

Kutztown University

Kutztown, PA 19530

November 21, 1983

The Honorable Paul Semmel
Member, House of Representatives
Main Capital Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Representative Semmel:

This letter is an urgent request that you support HB 1629 soon to come up for a vote on the floor.

The capital expenditures contained for Kutztown University in this Bill will have a significant impact on the welfare of our students and the quality of the education we are able to give them.

The trustees of Kutztown University are thankful for your support in past issues and hope that you will continue your valued backing of this Bill.

Sincerely,



Albert L. Krommes, President
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June 30, 1983

Ms. Sara R. Mack
Professor Emeritus and
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Kutztown State College
Kutztown, PA 19530

Dear Ms. Mack:

In response to your letter of June 27th concerning Senate Bill 720 which would appropriate \$4.6 million to Kutztown State University for the construction of a new residence hall.

I am supporting Senate Bill 720, by having introduced House Bill 1296 this past week which is similar. I had waited to see if I was going to offer it as an amendment during the budget process or not. I chose to introduce it as a separate bill with bipartisan support. The bill therefore was referred to the Appropriations Committee of the House.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this matter.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul W. Semmel".

Paul W. Semmel
Representative 187th District

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The Honorable Paul Semmel
House of Representatives
Main Capitol, Box 162
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Representative Semmel:

I am writing to you concerning Senate Bill 720 which would appropriate \$4.6 million to Kutztown State College for the construction of a new residence hall. Since Kutztown State College is in desperate need of additional housing space, may I urge your support of this bill?

There are currently over 500 students who have requested housing in residence halls who can not be accomodated and have had to be placed on waiting lists. Since 1978 the waiting list for housing on campus has grown by over 600% but no additional housing arrangements have been made. In the Kutztown area off-campus housing has not expanded to meet the demand. Furthermore, rents for off-campus housing have escalated in many cases beyond the financial capacity of the student.

The situation has become so desperate at this time because college requests for a new residence hall in its capital budget for the past several years have been denied. Alternative proposals, such as modular construction by private contractors on college property, have also been turned down.

Each year many students either do not accept admission because of lack of housing, or they transfer after their first semester due to hardships encountered in overcrowding or in off-campus facilities.

Students who wish to attend Kutztown State College have the right to expect on-campus housing. Please help to make this possible by supporting Senate Bill 720.

Very truly yours,

Sara R. Mack
Professor Emeritus and
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FOR RELEASE:

June 30, 1983

HARRISBURG -- Rep. Paul Semmel introduced legislation in the state House this week to appropriate \$4.6 million to Kutztown State College for the construction of a residence hall.

"A rapidly worsening housing shortage exists at the college," noted Semmel. "Over 550 students who sought on-campus housing could not be accommodated this year. That's up six-fold from 1978, and the problem is expected to increase in the future."

Semmel's legislation is identical to a measure recently introduced in the Senate by Sen. David Brightbill. Both measures would provide for the adoption of a capital project to be financed from revenues of the General Fund.

"This attempt to bring Kutztown's campus housing up to standard is especially appropriate this week, as it becomes a state university," added Semmel. "In order for Kutztown State University to continue to be a viable institution of higher education, we need to alleviate the shortage of on-campus housing."

Semmel said the housing shortage persists despite college administrators' efforts to accommodate resident students.

"College officials have doubled the number of students in some rooms, converted study rooms, lounges and offices into dorm rooms and renovated a former dormitory," he explained. "Still, the problem has been described as one of the worst in the state system of higher education."

Semmel's measure, House Bill 1296, was referred to the House Appropriations Committee for consideration.

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