students and community members with state-of-the-art facilities and resources, the library administration is moving and reallocating resources and enhancing student and faculty support services. "We wanted more people to come to the library; we wanted it to be more inviting," says **Diane Sperko**, communications director of University Libraries.

> *"Our libraries continue to be the* ***center of excellence*** *at Kent State University."*
>
> ***— Jim Bracken***

Sperko says that when current renovations are complete, the University Library will be even more user-friendly. Current changes range from bright wall colors, additional restrooms and providing more areas of comfortable seating. Other renovations and changes include: the second floor, state-of-the-art Math Emporium; the fourth floor "Fab Fourth" student lounge; the Writing Commons, with assistance available for all students; and the Student Multimedia Center, with access to the latest technology and hands-on assistance.

University Libraries plays a role in the future and in 21st-century education by continual adaption to new, available technology and remaining innovative. "People always need information, and we try to figure out the best way to disseminate it," Sperko explains.

An exhibit showcasing the libraries' history, *Meet Me at the Library: 100 Years of Libraries at Kent State University*, is now open in Special Collections and Archives in celebration of the centennial. Photographs, maps, artifacts and a timeline commemorate the centennial of Kent State University Libraries.

For more information, visit University Libraries' website at **www.kent.edu/library/index.cfm.**

INSURING THE FUTURE

University prepares trained employees for insurance industry.

By *Ruth McCullagh Koontz*, '02, '06, MBA '11, and **Emily Vincent**, '97

At a time when many companies are cutting back, Ohio's insurance industry faces the opposite challenge — finding a pool of skilled employees. By 2016, Ohio's insurance industry workforce is projected to grow by 7.1 percent. Additional employment opportunities also will become available as an estimated 25 percent of the current workforce plan on retiring by 2016.

"We feel it is important to invest in the future of our industry and the economic well-being of the state," says David B. Hazen, vice president of commercial lines for Huntington Insurance and past president of the Independent Insurance Agents of Ohio. "It's an exciting time for the insurance business in Ohio."

Industry, university team up

The insurance industry currently employs more than 100,000 people in Ohio, and with 256 insurance companies, Ohio ranks seventh in the nation in industry employment. Aware of Kent State University's track record of creating niche academic programs, insurance leaders partnered with Kent State to create a fully online Bachelor of Science degree in insurance studies. Hazen and other members of the Independent Insurance Agents of Ohio played a key role in developing plans for the new degree. The program is supported by $20,000 from the professional group, their first charitable donation to a higher education institution.

"Kent State University has shown incredible leadership in the development of a degree that prepares students for a long-term career in Ohio's insurance industry," says John Bishop, chairman and CEO of Motorists Insurance. "The insurance industry provides diverse career options for students, including entrepreneurship, marketing and risk management."

Katelyn Moore (Photo by Bob Christy, '95)

***"Kent State University has shown incredible leadership** in the development of a degree that prepares students for a long-term career in Ohio's insurance industry."*
— John Bishop

Preparing students for long-term careers

In the fall of 2012, Kent State University began offering a bachelor's degree in insurance studies, making Kent State the only private or public university in Northeast Ohio offering a degree that directly links to Ohio's growing insurance sector. The new degree, initially offered only at Kent State University at Salem, helps meet the critical need for skilled, educated employees in Ohio's insurance sector, a strong, dynamic and growing industry.

Kent State President **Lester A. Lefton** says the new degree provides students with expanded employment and career opportunities.

"The bachelor's degree in insurance studies will help Kent State students find prosperous careers in this exciting and varied industry," Lefton says. "National leaders such as the Westfield Group and Progressive Insurance, which have corporate headquarters located in areas served by Kent State's Regional Campuses, will now find it easier to hire talented and qualified employees, and our students will enjoy new opportunities in a promising field."

"The new offering at Kent State will play a significant role in addressing the increasing demand for young people who have a solid understanding of insurance," Hazen says. "Graduates can look forward to good-paying jobs and stable careers, as Kent State continues and expands its critical efforts to strengthening the Ohio economy."

Kent State junior *Katelyn Moore* was the first student to enroll in the new degree program. Moore was looking for a major that would open future opportunities for a successful career in a rapidly growing industry. She knew she was interested in business and was looking to find a niche that suited her. She believes she found the perfect fit with the insurance studies program at Kent State.

"When I read about the new insurance studies major on Kent State's website, I knew it was the right choice," Moore says. "I am very family oriented, so being close to home has always been a priority of mine. I do not think there is a better industry for someone who plans to live and work in Ohio."

For more information on the new Bachelor of Science degree in insurance studies, please visit **www.col.kent.edu/insurance** or call **1-877-KENT-EDU.**

Watch a video at **http://youtu.be/oHpG3SC45sw.**

(Photos by Jeff Glidden, '87)

MAY 4 VISITORS PROVIDES MOVING EXPERIENCE

New landmark in U.S. history tells the May 4 story, set against the political and cultural changes of the 1960s.

By **Bob Burford**

Kent State University officially opened its much-anticipated May 4 Visitors Center on Oct. 20, 2012, as part of the university's Homecoming celebration. Approximately 600 people visited the center for the grand opening. Using images, artifacts and multimedia, the center's exhibits tell the story of the decade leading up to May 4, 1970, the events of that day, the aftermath and the historical impact.

"The center offers a powerful and immersive experience that provides context and perspective on the tragedy, and examines the lasting impact that still resonates today," says **Laura Davis**, '75, '76, Ph.D. '87, director of the May 4 Visitors Center and a Kent State freshman in 1970 who witnessed the shootings.

Early visitors impressed and moved

"I am more than impressed with it," says *Chuck Ayers*, '71, who collaborates with Tom Batiuk on the comic strips *Crankshaft* and *Funky Winkerbean*. "I think it's just incredibly well done. As somebody who was there that day, it's very powerful for me."

Dean Kahler, '77, who was left paralyzed by National Guard gunfire on May 4, 1970, thinks it's fitting that the center is in the former offices of the *Daily Kent Stater*.

"I'm really proud of the university for doing such a wonderful job," Kahler says. "I know it has taken a lot of people to put it together. It covers the era and helps explain the craziness of our lives when we were young."

Rabbi Lee Moore, senior Jewish educator at Hillel at Kent State, was very moved by her visit to the center.

"I feel very overwhelmed emotionally," Moore says. "The visitor's center is really touching on some of the important issues that a lot of people even today don't know the details of what happened."

Moore, who grew up in Kent, feels a special connection to the events of May 1970.

"I grew up my whole life hearing about the events of May 4," Moore explains. "It was held with so much reverence, because my parents had experienced it first-hand. Having a place that is really dedicated to the truth and education around what happened means so much to me."

Phyllis Vair, special assistant for quality initiatives and curriculum at Kent State, also was moved by her tour.

"As you enter the center, it immediately pulls you into the era and helps you feel

At the May 4 Visitors Center, visitors take in exhibits that invite us to discover our place in history.

the mood of the time," Vair says. "It was powerful to see the many controversial issues right next to each other. That helped me see how segregated our country was at the time."

Over the past five years, scholars from Kent State worked with humanities scholars, consultants, community leaders, veterans and students to determine the exhibit content. Members of the public and campus, local historians and community leaders contributed ideas through public forums and focus groups. National experts, as well as Kent State professors, examined proposed content to ensure accuracy and balanced viewpoints. Reviewers for the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Ohio Humanities Council, the Ohio Preservation Office and the Department of the Interior provided input and feedback.

Deans contribute to the educational mission

The cost for the design and construction of the center was $1.1 million. Funding included contributions from the public, veterans groups, a $300,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and $667,000 from all 16 deans from every Kent State campus and college, an expression of the university's national leadership role in promoting nonviolence and democratic values.

"I'm really proud of the university for doing ***such a wonderful job."***

— Dean Kahler, '77

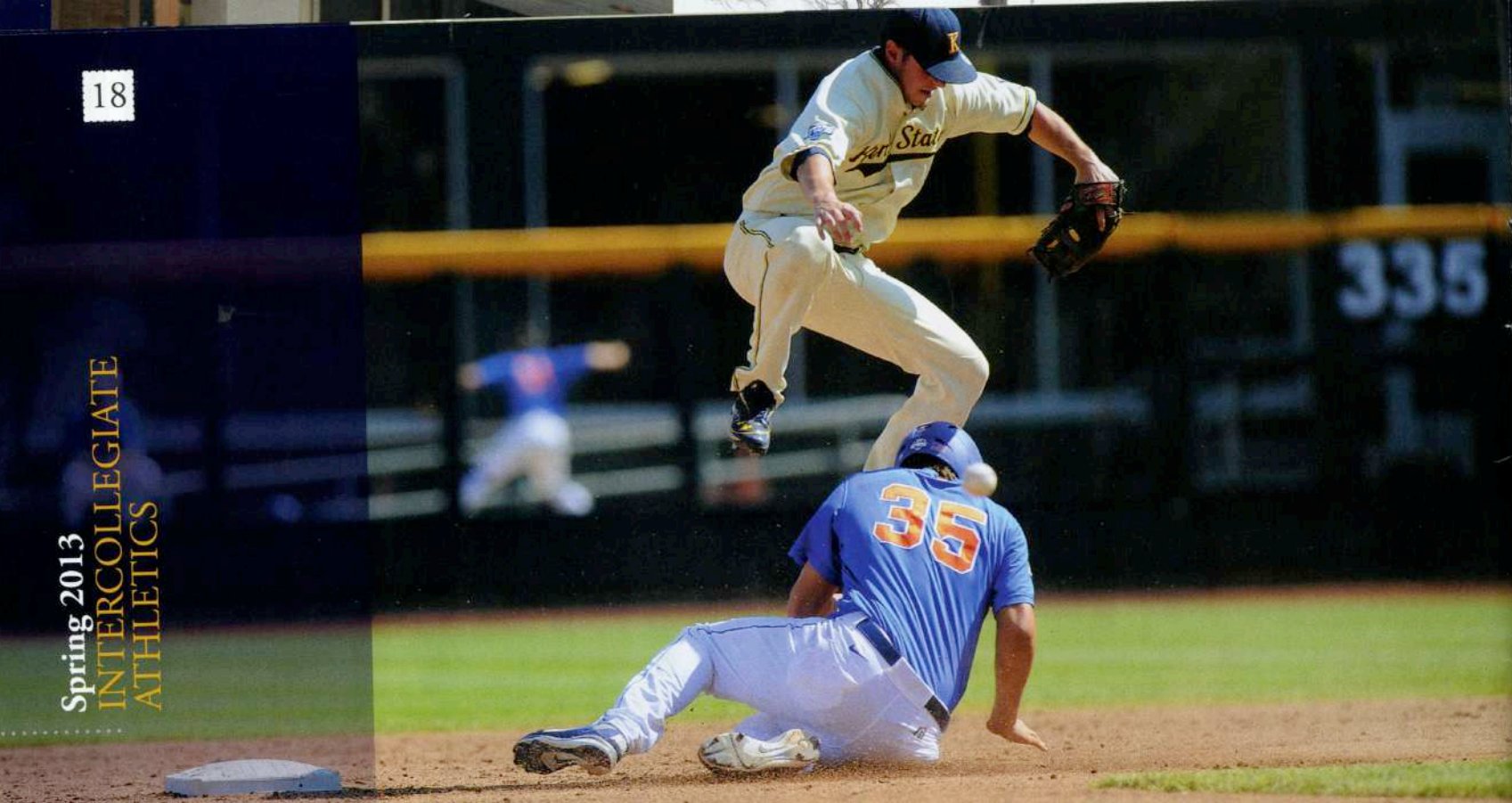
"The deans invested in the educational mission of the May 4 Visitors Center to recognize the historical importance of May 4 and its value to citizens today," says **Todd Diacon**, Kent State's senior vice president for academic affairs and provost.

The design firm Gallagher and Associates, based in Silver Spring, Md., whose past projects include the Gettysburg National Park Service Museum and Visitor Center and the Museum at Bethel Woods (Woodstock), worked with the Kent State team to design the center's impressive displays. Exhibits were constructed by Exhibit Concepts Inc. of Dayton, Ohio. Media production was handled by GTOO Media of Silver Spring, Md., whose work has been featured in the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian and the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

The May 4 Visitors Center is located in Room 101 of Taylor Hall at 300 Midway Drive on the Kent Campus. Admission is free. The center will be open by appointment for group tours.

The opening of the May 4 Visitors Center is part of a yearlong series of events designed to educate, inform and help people reflect on the legacy and impact of the 1970 tragedy. A formal dedication of the center took place as part of the university's annual May 4 commemoration activities.

Watch a video of the opening at **http://youtu.be/TvbYjmApqS0**.
Learn more about the May 4 Visitors Center at **www.kent.edu/may4.**



ON THE HUNT FOR FACILITIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS BEFITTING CHAM

Comprehensive fundraising effort targets academics, facilities and programmatic gains.

By **David Carducci**

The Kent State University Department of Intercollegiate Athletics is riding an unprecedented wave of momentum. The surge started in the spring of 2012 when the Golden Flashes' baseball team advanced to its first-ever College World Series, and the men's golf team reached the match-play stage of the NCAA Championship.

It continued into the fall when the best season in Kent State football history ended with the program's first bowl appearance in 40 years — at the GoDaddy.com Bowl, where they lost 17-13 to Arkansas State.

Now the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics wants to capitalize on the energy created by those historic seasons.

Comprehensive fundraising effort

For more than a year, the department has been in a quiet phase of what will become its first comprehensive fundraising effort for major improvements to its facilities and add to the scholarship pool for its student-athletes. When the effort is introduced in 2013, Director of Athletics **Joel Nielsen** will announce a significant amount of money already raised towards the working goal of $60 million.

"This is the type of project that should challenge all of our supporters to get on board," Nielsen says. "It has a piece of everything. It involves all of our programs. It talks about academics, facilities and programmatic gains. It's a project where we can challenge each other to see what we can do for our athletic programs, to not only continue the success we are having now, but also to advance us in the future."

Of the $60 million Kent State will raise, $36 million will go to facility enhancement, while the remainder will be targeted towards scholarships.

Windows of opportunity

"We have a unique opportunity right now," says Associate Athletic Director **Matthew R. Geis**, '01, who is the executive director for athletic advancement. "As a fundraiser, you always look at having windows of opportunity. This comprehensive fundraising effort we are about to announce gives us a very large window to keep people excited. We have an indefinite window to capitalize on what our programs are doing athletically and academically."

From baseball to track and field, the Golden Flashes had a season like no other. (Photos by Jeff Glidden, '87, and Intercollegiate Athletics.)

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— Joel Nielsen

Almost $1 million already has been raised to enhance Kent State's baseball program since the team's run to the College World Series. The exposure created by the appearance in Omaha represented a value of $3.5 million in publicity and reached an estimated 1.35 billion people.

Those numbers have inspired Kent State to change the baseball model for a school based in the north.

When the ultimate vision is realized, baseball at Kent State could be considered a revenue sport. The $6-million plan includes nearly doubling Schoonover Stadium's seating capacity to almost 3,000, the addition of an indoor/hitting facility for both baseball and a newly relocated softball team, and a new grand entrance to the facility off Campus Center Drive that will offer an impressive view for visitors accessing the Kent Campus from state Route 261.

Lights already are being added to Schoonover Stadium, bringing night baseball to Kent State for the first time this spring.

Seize the momentum

According to Kent State Baseball Coach **Scott Stricklin**, '95, the entire project is a fitting complement to the enhancements currently underway on campus and in the city of Kent.

"Momentum is the key word when you talk about what is going on within the city, the entire university and the athletic department," says Stricklin, whose team was honored in Omaha for having the highest team grade point average (3.093) of all eight College World Series qualifiers. "In the case of our team, what we have been able to accomplish on and off the field is helping us feed what we are trying to do for the future. We need to continue to capitalize on this momentum we have in the athletic department, to continue to grow and continue to get better as a program year in and year out."

The same can be said for a Kent State Gymnastics program that became the first Mid-American Conference team to qualify for the NCAA Championships in the fall of 2012.

A recently completed $75,000 expansion of the gymnastics locker room in the MAC Center has doubled the available square footage, while adding a new lounge and study area.

First groundbreaking

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics broke ground May 3 on a long-overdue, $4.5-million project to add locker rooms to the south side of the Kent State Field House for its soccer, field hockey, softball and men's and women's track and field teams.

"When we conducted our comprehensive study, it became apparent there were unmet needs within our department, especially from a facilities standpoint," says Nielsen. "The study identified locker rooms for several teams as a priority. It also showed some of our facilities had fallen behind our peers, not only within our own league, but also within our region.

"It is everyone's responsibility to resource the student athletes to allow them to continue their success. We will be asking everybody to consider supporting this unprecedented effort."

For more information about Kent State Intercollegiate Athletics, visit **www.kentstatesports.com.**

Architect's rendering of the Field House addition. (Courtesy Intercollegiate Athletics.)

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBER PROFILE

Scott Stricklin, '95, has been the head coach of the Golden Flashes baseball team for eight years. *Under his leadership, the Kent State baseball team made program history in 2012 by being the first team to advance to the College World Series. Before becoming head coach, Stricklin served as assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Georgia Tech. He also played minor league baseball from 1993-1997 and played for Kent State from 1991-1993. Stricklin's long history with the university and desire to give back caused him to join the Kent State University Alumni Association as a lifetime member.*

SCOTT STRICKLIN, '95

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY HEAD BASEBALL COACH

Favorite Kent State memory?

Winning the championship as a player and now as a coach, just being a part of those great teams and the friendships that we were able to make here. Watching our young guys come in as freshmen and leave as men, as seniors. And it's a great memory for us as a family to be a part of Kent State. We always love coming back to the events, and being here every day is a great honor for us.

What was the greatest lesson you learned at Kent State?

I think to be humble, to appreciate the things that you have, but also to appreciate what people do for you. I think that's part of the association. You come here to Kent State. You get a great education. You have a great college experience, and I think giving back to the people who help you is a very important lesson.

Biggest accomplishment in life so far?

Well, I have to say last year's team going to Omaha. Kent State has never been there, so being the head coach at my alma mater and taking a team to the College World Series is the most thrilling part of my life so far, besides the birth of my children and my wedding day, of course.

What is something most people don't know about you?

I would say the snafu that I made with my wife's surprise birthday party last year. I tried to surprise her and have a party set for one year in advance, and I scheduled that during the Super Regional when we were supposed to be in Oregon. We had never been to that level before, and we actually got there, and I kind of threw the party 3,000 miles away. My friends really made a great save for me, and the people at Kent State helped me out with that. Missing my wife's 40th surprise birthday party turned out pretty good because we beat Oregon on national television that night, but that was a tough one for me.

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

Kent State is a part of who I am. I've been a very proud alumnus for the last 20 years. My wife and I were a big part of Kent State, and it's a big part of us. We felt like giving back, and giving back to the alumni association was the right thing to do.

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TRUE LOVE FOUND AT KENT STATE

Honorary Kiss on the K couples tell us their stories.

By *Allison Hudec*, English major
(Photos by Jeff Glidden, '87)

Kevin and Dana Kovak

Brian and Jacquie Crescenzo

During Homecoming 2012, more than 50 Kent State couples, young and old, gathered in Risman Plaza to share a Kiss on the K at noon. Several couples, nominated by themselves or family members, were chosen as honorary couples and received a dinner for two at either the Rusty Nail or the Bistro on Main, as well as a framed photo of the couple's nomination photo. Some of these couples reminisce about how they met and how it felt to be an honorary couple.

Kevin, '80, and Dana Kovak, '80, *met at a bus stop when Kevin dared to talk to the cute girl sitting next to him. Dana got up without saying a word and walked across the street to wait for another bus. Kevin was persistent, however. When he saw her selling donuts in the business building, he made sure to buy one from her every week until she went out with him.*

How did it feel to be an honorary couple at Kiss on the K during Homecoming?

It was truly an honor, and we were both very excited about the opportunity. Dana thinks I'm crazy for submitting us. But she knows I am a romantic, and that the bus stop where we met and Kent State in general are very important to me and us as a couple.

Favorite Kent State memory?

Other than meeting my wife, which still tops my list, it would be marching in the May 4 Candlelight Vigil for the 10-year anniversary of the shootings.

How do you stay connected to Kent State today?

As a season ticket holder, I have attended Kent State football games for the past decade. My wife supports the fact that doing this is important to me since I drive from Pittsburgh to attend the games, and it takes up the entire day. We are also members of the alumni association.

Brian, '05, and Jacquie Crescenzo, '05, '06, '08, *met freshman year in the Small Group halls. Brian and Jacquie often crossed paths when they were walking to class. They became best friends through their undergraduate years and started dating when Jacquie began graduate school. They love the university so much that they were engaged on campus. They often volunteer with the alumni association and frequently attend Kent State events.*

How did it feel to be an honorary couple at Kiss on the K during Homecoming?

Awesome! There have been a lot of couples that have started because of Kent State, and to be recognized as one of them made us speechless. It took almost a day for it to sink in. All couples, new and old, should experience this. It's one of those enjoyable traditions of Homecoming. Plus, it's a good excuse to show some PDA.

Favorite Kent State memory?

On Jan. 31, 2009, Jacquie and I drove to survey the remains of our beloved freshman residence halls. While she was distracted, I wrote on a brick I picked up, "Will You Marry Me?" When I caught up to Jacquie near the spot where our friendship first started, I told her to look at this brick. Of course, I handed it to her showing the side with no writing on it. She gave me an "Okay it's a brick, I'm freezing, I think you just broke the law, and I don't like that" look. I told her to flip it over. As she read those four words, her eyes started to tear up, and I dropped down to one knee in the snow and asked her to marry me. After a tearful "yes" and a couple of kisses, we were the two happiest people on campus.

How do you stay connected to Kent State today?

We are proud members of the alumni association. We try and help them out when we can by volunteering for events throughout the year. We have also been season ticket holders for football over the last three years and haven't missed a game yet.

Did you meet your spouse at Kent State? Visit **www.ksualumni.org/ksucouples** to submit your story.

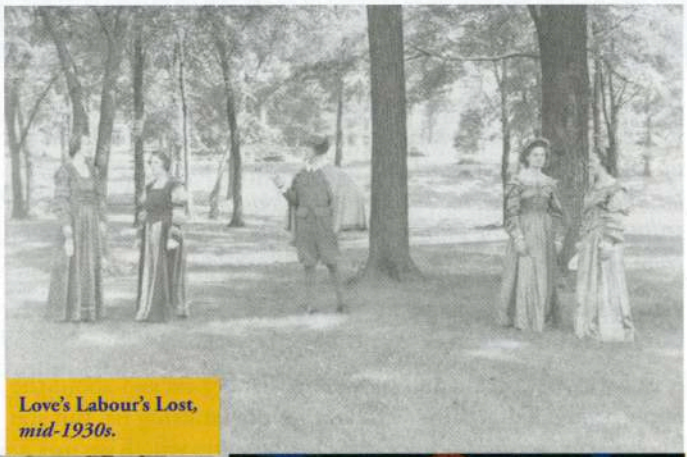
flashback

THE SCHOOL OF THEATRE AND DANCE

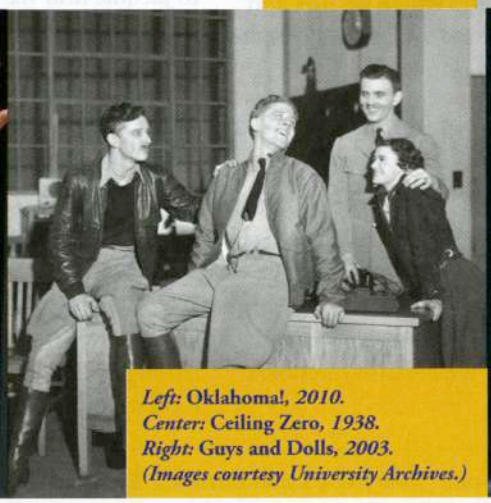
Grease, *2011.*

By *Allison Hudec*, English major

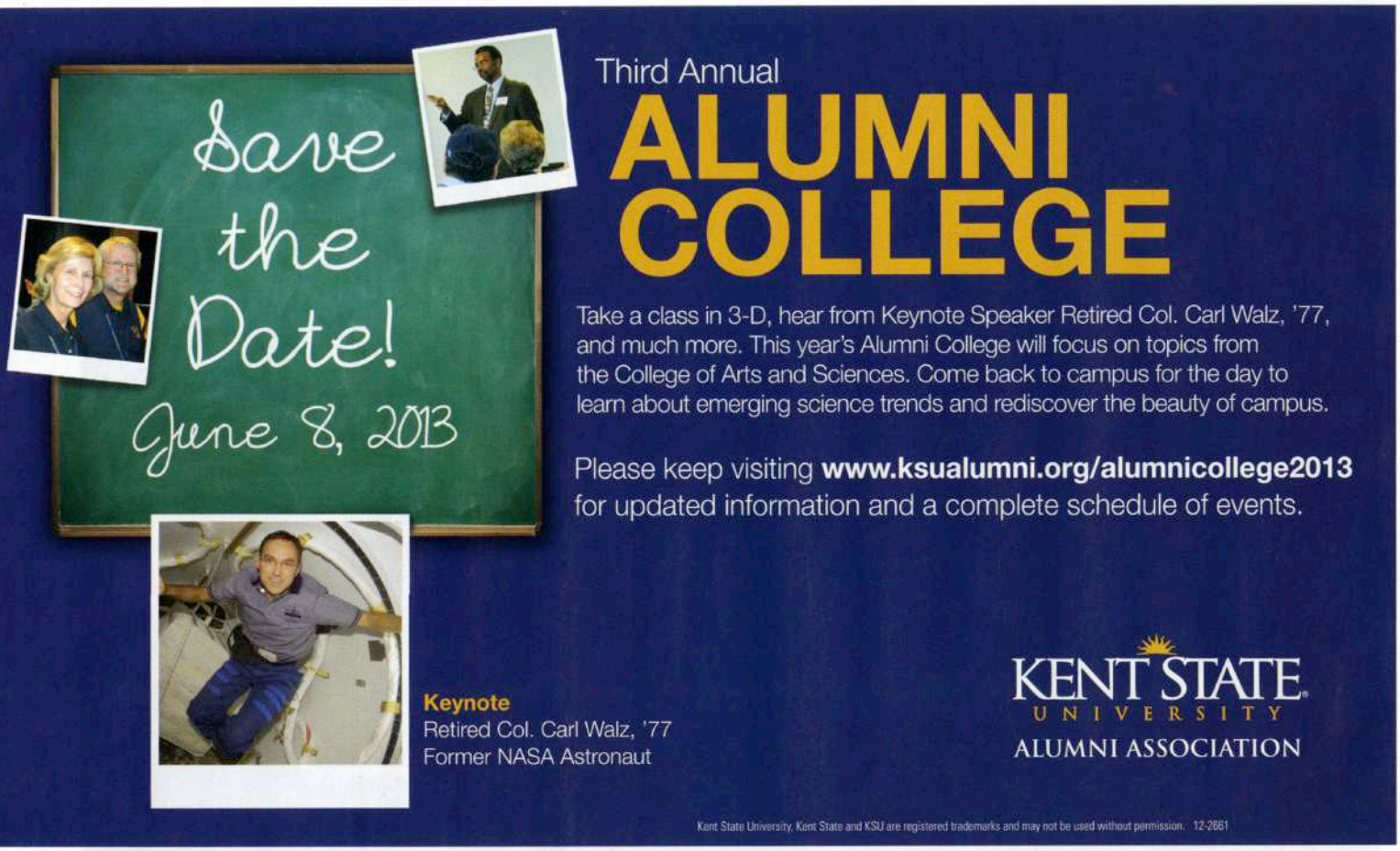
As predecessor of the School of Theatre and Dance at Kent State University, the University Theatre program was first organized by Professor *E. Turner Stump* in 1930. It has continued to expand with the founding of the Porthouse Theatre in 1971 by professors *Louis Erdmann*, '58, and *William Zucchero*, '52, as well as the addition of the Dance Division in 1994. More recently, we've witnessed the unification of all of the performing arts under one roof, thanks to the Roe Green Center's new dance studios, as well as the new Erdmann-Zucchero Black Box Theatre, renovated labs and more.



Love's Labour's Lost, ***mid-1930s.***



Left: **Oklahoma!,** ***2010.***
Center: **Ceiling Zero,** ***1938.***
Right: **Guys and Dolls,** ***2003.***
(Images courtesy University Archives.)



Class Notes

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Mark Freeman, M.A., Ph.D., Shaker Heights, Ohio, superintendent of Shaker Heights schools since 1988, retired in July. Freeman joined the Shaker Heights faculty as a teacher in 1967. He is most proud of the district's accomplishments including the community's commitment to diversity, the adoption of the International Baccalaureate program, persistence in addressing the needs of struggling students and the modernization and preservation of the buildings.

'69

Frank Court, Ph.D., Monona, Wis., published *Pioneers of Ecological Restoration: The People and Legacy of the University of Wisconsin Arboretum.*

Constance J. Savoca Fiedler, M.Ed., San Carlos, Calif., retired from Skyline after 26 years of service as an English teacher and later the dean of the Language Arts Department.

'71

Scott S. Granger, M.Ed., North Canton, Ohio, is entering his 12th year as a student teaching supervisor at the University of Mount Union.

Kathleen Trafford, M.A., New Albany, Ohio, chair of Porter Wright's Appellate Practice group and partner in the firm's Litigation Department, has been selected as one of the first female litigators named to the new Benchmark Top 250 Women in Litigation guide. Trafford has also been recognized in Ohio as a "Leader in Their Field," by Chambers USA 2012.

'72

Vincent E. Gooden, M.P.A., Upper Marlboro, Md., has recently written and published two books: *Interaction Our Way ... A Portrait of Success* is on organization theory and is mainly based on successful interaction with various organizations by Gooden and his siblings. *Part II Managing for Success: House-broken, not House-tamed* is about managing with a wholeness approach consisting of planning, action, staffing, organization and budgeting.

'73

Clifford N. Herbkersman, Eaton, Ohio, who founded Sinclair Community College's Grants Office, retired after 26 years of service. Under Herbkersman's direction, more than $150 million in grants for 3,000 projects was received.

Carter E. Strang, M.Ed. '79, J.D., Cleveland, Ohio, has been sworn in as the president of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association.

'75

Brian D. Tucker, Cleveland, Ohio, publisher and editorial director of *Crain's Cleveland Business*, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Cleveland chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

'76

Linda M. Gojak, M.Ed., Willowick, Ohio, director of the Center for Mathematics and Science Education, Teaching and Technology at John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio, recently became president of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Lynnda Ann Hoefler, M.A., New Albany, Ohio, has been re-appointed as National Panhellenic Conference Delegate of Delta Zeta Sorority. Hoefler serves on the budget and finance committee and in College Panhellenics as an area advisor for eight campus Panhellenics in Ohio. She is also a longtime member of the Association of Fraternity and Sorority Advisors.

Steven A. Kordalski, Cleveland, Ohio, is the 2012 recipient of the Cleveland Arts Prize's Mid-Career Award in design. Kordalski runs Kordalski Architects Inc., located in Cleveland's Little Italy neighborhood.

'78

Pamela A. Cass, M.L.S., Westerville, Ohio, recently retired from her position as Librarian I at the State of Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, where she worked for 28 years. She was the recipient of the Correctional Education Association Support Person of the Year 2006.

Christine W. (Was) Zust, Westlake, Ohio, has released her first book, *Everything I Do Positions Me: The Simple Path to Professional Success.*

'79

Darlene A. (Maciejewski) Biese Schultz, Stevens Point, Wis., recently published her first fiction book, *Decision or Destiny.* The storyline is based on some actual experiences and is a love story about change and turning decisions into destiny.

'80

Krista L. Taracuk, M.L.S., Columbus, Ohio, the 2012 Ohio Educational Library Media Association past president, has been appointed to the State Library of Ohio Board.

Alumni Association Annual Members are listed in blue; Life Members are listed in gold.

Class Notes

'81

Roy T. Decker, M.Arch. '83, Jackson, Miss., received three of six AIA Mississippi awards. The AIA Mississippi Honor Award and the Sambo Mockbee Membership Award were received for the Jobie L. Martin Classroom Building at Hinds Community College in Jackson Miss. The AIA Mississippi Honor Award was received for the Oak Ridge House, a private residence.

'83

John Gonos, Kent, Ohio, is director, training, at Safeguard Properties. Gonos is responsible for all training initiatives for new and existing employees, including all production and operational training and supervisory and leadership development.

Mary E. (Kowalski) Kachinske, Aurora, Ill., has been named one of the 2012 Most Influential Women in Radio by Radio Ink Magazine. Kachinske has been the program director of WTMX-FM in Chicago since 2000. Previously she programmed WQAL in Cleveland. This is the second year she has made the list.

James C. Rhoads, M.A. '89, Ph.D. '97, New Wilmington, Pa., Westminster College professor of political science, co-authored the article "Exploring the 'Inner Game' of Video Game Enthusiasts" in Operant Subjectivity: The International Journal of Q Methodology. In August, Rhoads also presented "Immediate Reactions to a Film: The Structure of Subjectivity" at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual meeting in Chicago, Ill. In September, he served as conference host for the International Society for the Scientific Study of Subjectivity 28th Annual Meeting where he also presented "Finding Structure in the Sitcom about Nothing." In October, he presented the 2012-2013 Henderson Lecture, "Science and the Single Case: Studying the 'Political Type.'"

'85

Kevin D. Cannell, B.B.A., Saint Charles, Ill., joined Delphi Technology Inc. as vice president of national accounts and business consulting.

'86

Sabrena J. Schweyer, Akron, Ohio, has been designated as fellow by the Association of Professional Landscape Designers.

'90

David B. McCoy, L.S.M., Massillon, Ohio, released a new E-book, Gullah Culture: 1670 to 1950. McCoy is the author of six books available from amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.

'91

Jane M. Biehl, M.Ed., Ph.D. '98, North Canton, Ohio, received the Adjunct Excellence in Teaching Award. Biehl has taught in the education-American Sign Language department at Stark State for the past six years and is a published author. She and her hearing ear dog, Sita, have conducted community programs on hearing loss and service dogs.

Sarah M. Harper, M.L.S., Ph.D. '03, Akron, Ohio, has been promoted to associate professor in the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) at Kent State University. In addition, Harper has recently been honored with two appointments – as co-chair of the Virginia Hamilton Conference on Multicultural Literature for Youth, and as a member of the American Library Association (ALA) Council, which delegates authority to the divisions of the national association to carry out programs and activities, as well as determining ALA policies.

'92

Iris L. (Winchell) Angle, Aurora, Ohio, published Tell Your Story Walking: One Mother's Legacy. Angle is also a certified workshop instructor of "Journal to the Self."

Richard M. Boyer, M.B.A., North Canton, Ohio, has been named vice president of manufacturing at The Timken Company's Bearings and Power Transmission group. Boyer joined Timken in 1984 as an associate engineer and went on to assume engineering positions of increasing responsibility in the company's technology function and manufacturing operations. He held positions in business development, operations and supply chain for the company's steel segment before assuming his most recent role as director of manufacturing for small-bore tapered roller bearings in 2007.

'93

Mary A. (Luisi) Nichols, M.L.S., Fairlawn, Ohio, associate lecturer and graduate coordinator in the School of Library and Information Science at Kent State University, is the 2012 winner of the Outstanding Teaching Award from the College of Communication and Information. In addition to teaching, Nichols is co-editor of the series "Libraries Unlimited Professional Guides for Young Adult Librarians." She is involved in numerous regional and national professional organizations, including Ohio Educational Library Media Association (OELMA); YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association) Popular Paperbacks Selection Committee Member (2012-2013); YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction Award Selection Committee Member (2011-2012); and YALSA Margaret A. Edwards Committee Member (2008-2010).

'94

Christine M. Cameron, Mesa, Ariz., is profiled in a new Boeing video about innovations. As lead engineer, Cameron is featured discussing how Boeing took a proven helicopter

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program and brought it to a whole new level of capability by turning it into an un-manned helicopter.

Richard E. Fabritius, Smyrna, Ga., will serve a two-year term as the General Council treasurer of the board of directors. This will be Fabritius's fourth term on the board. He is vice president and managing director of Brunner, an advertising and marketing agency. He resides in Atlanta with his wife, Heather, and two daughters. In addition to volunteering for Phi Delta Theta, he also participates in several marketing organizations and coaches youth sports.

'96

Karen Cline-Parhamovich, Jonesborough, Tenn., has been named chief medical examiner for the state of Tennessee. She has served as interim chief medical examiner and deputy chief medical examiner for East Tennessee since December 2010.

R. Scott Evans, M.S.A., Painesville, Ohio, has been chosen vice president for University Advancement at Youngtown State University. Evans will oversee the Office of University Development and the Office of Alumni and Events Management.

'97

Michael S. Miller, Orlando, Fla., was awarded the degree of Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from Argosy University.

'98

William C. Barrow, M.L.S., Cleveland, Ohio, has received the 2012 Herrick Memorial Award from the Early Settlers' Association of the Western Reserve for his work as the Cleveland Memory Project's co-founder, team leader and public spokesperson.

Tracie M. Kreighbaum, M.L.S., Tualatin, Ore., is a Ph.D. student at Emporia State University (ESU) School of Library and Information Management, and is teaching for ESU - Portland as an S.L.I.M. cohort.

'99

Natacha C. Fontes-Merz, M.A., Ph.D. '04, Antioch, Calif., was recently promoted and tenured to associate professor of mathematics at Westminster College where she teaches calculus, multivariable calculus and real analysis. Fontes-Merz also helps students prepare for the Putnam Exam and is the advisor for Kappa Mu Epsilon.

'00

Beth Anne Demeter, Palatine, Ill., has been appointed as the national membership officer on the board of American Mensa. Demeter is currently a manager of financial process control at CDW, LLC in Vernon Hills, Ill.

Jonathan C. Kurtz, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, has been named the 2012 winner of the Cleveland Arts Prize's Emerging Artist Award. Kurtz, is a principal and lead designer at the architectural firm Westlake Reed and Leskosky located in Cleveland, Ohio.

'01

Carrie L. (Klusty) Lewis, Windermere, Fla., has been selected by the Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society for membership in the local chapter at University of Central Florida.

Michael Schmeltzer, Copley, Ohio, has joined Amer Cunningham Co., LPA as an associate attorney. Schmeltzer is active with Torchbearers and was selected as a 2012 Ohio Rising Star from Super Lawyer.

'02

Paul B. Wulff, Stow, Ohio, an intervention specialist for the Ohio Virtual Academy, has been named as the National American Pioneer of Teaching by National Coalition for Public Schools Option. The award recognizes top performing elementary and secondary teachers who work in pioneering public schools, such as online and traditional charter schools.

'03

James M. Bailey, M.S. '04, Hudson, Ohio, is a senior analyst for product innovation at PNC.

Rafael (Ralph) J. Davila, Stow, Ohio, director of public relations at WhiteSpace Creative, is the youngest president to head the Akron Area Public Relations Society of America.

Suzanne Hughes, M.S.N., Hudson, Ohio, received the American Heart Association's Healthcare Volunteer of the Year Award. Hughes has been an active volunteer for more than three decades and has been the clinical education project director at the Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association since 2011.

Shannon A. Lanier, M.A. '03, Bronx, N.Y., has been recognized by The Network Journal as one if its annual 40 Under 40 Honorees award winner. Winners are selected from a pool of top-level business executives nationwide. Since 2007, Lanier has worked in Black Enterprise's TV department where he creates and coordinates two nationally syndicated programs.

Daniel E. Perttu, M.M., M.A. '04, New Wilmington, Pa., Westminster College assistant professor of music theory and composition, composed "Towers of Dalmatia: A Rhapsody for Saxophone and Piano" a piece that was recently published by Dorn Publications, "Gloamin" which was recently released on the album LOCK and KEY and "Sonata for Piano."

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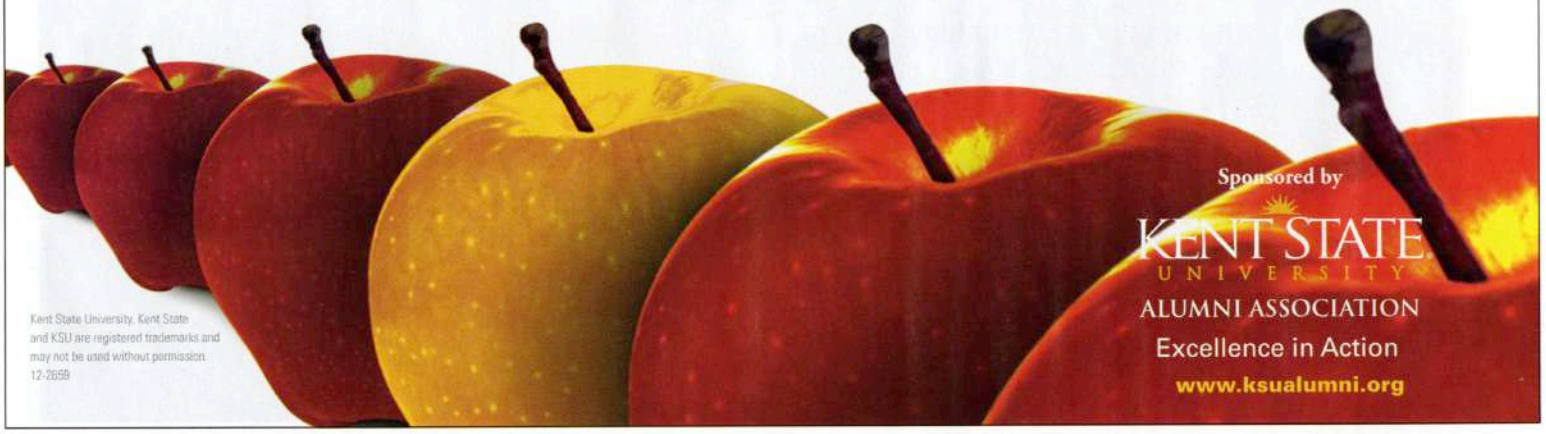

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Class Notes

'05

Katie A. Deericks, Columbus, Ohio, married Jon Edwards, '05, on May 18, 2012. Katie works at the DSW home office in Columbus, Ohio. They reside in Columbus.

Grace M. Dobush, Cincinnati, Ohio, published her second book *The Crafty Superstar Ultimate Craft Business Guide* and in September began to pursue full-time freelance editing and writing. Dobush's craft show, Crafty Supermarket, celebrated its third birthday.

Joshua S. Flesher, Youngstown, Ohio, recently published his first novel, *The Masterpiece*. The 286-page work of fiction follows the troubled life of artist Daniel Law and his struggles with drug addiction, his work and finding love. Flesher currently works in promotions and marketing for a Youngstown television station.

Russell P. Galeti, Cleveland, Ohio, is a legislative fellow at the office of Congresswoman Marcia Fudge.

'06

Matthew R. Danko, Parkersburg, W.Va., has earned a spot on a distinguished culinary list as a member of the Young Guns Class of 2012 by Eater.com. Danko, a pastry chef at the Greenhouse Tavern and Noodlecat in Cleveland, was among 16 professionals recognized nationwide.

Samuel T. Janson, M.P.A., '09, Grand Haven, Mich., has been promoted to assistant city manager for the City of Grand Haven, Mich.

'07

Bonnie K. Kleinke, M.L.I.S., '10, Kent, Ohio, is a pharmacy technician instructor.

Todd O. Williams, Ph.D., Kent, Ohio, recently published *A Therapeutic Approach to Teaching Poetry*. The book serves to develop a poetry pedagogy that offers significant benefits to students by helping them to achieve a sense of renewal and reparation.

'08

Mark S. Mazzagatti, M.A. '11, Cleveland, Ohio, is an account executive for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Veronica M. Porterfield, Ph.D., Kent, Ohio, Westminister College visiting assistant professor of biology, co-authored the article "Fear Conditioning Can Contribute to Behavioral Changes in a Repeated Stress Model" for the August issue of *Behavioral Brain Research*. Porterfield also co-authored the article "Repeated Stressor Exposure Regionally Enhances Beta-Adrenergic Receptor-Mediated Brain IL-1ß Production" which was in the August issue of *Brain Behavior and Immunity*.

'09

Leni D. Anderson, M.L.I.S., Columbus, Ohio, has been selected to be the new director of the Education Curriculum Center at The Ohio State University-Newark campus. He will be leaving the Columbus Metropolitan Library-Franlinton Branch where he was an adult services/reference librarian.

Jordan C. Mincy, Summerville, S.C., has been hired as assistant men's basketball coach at the College of Charleston. Mincy joins the Cougars after spending the last two seasons as an assistant coach here at Kent State. One of the most instrumental floor leaders in our history, he has built a reputation as a well-connected and talented recruiter.

Christopher M. Richards, New York, N.Y., will appear in Alfred Uhry's "The Last Night of Ballyhoo," winner of the 1997 Tony Award for Best Play, at the Festival Stage of Winston-Salem, an affiliate company of the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival.

'10

George T. Anderson, Kent, Ohio, authored *The Tower of Babel*, a book about an artist setting off a godlike, malevolent vine that will cleanse Earth from all things machine.

Justine Evers, Middlefield, Ohio, married Aaron Laning on June 2, 2012 and is employed with McGladrey Inc. in Cleveland.

'12

Gregory D. Sikora, Wellington, Ohio, recently joined Marketing Resources & Results Inc. as a graphic and Web designer.

Amy M. Yuncker, M.L.I.S., Columbus, Ohio, was recently named University Archivist of Malone University in Canton.

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.

Brian Advent, Hudson, Ohio
Malissa Babe, Irvine, Calif
John Barker, Woodstock, Ga.
Burt Bartram, Mesa, Ariz.
Cynthia Bendis, Charlotte, N.C
Jay Bendis, Charlotte, N.C
Linda Berthold, Peninsula, Ohio
Paul Berthold, Peninsula, Ohio
Andrew Bhak, New York, N.Y.
Lurleen Bredbenner, Chagrin Falls, Ohio
Karen Brown, West Lafayette, Ohio
Rebecca Brunt, Cleveland, Ohio
Eugene Burnett, III, Jacksonville, Fla.
Ruth Carlson, Brady Lake, Ohio
Michael Christopher, Wickliffe, Ohio
Carle Churgin, Boulder, Colo.
Carrie Circosta, Kent, Ohio
Bohdan Cisyk, Pacific Grove, Calif.
Min Cisyk-Li, Pacific Grove, Calif.
Wanda Clark, Garner, N.C.
Matthew Cochran, Prescott Valley, Ariz.
Dennis Collister, Avon Lake, Ohio
Thomas Competti, Louisville, Ohio
Judith Conway, Downingtown, Pa.
Nichole Coyle, Akron, Ohio
Mark Crank, Canton, Ohio
C. F. Croskey, Orrville, Ohio
Cynthia Davis, Macedonia, Ohio
Dale Davis, Painesville, Ohio
Robin Davis, Marion, Ohio
Willie Decluett, Cleveland, Ohio
Richard Detillio Jr., Lewis Center, Ohio
George Dreier, Raleigh, N.C.
John Enlow, Ravenna, Ohio
Lois Enlow, Ravenna, Ohio
Kathryn Faber, Richfield Springs, N.Y.
Janet Friedman, Gaffney, S.C.
Robert Friedman, Gaffney, S.C.
Angela Fronzaglia, New Philadelphia, Ohio
Mindi Fry, Camp Hill, Pa.
Jessica Giardina, Middlefield, Ohio
Marian Gillen, Wake Forest, N.C.
Linda Gliesman, Painesville, Ohio
Donald Goodman, Columbus, Ohio
Russel Goodwin, Louisville, Ky.
Kirk Gordon, Kent, Ohio
Shawn Gordon, Kent, Ohio
Edward Gorman, Sayre, Pa.
Marcia Gorman, Sayre, Pa.
Kent Greenes, Green Valley, Ariz.
Brian Hanner, Dover, Ohio
Barbara Heinlein, Richmond, Texas
Dean Heinlein, Richmond, Texas
Julianne Hertel, Macomb, Mich.
Lynnda Hoefler, Stow, Ohio
Robert Hoefler, Stow, Ohio
Ilene Horwitz, Dedham, Mass.
William Hrusovsky, Cortland, Ohio
Robert Jackson Jr., Port Orange, Fla.
Linda Jagielo, Ontario, Ohio
Laura Joiner, The Villages, Fla.
Raghuram Kakarala, Decatur, Ga.
George Kirk Jr., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
Helen Kirk, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
Christine Lally, Northfield, Ohio
Michael Lally, Northfield, Ohio
Kathleen Latimer, Ravenna, Ohio
Robert Latimer, Ravenna, Ohio
Rosemary Leeb, Farmington Hills, Mich.
Bonita LeedyBirkel, Pelzer, S.C.
Barbara Leib-Young, Cary, N.C.
David Lindsay, Turlock, Calif.
Paola Lombardo, Rome, Italy
William Lowery, Fairlawn, Ohio
Wayne Marler, Franklin, Idaho
George May Jr., Magnolia, Ohio
Linda McDonald, Hudson, Ohio
Diana McDowell, Geneva, Ohio
Randi McKenzie, San Diego, Calif.
Darrell McNair, Aurora, Ohio
Roger Mezger, Akron, Ohio
Paul Miller, Placentia, Calif.
W. Kent Miller, Mount Vernon, Ohio
Robert Milliken, North Lawrence, Ohio
Julie Mittiga, Casselberry, Fla.
Michael Mittiga, Uniontown, Ohio
Chris Moir, Cleveland, Ohio
Gregory Mongold, Shelby, Ohio
Kelly Mongold, Shelby, Ohio
Nancy Murphy, Sierra Vista, Ariz.
Scott Myers, Morgantown, W.Va.
Karen Nicholson, Lewisburg, Pa.
Richard Niemann, Dublin, Ohio
Lisa Norris, Galloway, Ohio
Vikki Nowak, Cleveland, Ohio
Steven Ockajik, Mentor, Ohio
Philip Olekshuk, Ashtabula, Ohio
Jonny Olson, Cynthiana, Ky.
Lawrence Olszewski, Columbus, Ohio
Margo Ondrejech, Westlake, Ohio
Stephanie Oprandi, Louisville, Ohio
Syd Overall, Cleveland, Ohio
Marcia Paladino, Medina, Ohio
Leonard Paoletta, Chagrin Falls, Ohio
Reno Parker, Butte, Mont.
Michael Parkes, Lisbon, Ohio
Frank Passanisi, Elyria, Ohio
Catherine Pheifer, Simpsonville, S.C.
Warren Remein, Bay Village, Ohio
Peter Ricchiuti, Stow, Ohio
Marie Rice, Rootstown, Ohio
Jean Roberto, Tallmadge, Ohio
Richard Robyn, Twinsburg, Ohio
Andrea Rubin, Corning, N.Y.
Jason Seelman, Canton, Ohio
Jennifer Seelman, Canton, Ohio
Todd Slowey, Mentor, Ohio
Christopher Smeiles, Kent, Ohio
William Snitch, Toledo, Ohio
T. Jeffrey Snyder, Magnolia, Ohio
Lloyd Stager, Toledo, Ohio
Mark Stahl, Ravenna, Ohio
Blake Stone, Wooster, Ohio
Cathryn Stone, Wooster, Ohio
Deborah Stout, Cambridge, Ohio
John Stout, Cambridge, Ohio
Cecelia Torok, Newark, Ohio
Stephan Turnbull, Vermilion, Ohio
Barbara Vasbinder, Kent, Ohio
Bruce Vasbinder, Kent, Ohio
Ivan Welch, Saint Helena Island, S.C.
Nancy Welch, Massillon, Ohio
Porter Welch Jr., Massillon, Ohio
Susan Welch, Saint Helena Island, S.C.
Michelle West, Germantown, Md.
Keith Wiant, Olmsted Falls, Ohio
Cherie Williams, Ottawa Hills, Ohio
Colette Williams, Toledo, Ohio
Richard Williger, Stow, Ohio
Franchester Willis, Cleveland, Ohio
Michelle Worthing, Kent, Ohio
Richard Worthing, Kent, Ohio
Ichiro Yamaoda, Pleasanton, Calif.
Sandra Yamaoda, Pleasanton, Calif.
C. Jeffrey Young, Beaver, Pa.

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Penny L. (Bernstein) Lambert
(Faculty-Stark Biology Professor)
Erica B. Lilly (Past Faculty)
Richard M. Vardaris (Emeritus Professor)

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Evelyn G. Albright
Margaret A. Ryerson

'37
Bunny (Elliott) Stage

'39
Mary A. (De Jute) Miller

'41
Charles L. Sindledecker

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Michael Feduniak, M.A. '48

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Sparky Sparhawk, B.S. '45, Ph.D.

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Betty J. (Brixey) Baer
Irving L. Brooks
Francis J. Rogers

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Albert J. Yerkish

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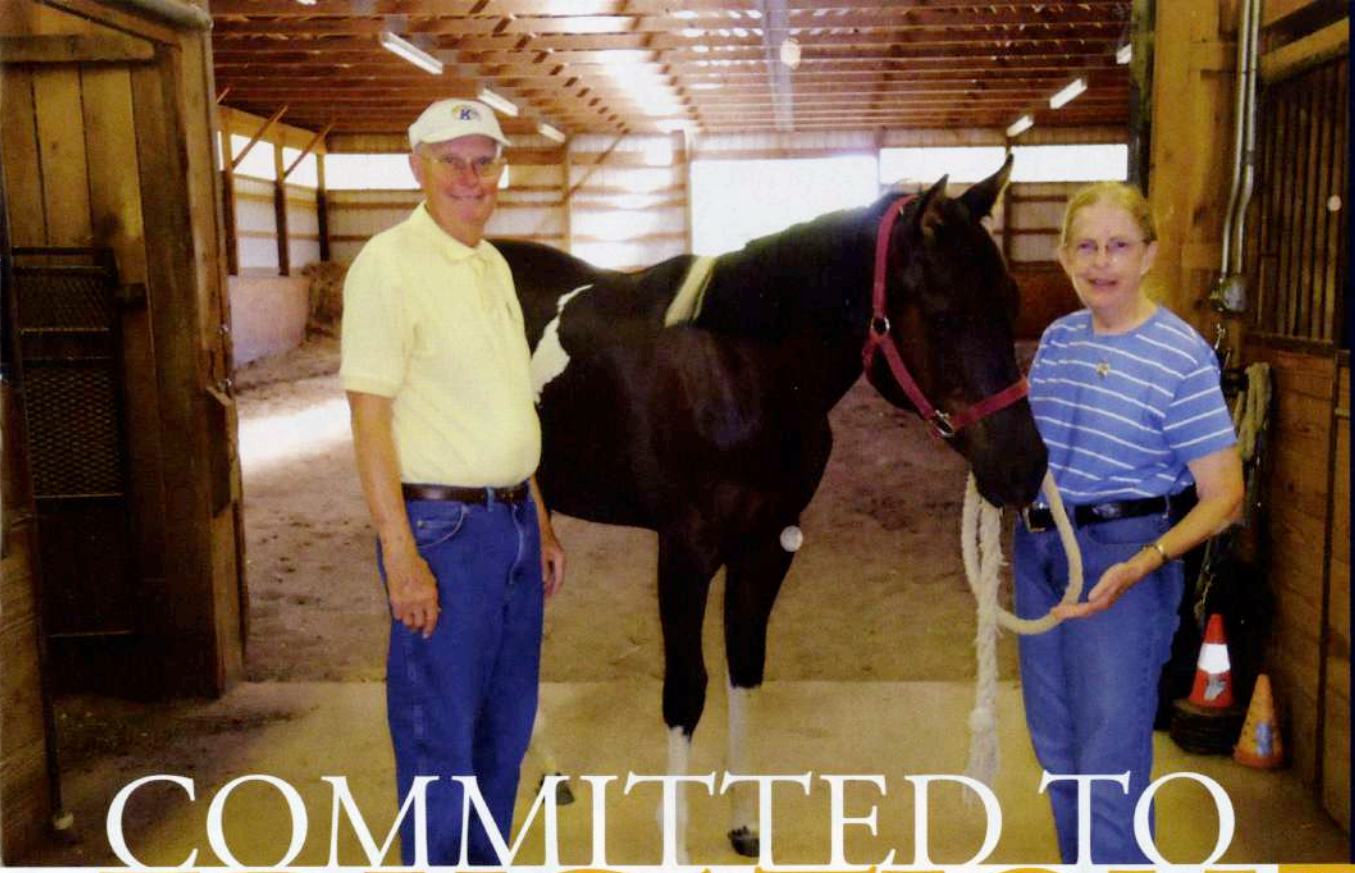

COMMITTED TO EDUCATION

Richard and Nancy Bredemeier proudly show off one of their horses, Tulsa, a yearling dually registered as a Pinto and Paint. (Photo courtesy of Institutional Advancement.)

Retired after 30 years of service to Kent State University, educators Richard and Nancy Bredemeier are creating a lasting legacy.

By **Deb McGuinness**, '78

When they came to Kent State in the fall of 1969, *Richard* and *Nancy Bredemeier* only expected to stay a few years. More than four decades later, they're still in the area, enjoying an active retirement on their horse farm in nearby Atwater. They're also ensuring a bright future for undergraduate students in science and mathematics by funding scholarships through a bequest from their estate.

Dedicated to success

Neither of the Bredemeiers are Kent State alumni (both received their Ph.D.s from Purdue, which is where they met), but both had lengthy careers here: Richard is emeritus vice president and dean of student affairs, and Nancy is emeritus faculty and director of student services in the College of Education, Health and Human Services.

***"I really understood the need to educate a broad base of people** for our democracy and our economy to work properly."*

— Richard Bredemeier

When Richard was vice president of student affairs, the Student Financial Aid Office reported to him. There he gained a strong appreciation for what financial assistance meant to students and the importance of educating the workforce. "At that point I really understood the need to educate a broad base of people for our democracy and our economy to work properly," he says. "Both Nancy and I have very strong feelings about higher education — that it should be much more than just technical training — it should be a broadening experience."

Inspired to give

Richard and Nancy were student-oriented because of their jobs and are still committed to supporting students financially. Says Nancy, "We devoted our lives to the belief that education makes a difference. We know it's not easy to get through school, and we know that it's harder now. We were inspired to give by people like the Herricks (Professors *J. Arthur [Art]* and *Margaret Herrick*), especially their love of nature and the outdoors."

Adds Richard, "You hope that people who have some resources will think about the good of others. It causes you to think about your own legacy — what kind of a dent we've made in the bigger picture — and the concept of leaving a place better than we found it. We can all make the task of getting an education easier on students."

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Nate Edwards, LuEtt Hanson and Gary Hanson together in state-of-the-art facilities at Franklin Hall. (Photo by Jeff Glidden, '87)

A PARTNERSHIP MADE IN MEDIA HEAVEN

Receiving faculty scholarship gives outstanding student additional confidence.

By **Deb McGuinness**, '78

Stepping into the TV2 news studio in Franklin Hall is like transporting onto the bridge of the starship Enterprise — a little disorienting but very cool — and so high-tech it makes the facilities at many small-market TV stations look positively Stone Age by comparison.

It's a multimedia on-demand world. And no one knows that better than the faculty and students at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Nate Edwards, '12, a recent broadcast journalism graduate, and distinguished Professor of Journalism **Gary Hanson** are very much a part of the modern media environment, and they appear to be cut from the same bolt of cloth. They're both highly intelligent, intense in their love of what they do and determined to succeed.

A student on the leading edge

Some people just have a confident presence. Nothing seems to rattle them or take them by surprise. Nate Edwards is one those people: inwardly calm, resilient and in control. Whether he's in front of the camera or behind the scenes producing a newscast, his type "A" personality and laser focus brought him to graduation with experience and skills in broadcast journalism that are highly marketable.

Professor Gary Hanson describes Nate as "the prototype student that we all hope to graduate. He sees [each type of media] as being interconnected, not in separate categories. It's all part of the school's content-based program, which is more than just learning about electronic equipment — it's knowing what to do with it."

Nate's parents were not in a position to help him financially with his college education. In his four years at Kent State, he received multiple scholarships, including one awarded by Hanson and his wife, **LuEtt**, who is the associate dean of the College of Communication and Information.

"Even though I was awarded several scholarships, the Hansons' was very special," says Nate. "Receiving a scholarship, especially one that is selected by faculty, is the highest honor you can receive as a student. It made me feel appreciated for all of my work, and gave me confidence."

Access to expertise

If you're ever looking for Gary Hanson during the evening, you'll usually find him somewhere in Franklin Hall. "I feel that working with my students, no matter what time of the day or night, is my job. It's what they're paying for with their tuition — access to the faculty and our experience. Sharing that is why we're here," says Gary.

The Hansons are following in the footsteps of other faculty who are dedicated to spending time and building relationships with their students. They also believe in providing material support. Gary calls it, "A put your money where your mouth is situation."

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— Nate Edwards

The Hansons' journalism scholarship is named after their fathers. "Both of our fathers were blue collar workers. They believed that if you were going to do something, it was worth doing right and doing well," says LuEtt, "and they instilled that in us." Their mothers both worked in education, as does Nate's mother.

LuEtt continues, "Both Gary and I are not just Kent State faculty, we're also both alumni. Kent State has been a very nurturing environment for us, providing opportunities to learn, work and grow as individuals. It seems only fair for us to give back to it."

Gary and LuEtt encouraged Nate to return to campus after graduation to share what he's doing with the students who will come after him. Nate agreed. "Initially, I thought Gary would be a tough teacher. Though he was, it was just to make me better," he says. "Getting to know him over time was great because it's cool to have a relationship with a professor who's more than just a teacher. He's a friend and mentor, and will remain an important professional resource when I'm out in the field."

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(Photo courtesy Michalene Hughley)

DOING JUST A LITTLE BIT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE

Michalene Hughley helps make earning a college education easier for nontraditional students.

By **Deb McGuinness**, '78

When she was a little girl, Michalene Hughley learned the value of hard work and persistence. Raised by a single mother who had minimal parenting skills and was on welfare, Michalene took care of herself, her four brothers and their home in Warren during the turbulent 1960s.

By the time she was 16, Hughley had two children of her own, and was struggling to care for her family and complete school. But she always did well academically, and through sheer determination managed to graduate from high school. She even received a four-year scholarship from a minority civic league to attend college. However, after just a year, the league pulled the scholarship when they discovered that she was an unwed mother. Says Michalene, "I dropped out of school and decided then and there that I would pay for my tuition myself, so that no one could take it away from me in the future." Over a period of seven years, Hughley worked and attended Kent State University at Trumbull and Youngstown State on and off as finances allowed, and graduated from YSU with a liberal arts degree.

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>
> *— Michalene Hughley*

In the subsequent years, Hughley has worked at various state and county agencies as a social worker. She is not a wealthy woman by any means, but feels very strongly about helping others. "There have been a lot of angels who have helped me along the way when they didn't have to. Hands were extended to me, and I feel that I need to give back," she says. Hughley has established a named scholarship through her estate plan. She also will be making cash donations from her savings annually to help cover the cost of a student's books. "I set up the scholarship because I see how expensive college is for people today," she says. "It's going to be awarded to nontraditional students — men and women who are raising children while going to school."

Michalene Hughley plans to retire this year — after 50 years in the workforce — and is celebrating the milestone with her scholarship. She still plans to work at something, though, so that she can continue to build the value of her fund. Says Hughley, "I feel that more people need to reach back and pull someone forward. It only takes a little bit — I know there are people who can give much larger amounts — but if everyone just did a little bit, it would make things a lot better."

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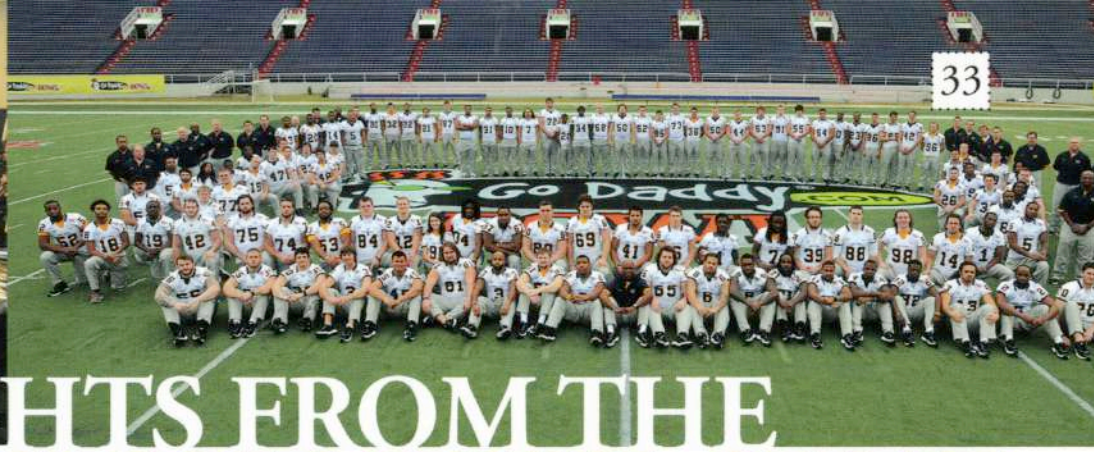

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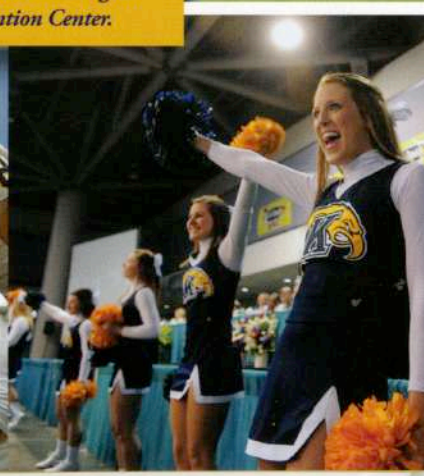
Above left: The Kent State Marching Band makes it way down Royal Street in Mobile, Ala., during the parade. Above right: The Kent State University football team on the field at Ladd Peebles Stadium.

Above: Dri Archer breaks free for a big gain during the second quarter. Below left: Joel Nielsen receives the key from Mobile Mayor Samuel Jones during welcome ceremony. Below middle: Members of the Kent State football team visit with hospital patient Amber Mozingo at the Children's and Women's Hospital in Mobile, Ala. Below right: The Kent State cheerleaders entertain the crowd during the Mayor's Lunch at the Mobile Convention Center.



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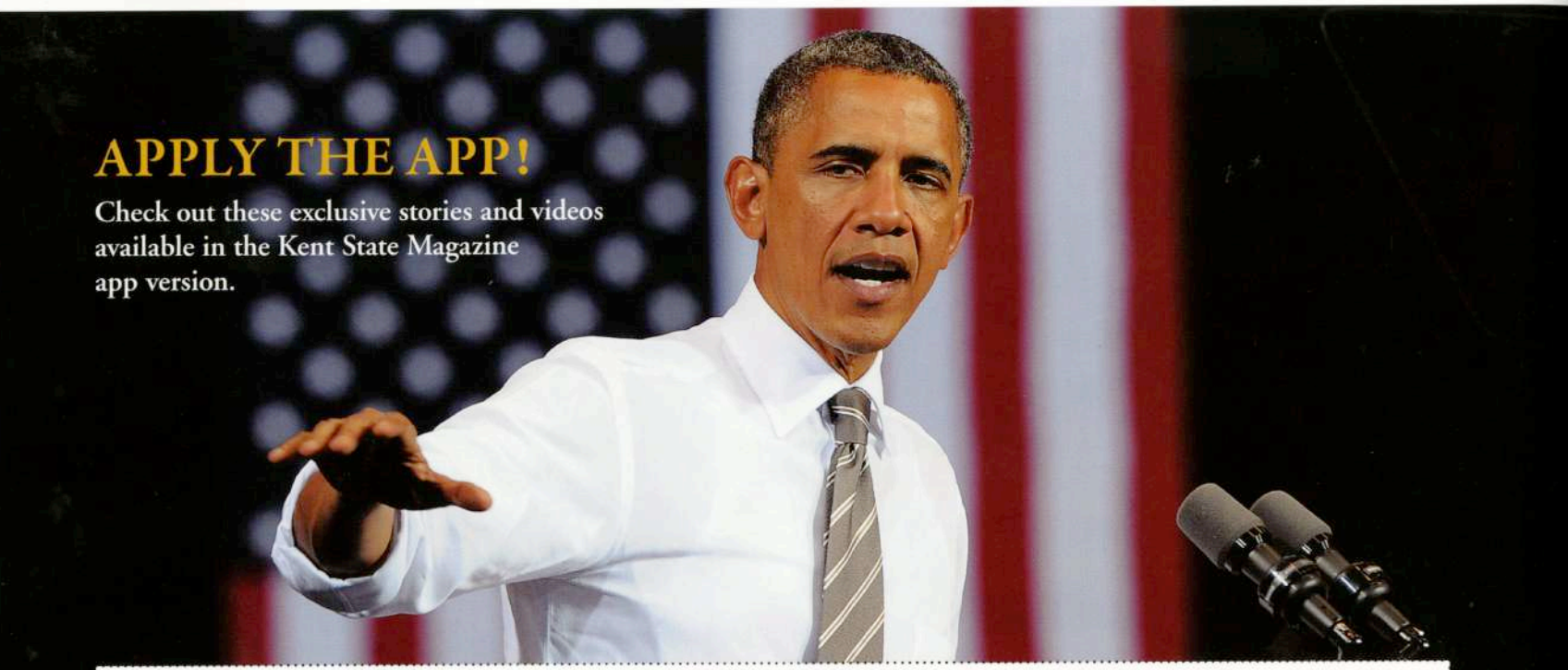

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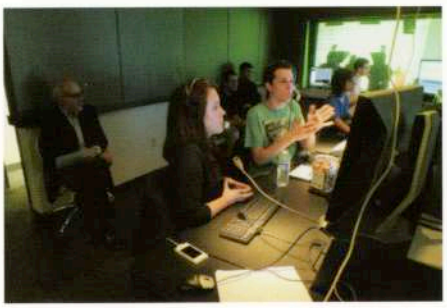

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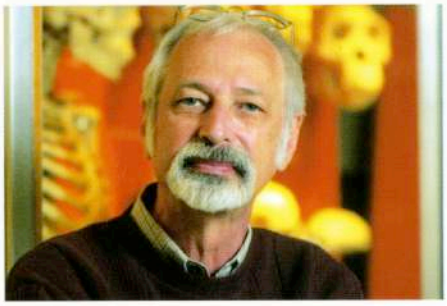

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