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A year to celebrate greatness!

It's with great pride that we bring you the 2015 spring issue of Kentucky Alumni magazine.

You will never convince me that time doesn't somehow move faster now. It's hard to believe that it is 2015.

Doesn't it seem like just last year we were ushering in 2000 and fearing the world's end?

2015 is a big deal for many reasons. It's certainly a year to celebrate greatness around here. First, the University of Kentucky marked the 150th anniversary of its founding in February. Think about that for a moment. Think of all the monumental things that have happened in the world during this span of time. Our university has been right here through it all. It's incredible to me to think about all the people who have been a part of shaping UK into what it is today. Just think for a moment about all the students, faculty, staff and alumni who contributed to the rich history of the University of Kentucky. We are all part of the hashtag #WeAreUK. Here's to the next 150 years!

We will also celebrate the UK Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni as we welcome the Class of 2015 inductees in April. Every five years, we recognize a select group of outstanding alumni for their distinguished contributions to the Commonwealth and the nation in their fields of endeavor. If you want to be impressed, you don't have to look any further than the members of this prestigious group. You can find a complete listing of all inductees at www.ukalumni.net/HODA.

Speaking of impressive, our cover story this issue just happens to be a member of our Hall of Distinguished Alumni. Barbara Rice was inducted in 2010. I had the pleasure of meeting her at the awards ceremony. In her role as research dietitian working at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, she has studied the nutritional needs of astronauts before, during and after space flights for over 25 years. That certainly gives new meaning to the age-old question, "What's for supper?" Just as impressive, Rice followed her four older sisters to UK. They all graduated with degrees in home economics. Now, that's a family legacy!

The UK Alumni Association Great Teacher Award has been recognizing excellence in the classroom since 1961. This year's award recipients (featured on Pages 28-29) certainly continue the tradition of outstanding teaching and dedication to students.

Also in this issue, read about Greta Holtz, the U.S. ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, a prosperous nation situated southeast of Saudi Arabia on the Arabian Peninsula. Read about how a summer European backpacking trip during college eventually led to her lifelong career in Middle Eastern diplomacy. Her story makes my mind wander around the world. Get to know Jim Duff. He is the former CEO of the Newseum, the Washington museum that educates the public about the importance of the First Amendment, and president and CEO of the affiliated, nonpartisan Freedom Forum. Now, he has returned to a job he held from 2006-2011. At the request of Chief Justice Roberts, he became director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

You will want to read about academy award-winning documentarian Paul Wagner's commitment to telling the story of UK breaking the color barrier for football in the Southeastern Conference. He is working on a documentary that will share the story of Nate Northington and Greg Page becoming the first African Americans to sign with an SEC school in 1965, and how two years later, Wilbur Hackett and Houston Hogg continued to tear down barriers.

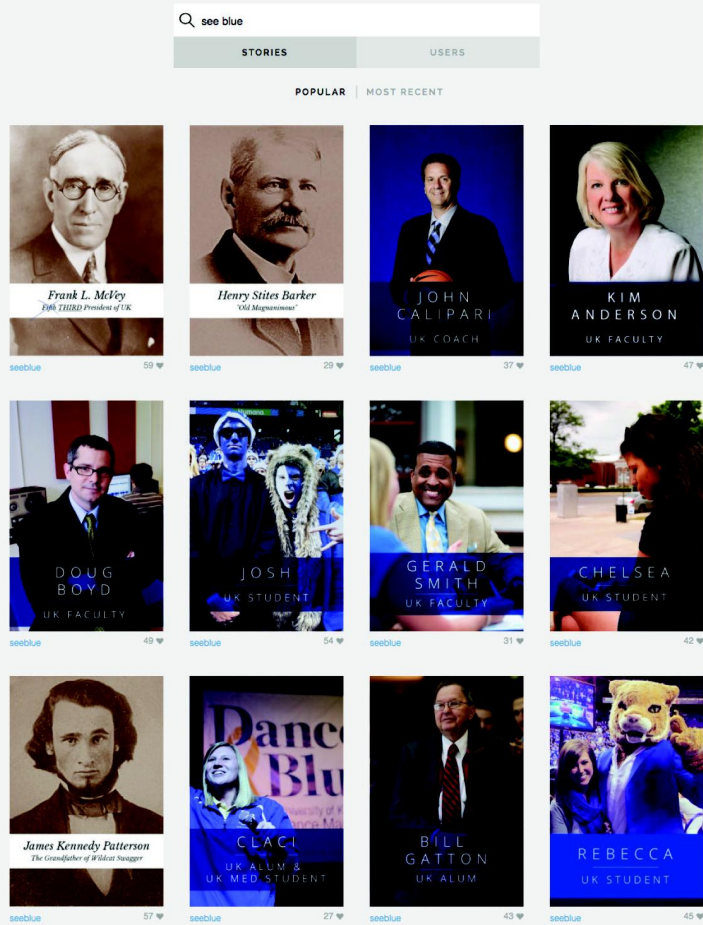
We also introduce you to J.D. Shelburne, an aspiring country music singer who has kept his day job — and keeps right on singing and performing. We also catch up with former Wildcat All-American Tony Delk, who is a part of the SEC Network college basketball broadcast team. He offers great insight into the game.

Finally, I hope you enjoy this issue of Kentucky Alumni magazine as much as I enjoy sharing it with you. Kentucky Alumni magazine is another way we say "thank you" to our members. We couldn't do what we do without you! As always, I welcome your feedback.

With Pride in Blue,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelli". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelli Elam '11
Editor



#seebluestories

WHAT IS YOUR "SEE BLUE." STORY?

The University of Kentucky is much more than a campus of beautiful buildings, an institution of higher learning and a world-class athletics program. The essence of UK is a feeling, a "see blue." spirit that binds every Wildcat - student, faculty, staff, alumni, fans - together. Each member of the Big Blue Nation has a story to share about what the University means to them.

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"I gleaned the remains of my life, turned toward the hills that give me help, give me shelter, hold the sky where it belongs."

— Jane Hicks

What began as a mild winter gave way to Mother Nature's fury at the end of February. The University of Kentucky was planning to host its Board of Trustees meeting in Hazard, but historic snowfall kept us in Lexington.

Why Hazard? From the October Trustees Retreat, your board expressed a desire to see more of the state we serve. It was an enticing opportunity to spend more time in and with the communities where our students are from, many of our faculty work, our Extension agents serve and where our clinicians and partners heal.

Over the last several months, we've been sharing and discussing the special relationship and partnership the University of Kentucky has with the Central Appalachian region. We launched a new series of stories, "Rooted in Our Communities: The University of Kentucky in Appalachia," that examines the myriad ways in which UK faculty, staff and students are working in — and, more important, with — communities throughout the mountains. Those stories and other compelling features can be found at www.uky.edu/appalachia.

These stories bring to life the significant challenges and even more promising opportunities that exist not only in Eastern Kentucky, but throughout our Commonwealth in areas such as health care, energy and conservation, education and economic development.

One of those stories is our partnership with the Shaping Our Appalachian Region initiative, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institutes of Health, Appalachian Regional Commission and Appalachian Regional Hospitals. With these partners, UK is engaged in a five-year, \$1.5 million project to help patients with cancer navigate the often confusing and growing system of treatment options. We

are also developing a three-week initiative to train community leaders and health-care leaders in the mountains.

From unlocking through research the mysteries of disease at the cellular level to engaging in evidenced-based approaches to problems at the community level, UK is investing in micro interventions that, taken together, offer the promise of macro-level change. These are just two examples of the dozens of programs and initiatives ongoing at UK that total nearly \$350 million.

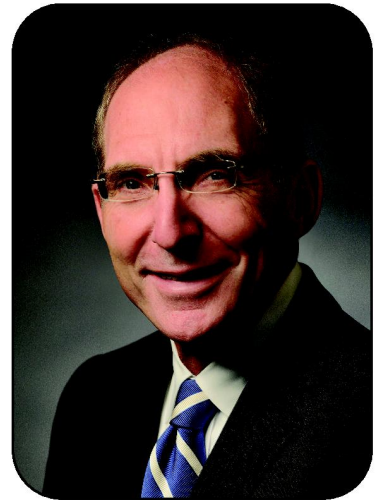
This work and the stories captured through the UK in Appalachia initiative celebrate and promote the incredible culture and heritage of the region, as well as the progress we've made together. The richness of the mountains emboldens our shared effort and the promise of tomorrow.

At the University of Kentucky, we take pride in the fact that our 150-year legacy of education, research, service and care means that we are — in creative and compelling ways — the university for Kentucky.

In Appalachia, that service and those partnerships are deeply rooted and grounded in a sense of community, in a spirit of partnership, with the idea that we, too, look toward the hills — for help and shelter, for partnership and meaning, for stronger communities and for a brighter future for our Commonwealth.



Eli Capilouto
President



New Observation Unit at UK HealthCare

UK HealthCare has opened its first Observation Unit at the UK Chandler Hospital. Across the nation, observation units are increasingly being used to provide high quality, safe and efficient care to patients who come to the Emergency Department and are too sick to be discharged home and need additional evaluation.

In the 24-bed unit located adjacent to the UK Chandler Emergency Department, patients with symptoms such as chest pain, abdominal pain, dehydration or syncope (fainting or passing out) will be managed and cared for up to 24 hours until either discharged or admitted as an in-patient for more intensive care. The patient will remain as an outpatient while in the unit.

Studies show benefits of patients cared for in observation units include better clinical outcomes, greater patient satisfaction, less diagnostic uncertainty and improvements in the use of hospital resources and staff.

“There are times when a patient doesn’t meet criteria set by Medicaid or Medicare to be admitted to the hospital but as a physician you just don’t feel that they are well enough to be sent home,” said Dr. Romil Chadha, medical director

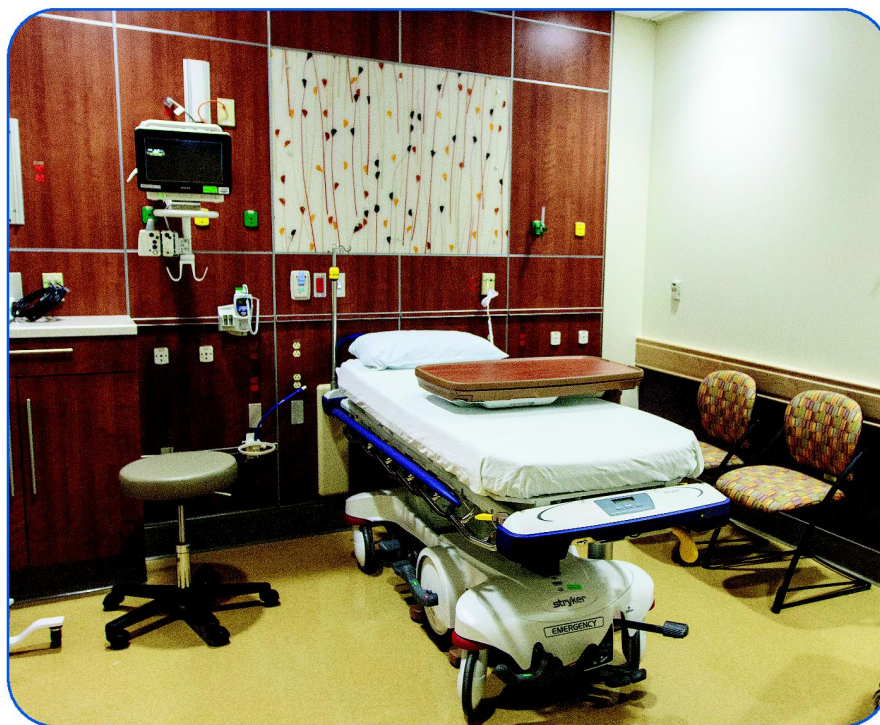


Photo: UK HealthCare

of the Chandler Observation Unit. “This unit allows us to monitor them for an extended amount of time and ensure they get the care they need.”

The new unit, which opened with 12 beds, will eventually expand to 24 beds

and provide patient care with close collaboration among Hospital Medicine, Emergency Medicine and Cardiology to provide prompt, high quality and efficient observation care. ■

UK unveils historical marker

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension personnel honored an early, influential Extension educator and their program’s centennial anniversary with a historical marker. The marker was unveiled in December outside of the Myrtle Weldon Suite in the E.S. Good Barn on campus.

“Thousands of agents have served the people of Kentucky over the last century. It is fitting that we also recognize Myrtle Weldon on the same marker. She had the initial vision for what has become the FCS extension program in 2014,” said Ann Vail, assistant director of UK Family and Consumer Sciences Extension, during the ceremony.

In Kentucky, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension programming began in 1914 when UK hired 17 county Extension agents to teach food preservation. Weldon became state leader of the then UK Home Economics Extension program in 1924. Weldon oversaw the program grow in educational emphasis and in agent numbers during her 31-year tenure. In addition, she played an instrumental role in the beginnings of the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association, a group that formed in 1932. ■



Photo: UK Ag Communications Services

From left to right, Bob Weldon, Ann Vail and Jimmy Henning unveil the newest historical marker at UK.

UK celebrates December graduates

There were 839 undergraduates and 125 graduate and professional students who were expected to participate in the Commencement Ceremonies that were held inside Memorial Coliseum in December.

A total of 1,357 undergraduate degrees, 536 graduate degrees and 22 professional degrees were conferred for August and December 2014.

Lauren Thompson of Louisville was the 2014 December Commencement student speaker. The communication major has spent her time at UK participating in the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, the National Association of Black Accountants, Ad Club and serving as a UK 101 Peer Instructor. She was also selected for the German-American Ful-

bright Commission Summer Session last year, spending a month in Berlin.

The university also awarded honorary doctorates. One went to Brady Deaton, former chancellor of the University of Missouri-Columbia and chairman of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development. Don Jacobs also received an honorary doctorate. He is co-founder of the Don Jacobs Organization, one of Central Kentucky's largest family-owned car dealerships. Don Jacobs and his wife Cathy Jacobs have served as leading donors for many university projects, such as the Don and Cathy Jacobs Health Education Center at the new Pavilion A in the Albert B. Chandler Hospital. ■



Photo: UK Public Relations & Marketing

UK earns 2015 Community Engagement Classification

Recognizing UK's commitment to its surrounding local, national and global communities, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching selected the university to receive the 2015 Community Engagement Classification.

"The success of our reclassification efforts is the result of the efforts of a committed group of campus stakeholders who contributed their expertise, time and knowledge in the drafting of the report," said Katherine McCormick, professor of interdisciplinary early childhood education and James W. and Diane V. Stuckert Endowed Professor in Service-Learning, who chaired the team responsible for completing the application process.

The classification recognizes institutions that provide evidence of substantial engagement and contribution to their communities. A significant achievement, institutions complete

a two-year long application process. UK also received the 2010 Community Engagement Classification.

In a letter to McCormick, the Carnegie Foundation and New England Resource Center for Higher Education praised the university, saying that UK's report "documented excellent alignment among campus mission, culture, leadership, resources, and practices that support dynamic and noteworthy community engagement."

"Prominent in the reclassification application was the work of the colleges, the Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching, the Center for Community Outreach in the Division of Student Affairs, the Office of Community Engagement, the University of Kentucky International Center and the Office of the Associate Provost, Division of Undergraduate Education," said McCormick. ■

UK Art goes 3D

As the Smithsonian Castle displayed the first 3D-printed bust of a U.S. president, students in one UK art course wrapped up a semester learning how to not only create art with the assistance of a 3D printer, but also to build 3D printers.

The concept for the new course came from a suggestion by Derek Eggers, senior faculty instructional consultant with the UK Center for Enhancement of Learning and Teaching, and Jeremy Colbert, a facilities specialist in metal arts at the UK School of Art and Visual Studies. Eggers then teamed up with senior lecturer James Wade in sculpture and art foundations to design a 3D printing course that would teach students to not only use the printer but also build one from kits, capitalizing

on the wealth of open source information available.

Initially imagined for model making and prototyping, opportunities to use 3D technology have boomed in recent years. More and more, the forms produced by printers can now be used as the final product. And the industry is pushing the realm of possibilities even further by transforming them into other materials using casting and mold making processes, making this another tool in the inventory.

Egger and Wade's course, "A-S 390: Hybrid Fabrication," is cross disciplinary and open to all majors with the goal of creating interaction between several departments and colleges on campus — engineering, art, media, agriculture and design. ■

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UK study on campus tobacco-free policies

Amanda Fallin, assistant research professor at the UK College of Nursing, recently published a study, "Association of Campus Tobacco Policies With Secondhand Smoke Exposure, Intention to Smoke on Campus, and Attitudes About Outdoor Smoking Restrictions," in the *American Journal of Public Health*.

Fallin and her co-authors surveyed California college students between September 2013 and May 2014 with a range

of policies (smoke-free indoors only, designated outdoor smoking areas, smoke-free, and tobacco-free).

Fallin said that findings indicate smoke and tobacco-free policies are widely accepted and are working on campus.

Findings include:

- Stronger policies were associated with fewer students reporting exposure to secondhand smoke or seeing someone smoke on campus.

- On tobacco-free college campuses, fewer students smoked and reported intention to smoke on campus.
- Strong majorities of students supported outdoor smoking restrictions across all policy types.
- Comprehensive tobacco-free policies are effective in reducing exposure to smoking and intention to smoke on campus. ■

Grant to meet demand for behavioral health in primary care

The UK College of Social Work, in collaboration with the UK Department of Family and Community Medicine, has been awarded a \$1.4 million Health Resources and Services Administration grant to train graduate social work students to meet the rising demand for social workers trained in primary behavioral health with children, adolescents and transitional aged individuals (ages 18-25).

The federal grant will provide \$10,000 stipends that will allow the College of Social Work and the Department of Family and Community Medicine to create an integrated behavioral health track. This track will train 92 clinical social work students in a fully-integrated model of primary behavioral health care over a three year period. Second year

graduate social work students will practice intensive case management, behavioral health interventions and secondary prevention screening for children/teens/and transitional age young adults at risk for mental illness, family violence, trauma, substance misuse and risky sexual behavior. Students will serve at-risk and underserved populations including rural, impoverished, refugee, immigrant and inner city clients, including families.

Compared nationally, Kentucky has higher poverty rates, child and adolescent risk of illegal substance use, youth suicides and child obesity. Kentucky's high school youth experience higher rates of violence and have had higher rates of child abuse fatalities in recent years. Kentucky was also an early state to

experience targeted gun violence in schools.

"This is really a great opportunity to increase interdepartmental collaboration here at UK for preparing social work graduate students to meet the critical shortages of behavioral health care professionals across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. I cannot imagine a more community engaged project," said Carlton D. Craig, associate professor in the College of Social Work and the project's principal investigator.

The collaborative team working on the project also includes William Elder, professor in the College of Medicine, David Royse, professor in the College of Social Work and Pamela Weeks, associate clinical professor in the College of Social Work. ■

Study examines communication and end-of-life decisions

For many people, talking about end-of-life decisions can be very difficult. Although making choices about health care at the end of life is an important outcome of these conversations, recent research suggests that talking about end-of-life choices with family members in a way that pays attention to how they perceive themselves and maintains your relationship with them may be more important than actually reaching decisions.

Allison Scott, assistant professor at the UK College of Communication and Information, focuses her research on the quality of communication about

end-of-life health decisions. In her study published this year in *Communication Monographs*, "Enacted Goal Attention in Family Conversations about End-of-Life Health Decisions," Scott and co-author John Caughlin, professor and department head at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, used a multiple goals theoretical perspective to demonstrate that the quality of communication about end-of-life decisions matters. Members of 121 older parent/adult child dyads (N = 242) engaged in an elicited conversation about end-of-life health choices and reported

their assessments of the conversation. Scott and Caughlin found that people who paid better attention to task, identity, and relational goals were more satisfied with the conversation, felt more hopeful after the conversation, experienced less hurt after the conversation and felt less relationally distanced after the conversation. ■



Compiled from news reports about research at UK.

For more information about research taking place at UK, visit www.research.uky.edu



Gerald R. Benjamin '79 Seeing blue and making a difference...

*Former UK scholarship recipient
achieves phenomenal success in business
and gives back to his alma mater*

“A scholarship can help chart the course of someone’s life,” observes Mike Richey ’73 ’79 AFE, UK vice president for Development. “Certainly that’s the case with Gerry Benjamin who came to the University of Kentucky as a student from northern Ohio in the mid-1970s. He could have been admitted to another university, but he chose to enroll at UK because of a scholarship he was given.

“During his time on campus, he discovered his academic interest and vocation, and graduated from UK with a degree in accounting. After working for a large firm, he launched out into business for himself. And over the last three and a half decades, he has experienced phenomenal success in investment banking, corporate finance, principal investing, and corporate mergers, acquisitions and restructuring advisement.”

Richey continues, “As one of the university’s most outstanding graduates, Gerry is sharing his extraordinary business insight and the rewards of his success with his alma mater and other worthy causes.”

Spending his formative years in Ohio

Gerald Benjamin grew up in Cleveland, Ohio. His parents were entrepreneurs and worked in their own businesses. Benjamin and his older brother learned a strong work ethic watching their father and mother build first one and then another successful enterprise.

Both parents also played musical instruments and en-

couraged their sons to become proficient musicians.

Benjamin remembers, “My parents shaped my early life. They were small-business owners in retail hardware. They motivated me to excel in academics, work and music, and they made sure I received great instruction in all these areas.”

Benjamin chose the trumpet as his instrument and played in symphony orchestras all during his school years. He also played basketball in both junior high and high school, and graduated early from Cleveland Heights High School in 1975.

At the time, he didn’t realize how music would influence his future.

Marching his way through UK

In his college search, Benjamin looked at many schools around the country. His older brother, Dr. Jaye E. Benjamin ’74 EN, had attended the University of Kentucky on a full tuition music scholarship. Benjamin applied for and received this same scholarship, which was not restricted to music majors.

“My experience at UK was wonderful,” he declares. “I had the unique fortune to attend the University of Kentucky on a scholarship and have my tuition paid as my brother’s had also been paid a few years earlier.”

One of the requirements of the scholarship was for Benjamin to play in the UK Marching Band. He explains, “I



Benjamin attended UK on a full tuition music scholarship and played in the UK Marching Band.

had played in orchestras all my life at that point. But being a part of a marching band was a whole new experience for me. It took a while for me to learn how to move my feet and play

my instrument at the same time,” he says with a laugh.

While at the university, he studied with trumpet master, Vince DiMartino.

As an out-of-state student, Benjamin was impressed with what he discovered in the Commonwealth. He recalls, “When I came to Kentucky as a freshman, I experienced a holistic state pride that was remarkable. It’s different in Kentucky than anywhere else. I’ve traveled for 35 years, and I still haven’t found anything to rival it.”

At first, Benjamin chose a chemistry major, but later decided he didn’t want to be a chemist. He considered becoming a physician, but eventually settled on a major in accounting.

“I had excellent instruction at UK,” he reflects.

“My business professors were both intellectually stimulating and academically challenging. The accounting program was well-respected then, as it is now. I obtained an education that prepared me for the business world, and I easily passed the CPA exam.”

Benjamin received a bachelor’s degree in accounting with high distinction in 1979. He was also named a Coopers & Lybrand Scholar.

Building an extraordinary career

Upon graduation, Benjamin accepted a job in Atlanta, Georgia, with the firm Ernst & Young as a staff accountant. He stayed in the position for two years.

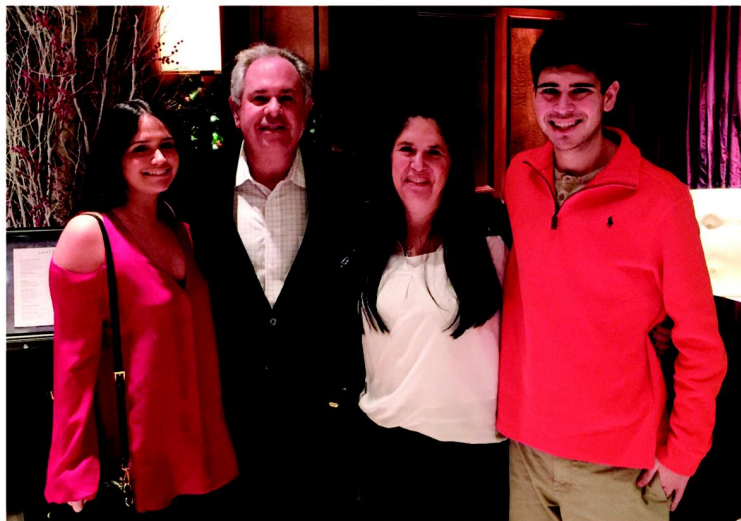
“My association with Ernst & Young was a good learning experience for me,” he says. “But the entrepreneurial tendencies I developed while working in my parents’ enterprises made me want to have my own business. So in 1982 at age 23, I started my own accounting firm in Atlanta.”

He took on business partners and cofounded Williams Benjamin Benator & Libby which grew to become a 60-person firm.

The first employee Benjamin hired was a CPA who was a recent graduate of nearby Emory University. She eventually became his wife. He shares, “Vicki worked in the firm for two years, and then we were married. We have now celebrated our 31st wedding anniversary.”

As the firm prospered, Benjamin launched other successful business ventures, including Southeastern Retail Management Corp. which became a leading Blockbuster Video franchisee acquired by Cox Communications Inc. in 1991 in an all-cash transaction.

That same year, Benjamin retired from Williams Benjamin Benator & Libby to venture into the health care service arena.



Benjamin has been married to Vicki, third from left, for 31 years. They have a daughter, Elyse, left, and a son, Erik, right.

He cofounded Premier Healthcare Inc. in partnership with Healthcare Investment Corp. of Edison, New Jersey, where he developed 10 health care service companies that became leaders in their respective fields. In 1993, he divested each of these Premier Healthcare service portfolio companies in an all-cash transaction, acquiring the “Premier Healthcare” trade name.

Benjamin served as chief executive officer of Premier Healthcare from

1994 to 1999, developed it into a boutique mergers and acquisitions advisory firm, and consummated more than \$2.8 billion of health care mergers and acquisitions transactions.

In 1997, he cofounded Physician’s Specialty Corp., the largest ear, nose and throat clinical services company in the nation. He and his physician partner took the company public and in 1999 divested Physician’s Specialty Corp. in an all-cash privatization transaction.

Benjamin then cofounded Casas Benjamin & White LLC which became a nationally-recognized mergers and acquisitions restructuring advisory firm, and from 1999 to 2005 completed more than \$18 billion of restructuring transactions on behalf of institutional clients, including Bank of America, BNP Paribas, Citicorp, GE Capital, Scotia Capital, Royal Bank of Scotland, UBS Securities, Union Bank and Wells Fargo.

New Developments

Also during this time, acting as principal, Benjamin and his partners led the leveraged buyouts and subsequent divestments of American Pad & Paper LLC, Global Link Logistics LLC, Loehmann's Inc. and Club Staffing Inc. in all-cash transactions.

In 2005, Casas Benjamin & White was acquired by Navigant Consulting Inc., a New York Stock Exchange traded company.

For the next three years, Benjamin served as managing director with Navigant's broker-dealer subsidiary where he directed the firm's national investment banking and private equity advisory practices.

In 2007, Benjamin cofounded and became managing partner of Atlanta Equity Investors LLC, a middle market private equity firm investing in the health care, business services and software sectors. In 2008, he cofounded and became managing partner of MOG Lodging Investors, a developer of Marriott licensed limited service hotels. He continues in each of these positions to the present time.

Benjamin had an opportunity in 2011 to invest in a Kentucky business. He became chairman of Marshall Physician Services LLC when Atlanta Equity Investors acquired a controlling interest in Marshall Emergency Services Associates PSC, a regional emergency medicine and hospital medicine physician practice management and hospital outsourcing firm based in Lexington.

"I've been investing in health care for 30 years," Benjamin notes. "I was drawn to do business in Kentucky because of my respect for UK grads and my own UK experience.

"When I was a student, I never dreamed that I would one day be investing in Kentucky. But this is where Marshall Emergency Services Associates grew its emergency room and hospital medicine businesses, managing nearly 30 percent of the hospital emergency rooms in Kentucky from Harlan to Paducah, employing 400 physicians and managing about 600,000 patient encounters a year.

"This experience has also given me a deep respect for the UK College of Medicine and the passion for patient care its graduates model every day.

"We've had UK interns and we've hired many UK grads. The quality of their education and work ethic is unsurpassed."

In 2014, Benjamin became vice chairman and lead director of GreenSky Trade Credit LLC, a credit and point of sale technology platform company.

He also serves on the corporate boards of a host of companies in a wide variety of industries, including Halperns' Steak & Seafood Co., recently acquired by the



Benjamin is the co-host of a weekly radio call-in program in Atlanta entitled, "The CPA Wealth Advisors."

\$10 billion Gordon Food Service Corp. where Benjamin was named the 2013 Director of the Year by the Atlanta Business Chronicle.

Becoming a radio show personality

In the past several months, Benjamin has been sharing his extensive business experience and knowledge on the Atlanta air waves.

He explains, "A colleague of mine sold his business after building it for many years. With time on his hands, he decided to begin a weekly call-in radio program, and he asked me to join him as a guest. Things went well in that first appearance, and after the program, he invited me to join him every week. I started doing this in January 2013 and it's been very enjoyable.

"The program is called 'The CPA Wealth Advisors' and it deals with financial and retirement planning.

"It airs on WYAY-FM 106.7 in Atlanta. The format invites listeners to telephone us and pose financial questions.

"There are recurring themes like: 'Is now the time to enter the stock market?' Other questions often arise about the best ways to take money out of retirement funds. This, of course, is very important because of tax implications and the difference they can make in how long someone's assets will last in retirement."

Assisting his alma mater

In the late 1980s, Benjamin and his brother established the Benjamin Band Scholarship to assist students in the UK Band who are not majoring in music, paralleling the scholarship each received as a student.

"I think giving back is a great thing," Benjamin says with a smile.

He has also given major support to the UK Athletics

program. "We thoroughly enjoy attending UK basketball games," he shares. "I often bring family and business associates, and both our son and daughter are big UK fans."

In 2013, Benjamin made a major commitment to the redesign and expansion of the Gatton College of Business & Economics facilities, in part because of President Eli Capilouto's long-range plan for the university.

Benjamin reflects, "Eli came here with a vision, and he has already had great success in renewing emphasis on the undergraduate student experience, improving the university's facilities, and attracting increasing numbers of students who are National Merit Scholars. UK's emerging new campus is making a positive impression on prospective students, and it's helping to capture their hearts and minds on their first visit to the university.

"Eli is a person who excels at everything he undertakes, and I understand why he is succeeding. He is a great leader, and UK is fortunate to have him."

Benjamin continues, "Several years ago, Vicki and I formed a philanthropic family foundation. We feel incredibly blessed to be able to do this. Our goal is to ease the burden and create opportunity for young people in education and the arts.

"Sometimes we give for buildings, but our hearts are always for people. We want to impact worthy causes. And we want to improve young people's lives.

"Dean David Blackwell is diligently focusing on the stature and status of the Gatton College of Business & Economics," he notes. "The new building will improve the quality of the academic offerings and enable the college to grow in enrollment. This major expansion has the support of our family foundation behind it."

Benjamin is a member of the Dean's Advisory Council in the Gatton College. From that perspective, he adds, "Following President Capilouto's lead, we're working with Dean Blackwell to improve the undergraduate experience in the college and attract a more diverse student body from Kentucky and other states."

The Dean's Advisory Council is composed of leading

business executives from throughout the Commonwealth and successful college alumni in major corporations. Council members assist the Gatton College in establishing endowed chairs, professorships and scholarship support, and advise on the college's growth.

In 2007, Benjamin was inducted into the Gatton College of Business & Economics Alumni Hall of Fame in recognition of his career achievements.

"I am very grateful for the experience and wise counsel that Gerry willingly shares with his alma mater," President Capilouto observes. "I also appreciate his generosity and leadership in giving to transform the Gatton College facilities, and his strong support for our athletics program. His

philanthropy will help enhance the educational experience of future generations of students."

Benjamin asserts, "Philanthropy needs to play a major role at the university because of today's economic environment. There are many UK business and other grads who can make a significant difference at our alma mater with their gifts. UK is a special place and has much to offer.

Its land grant mission attracts bright students. As UK alumni, we should all help others follow in our footsteps."

Benjamin also gives of his time and resources to other worthy causes. He serves on the board of trustees of the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta and is its immediate past chairman. He is also a member of the governing board of the Woodward Academy near Atlanta from which both his children graduated. He has supported Atlanta's Grady Memorial Hospital, the Atlanta Symphony, Carnegie Hall and many local campaigns promoting visual arts, dance, theatre and music.

"I deeply appreciate all that Gerry Benjamin is doing for his alma mater," Richey shares. "His business insight and experience are invaluable, and his generosity is helping us move the university forward in transformational ways. As his own life was positively influenced by a University of Kentucky scholarship, so will his philanthropy help other UK students achieve their academic dreams." ■



Benjamin has made a major commitment to the redesign and expansion of the Gatton College of Business & Economics facilities.

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Barbara Rice:

A lofty career helping NASA with nutrition

By Robin Roenker

When Barbara Landrum Rice '62 AFE accepted her position as a research dietitian working at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, she thought it would be a two-year role.

That was 25 years ago.

Rice, a native of Franklin, has forged a long career at NASA as a contractor, studying the nutritional needs of astronauts before, during, and after their space flights in the Human Adaptation and Countermeasures Group.

"Student groups often ask me, 'What did you do in your background to be able to work for NASA?'" says Rice, who graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in dietetics from the School of Home Economics, now called Human Environmental Sciences in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

"The truth is, when I was hired I knew nothing about microgravity or space-flight. But the woman who hired me said, 'We can teach you those things. You have intrinsic values and experiences that we can't teach,'" Rice says.

Early Training

Rice grew up in an agricultural family of nine children. Her mother taught Rice and her siblings from an early age how to help grow and prepare their own foods and make their own clothing. "We only shopped in town, which was, I think, about 12 miles from our home, on Saturday afternoons. It was a very different world than it is now. We made almost

everything ourselves. Looking back, I'm very grateful to have had that type of upbringing," says Rice, who credits those experiences with her lifelong passion for healthful foods and style of eating.

As Rice and her six sisters grew, there was never any question about their educational path. "Our mother was adamant that all of the girls would go to college or technical school," Rice says. "She just said, 'This is what you need to do, and you can do it if you work really hard.'"

Rice followed her four older sisters to UK, where they also had majored and graduated with degrees in home economics.

"I was familiar with UK from my sisters' experiences there, and also from the many camps and conferences that I had attended there through my 4H work," Rice says. "Really, it had been driven into me by my mother that UK was the best place for me to study and get a degree."

Once on campus, she says she found herself motivated and shaped by another strong woman: Abby Marlatt, who was the director of the School of Home Economics.

"Abby Marlatt taught all of our advanced nutrition classes. She was a very vocal person who didn't always follow all the rules. She would often stand on one of the main streets and hold signs in support of Black freedom and other civil rights issues and was just so bold. I remember thinking she had such courage — not to mention a very good knowledge of nutrition," says Rice.

When Rice enrolled at UK, she wasn't certain of her choice of major. It was a chance assignment to be a dietitian's assistant during a summer internship at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, following her freshman year that solidified her career path.

"That summer, I was able to spend a lot of time with the dietitians, and I realized I really liked this work," she says. "That was really when I decided to go into dietetics and nutrition."

In the following summers while at UK, Rice held dietetics internships at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington and at Methodist Evangelical Hospital in Louisville. Then, after graduation, she moved to California, where she worked for more than 20 years as a clinical dietitian and nutrition consultant in hospitals and schools in Los Angeles and surrounding areas. While working full time and balancing motherhood, Rice completed a master's degree in nutrition and foods from California State University.

"My goal, from the beginning, has always been to help people have better health. My focus, in almost all of my jobs has been to prevent problems. That's what drives me," she says. "I've never been interested in working in facilities where people are already really sick. I'd rather work in facilities where people are relatively healthy, where I can work with them to be even healthier and prevent disease."



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Barbara Rice has spent over five decades as a dietitian in a career that has included positions as director of school food services in Culver City, California, therapeutic dietitian at Los Angeles' Kaiser Foundation Hospital, and assistant director and director of training in nutrition at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, in addition to her NASA position.

“Once disease occurs, it’s a lot harder to undo. That’s always been my mantra — to try to prevent disease. It’s a lot easier to prevent obesity and diabetes, for example, than to try to treat the health ramifications that come from them,” she says.

Rice has spent over five decades as a dietitian in a career that has included positions as director of school food services in Culver City, California, therapeutic dietitian at Los Angeles’ Kaiser Foundation Hospital, and assistant director and director of training in nutrition at Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles, in addition to her NASA position. Rice says she has seen a drastic decline in people’s overall mobility and exercise levels. “The other big contributing factor to the obesity epidemic is the increased use of fast

foods and prepackaged foods, rather than taking time to make things from scratch,” she says.

“We need to be doing what we can to keep activity levels up and just keep people moving,” Rice says.

Career at NASA

By 1990, Rice and her husband, Phil, whom she’d met in Los Angeles, had moved to Texas, where he was transferred. When Rice saw a job opening for a research dietitian position at the Johnson Space Center, she applied.

“In the early days at NASA, they weren’t worried a lot about the nutrition of the astronauts, since they were going on such short flights. It was more like going on a camping trip. They

wanted to send them off with foods they liked, and when they came back, if they were nutritionally deficient in something, then they could turn that around. In flights that short — at that time, most were under 13 days — you’re not going to develop any nutritional deficiencies,” Rice says.

But in the early 1990s, with the prospect of astronauts facing longer space flights and long tenures of time at the International Space Station, Rice says it was apparent to NASA medical personnel that research was needed to determine exactly which nutrients, and how much, the astronauts needed during space flight.

NASA set aside funds to hire a research dietitian, the position Rice

landed, and to conduct a few specially-earmarked research flights with crew members to monitor their nutrition and biochemistry levels during flight.

“The woman hiring me said, ‘We’ve got these research flights coming up that will probably give us all the data we’re going to need to answer all the questions we’re going to have. We may not need you for more than a couple of years,’” Rice recalls. “But here I am, 25 years later.”

Over the years, Rice has worked closely with many NASA flight teams, often forging close personal relationships with individual astronauts.

“I may see an astronaut weekly or even more frequently for one or two years until their individual health goal is met,” says Rice, whose job includes nutrition counseling for the NASA flight crews.

As astronauts prepare for a flight, Rice’s work with them amplifies. “During preflight testing protocols, I see them three to four times per day at each of their meals to monitor their dietary intake,” she says.

She sometimes confers with astronauts at the International Space Station via video conference, if they have questions about their nutritional needs while in flight. Other days find her logging long hours in front of her computer, analyzing data obtained from the astronauts’ dietary records.

Ultimately, Rice and her colleagues’ research has confirmed that astronauts’ daily caloric and nutritional needs are much the same in flight as they are on Earth, though astronauts need less iron in microgravity and Vitamin D supplemented due to their lack of sun exposure in space.

Over the years, their research has helped to compile nutritional knowledge that is also beneficial to people on Earth, she says.

Currently, for example, Rice and her co-workers are conducting a study to determine whether limiting the amount of animal protein the astronauts consume and amplifying their potassium intake while in flight could help diminish the amount of calcium loss evident in their bones. “If we can do that,” Rice says, “we may be able to help people see that if you eat less meat and eat more vegetables and fruits, which are good sources of potassium, then you could help offset osteoporosis.”

Over the years, her career at NASA has had many memorable moments, including the opportunity to work as a nutritionist on a NASA team that offered consultation during operations to rescue the 33 men trapped for 69 days in the Chilean mining accident that captured the world’s attention in 2010.

By the time a supply line could reach the miners, they had been without much food and water for days. Rice and the NASA team of physicians advised providing nutritional formula to the miners gradually in a process called “refeeding,” similar to the steps used to treat recovering anorexia patients, work that Rice did for several years in California.

“In many ways, it made sense that they called NASA and asked for help,” she says. “We’re in the business of sending people off to harsh environments and in dealing with emergencies that may pop up.”

Another time, an astronaut was so appreciative of Rice’s help in reaching his weight goal over the course of a year that he offered her the rare opportunity to have one of her own personal mementoes taken up into space. “I chose for him to take a small gold shuttle pendant on which I have since en-

graved the dates that it was in microgravity,” Rice says.

But her most deeply-cherished NASA memories involve close friendships with the members of the final Columbia mission, which tragically ended in an explosion on Feb. 1, 2003, killing all seven crewmembers aboard.

“I worked closely with the final Columbia mission for about three years prior to launch. When the crew launched, I received a beautiful rose bouquet from them that was very special to me, especially since the vehicle ultimately failed. About six months after the flight, I received an autographed crew photo that had been signed by all of them prior to launch. I keep it with a collage of their flight patches in a framed case, hanging on my office wall,” Rice says. “It was a pleasure to work with such fine people.”

While she has no plans to retire immediately, Rice says she looks forward to eventually having more time to visit her grown daughter, Katie, who lives in Maryland, and to volunteer as a docent to assist patients at Houston’s Texas Medical Center.

And, she plans to travel a lot. “I want to go on a safari to Africa,” Rice says. “That’s definitely on my bucket list.” ■

Barbara Rice and her sisters established the Bessie G. Landrum Scholarship Fund in Human Environmental Sciences at UK in their mother's name, as a way of honoring her passion and drive for their higher education. Rice – a member of the UK Alumni Association's Hall of Distinguished Alumni – also later founded a dietetics scholarship in her own name, as well as a UK library fund for use in purchasing dietetics and nutrition publications.

Revolution in Black and Blue: Wagner documentary showcases UK's role in integrating SEC football

By Hal Morris



Photo: UK Athletics

On Sept. 27, the four men who helped integrate the Southeastern Conference in football were honored during the Wildcats' game against Vanderbilt at Commonwealth Stadium. Pictured are, from left, Nate Northington, Wilbur Hackett, Houston Hogg and Mel Page, the brother of the late Greg Page. A documentary by UK graduate Paul Wagner is being made to chronicle Kentucky's role in breaking the color barrier in the SEC.

Paul Wagner '70 AS, '72 CI wants to set the record straight.

It was the University Kentucky, not any other school that broke the color barrier for football in the Southeastern Conference (SEC).

The Oscar-winning documentarian and Louisville native is working on a film that will do just that. The documentary, with the working title "Black in Blue," will tell the story of the four men who first integrated the SEC.

"My main job is to tell the story, and I'm really excited to do that," Wagner says. "UK alumni are going to be nuts about it. It's really going to be exciting."

The story by now is a familiar one. Nate Northington signed with UK in Decem-

ber 1965, becoming the first African-American player to sign with an SEC school, with Page signing a short time later. At that time, freshmen were not eligible to play on the varsity team. After receiving a paralyzing injury during a preseason practice on Aug. 22, 1967, Page died 38 days later on Sept. 29. The day after Page's death, Northington played against the University of Mississippi, becoming the first African American to play in the SEC. He left the program after playing in two more games — at Auburn and at home against Virginia Tech. He then played two years at Western Kentucky University.

In 1967, Wilbur Hackett and Houston Hogg signed with the Wildcats. Hackett was the first African American to be

elected a team captain in the SEC in any sport.

The story of UK's historical role in breaking the SEC color barrier has been, for the most part, unknown.

Enter Wagner, who lives in Charlottesville, Virginia, and got into the project through former Kentucky quarterback Paul Karem, who played with Hackett and Hogg.

Karem was watching a documentary on former Tennessee quarterback Condrage Holloway, the first African-American quarterback in the SEC, and became exasperated that UK's story had never been told.

"Our guys were six years before him. When you look at Nate, Greg Page,

Wilbur and Houston, these guys are way before anybody else,” Karem says. “Where’s the credit? And why don’t others know about this?”

“UK played a critical role in this, and no one knows about it.”

Shortly after seeing the documentary, Karem attended a reunion of former Coach Charlie Bradshaw’s players together and said it was time people knew about this achievement.

That idea turned into an idea for the movie. Thanks to a mutual friend in Ed Mayer ’70 BE, ’73 LAW, Karem met with Wagner and the documentary was born.

“He’s the perfect guy for the job,” Karem says about Wagner.

Wagner pours his heart and soul into all of his projects, but rarely has he done anything as personal as this.

“I’ve made films about a lot of things, but I think race is a story that just helps us understand who we are as Americans, and it’s helpful to us in the present,” Wagner says.

“It’s important to us that we make sure the world knows how important a role UK played in breaking the color line in the SEC. One of the things we try to do in the film is help people understand it wasn’t like integrating a restaurant. Football in that era was sort of the symbol and substance of Southern white supremacy,” Wagner says. “It was not only a sport that African Americans couldn’t participate in, which was bad enough, but it was emblematic of the whole tradition and history and power structure of racism in the South.

“We think it’s a pretty big deal.”

Northington thinks it’s a pretty big deal, as well.

“After seeing other documentaries about Tennessee and Sylvester Croom (who became the first African-American SEC football head coach at Mississippi State), I thought, ‘What about UK?’” Northington says. “What about what we accomplished? So that encouraged me more that something needed to be done to share our story so that people know about what we had done at UK and about my

friend Greg Page, who had gone to UK and had that accident and passed away. Here was this historical and remarkable story that hardly anyone was aware of,

which had been mainly overlooked by the media.

“I feel more people needed to know that story. So I’m grateful the documentary is being done so the story can finally receive the recognition it deserves.”

Wagner, whose movie “The Stone Carvers” won the 1985 Academy Award for Documentary Short Subject, said the student newspaper, the Kentucky Kernel, was “agitating to integrate sports” long before Northington signed. He says it’s important for people around the country to know that this did not come “out of thin air,” and that people in the state were pushing for integration when a large part of the South was fighting it.

“I live on the East Coast, and I work with people and am friends with people who have ill-informed notions about what Kentucky is about,” Wagner says. “I don’t like that, and this is a chance to try to right some of that and get it straight so people in this state can celebrate what was accomplished. And people in the South can say, ‘Oh yeah, I see what happened

and know what the South was like.”

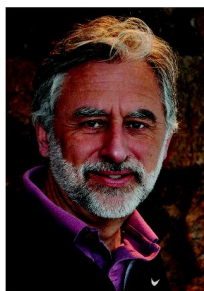
and know what the South was like.”

Karem says with all the attention being paid recently to the civil rights movement of the 1960s in Hollywood, it was time to tell the story.

Northington had remained silent for years about his story. But in 2013, he self-published a book, “Still Running: The Autobiography of Kentucky’s Nate Northington, the First African American Football Player in the Southeastern Conference,” and later attended a reunion of former players for the first time.

“After talking with Paul Karem, Wilbur, Houston and Mel Page (Greg Page’s brother), I didn’t feel any apprehension. I felt it would be a good story to tell. It’s something I never dreamed would take place,” Northington says. “Now that it’s coming to fruition, I’m very happy they recognized us in such a manner. I’m glad for Greg’s family. Everybody needs to know about this story.

“To me, this story is even more remarkable not because I was involved, but how the SEC has turned out, just from a few of us starting out. And now it has exploded to such a tremendous magnitude as far as contributions made by African-American athletes. What we did changed the face of SEC football, and UK certainly deserves credit for that.” ■

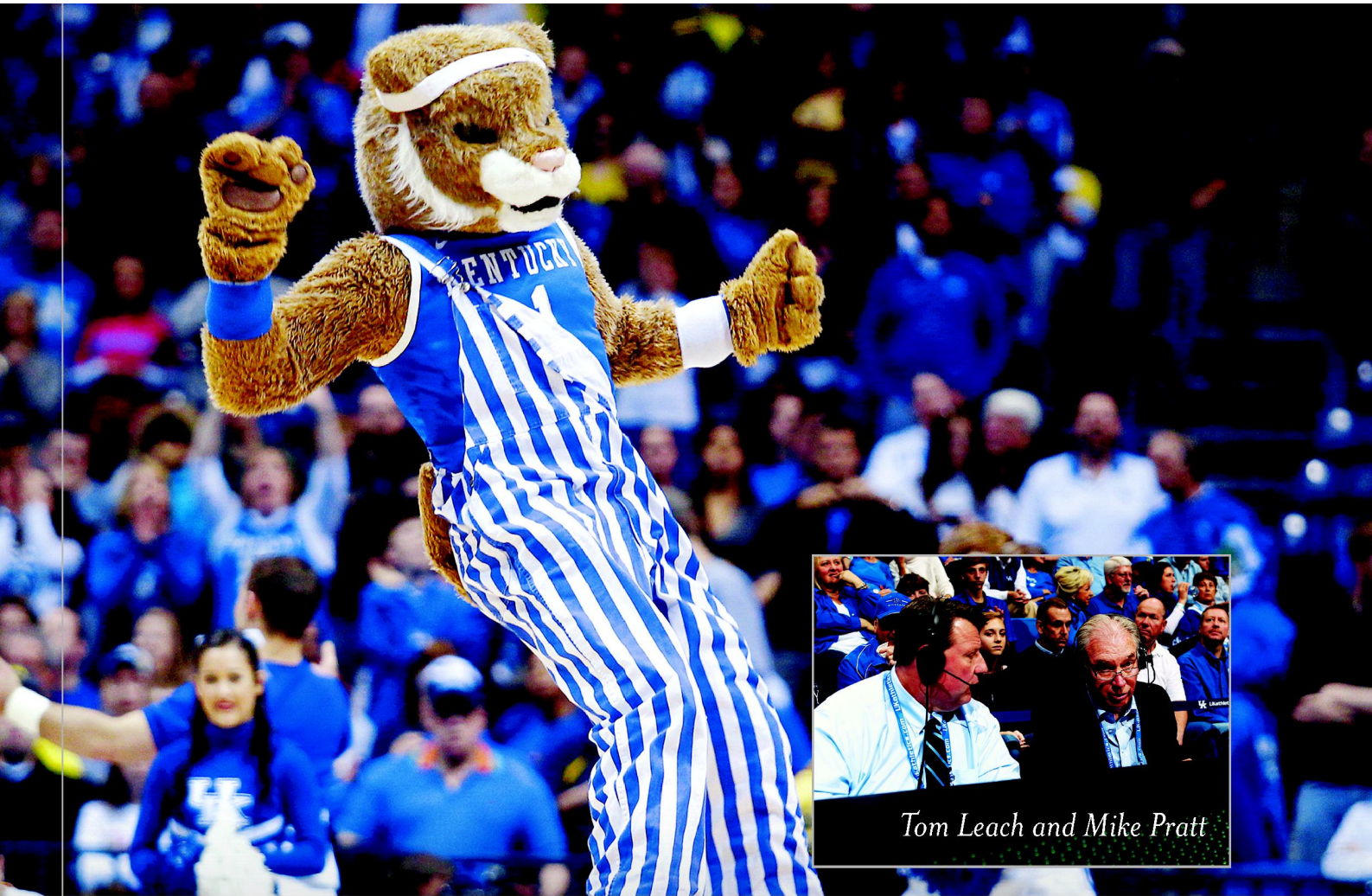


Wagner



Former Kentucky player Nate Northington signs his letter of intent in 1965 in Frankfort surrounded by, from left, Gov. Edward T. “Ned” Breathitt, Kentucky Coach Charlie Bradshaw, Jim Gray, Northington’s coach at Louisville’s Thomas Jefferson High School and University of Kentucky President John W. Oswald.

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Greta Holtz '84 GS: Motivated to serve America's international goals

By Robin Roenker

A summer European backpacking trip during college changed the course of Greta Holtz's life, literally. As the U.S. ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, a prosperous nation situated southeast of Saudi Arabia on the Arabian Peninsula, Holtz marvels at how that fateful summer trip — and a subsequent offhand conversation during class with a friend — led to her lifelong career in Middle Eastern diplomacy.

Having grown up in Evanston, Illinois, and Birmingham, Michigan, suburbs of Chicago and Detroit, Holtz traveled south for college, originally planning to major in nursing at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. But while touring in Europe after her college sophomore year, she realized how little she knew about the larger world.

Once back in Nashville, her career goals shifted. “I realized I wanted to get out and see the world and learn foreign languages and interact with different cultures and peoples,” Holtz says. She promptly changed her major to political science, rounding out her schedule with ample French, Russian and German language courses, although now, she says, she is fluent in Arabic and Turkish, but her Russian and German are rusty.

During one of Holtz’s Russian classes at Vanderbilt, she mentioned to her friend, Gail Davis, plans to chair a campus panel on national security issues. Davis recommended that Holtz contact her father, Vince Davis, then-director of the UK Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, for leads on possible speakers.

“It was a ‘chatting in the back of the classroom when we weren’t supposed to be talking’ kind of thing, but it led me to get in touch with Dr. Davis, who was a gold mine of resources,” Holtz says. “He ended up helping lead the panel, and he encouraged me to apply to the Patterson School after college. And, voilà, that’s where I ended up going. My decision to come to UK really was because he was such a wonderful person who showed great confidence in me and was such a wonderful mentor,” says Holtz, who received her master’s degree in diplomacy and international commerce at UK in 1984.

Thanks to Davis’s connections, Holtz interned while at UK in the NATO policy office at the Pentagon. “I loved every minute of it. Everything about defense policy was fascinating to me,” she says. But at the time, there were few defense positions for civilians overseas, and Holtz wanted an international post. She took the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service Officer Test and accepted a position with the U.S. Foreign Service in 1985.

Since then, Holtz — and her passport — have been kept busy, with appointments in Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Tunisia, Syria, Iraq, Turkey and now, an ambassadorship, which is the pinnacle of all Foreign Service positions, in Oman.

Representing America

Appointed as the Omani ambassador in 2012, Holtz heads up the U.S. Embassy in

Muscat, a bustling office of some 200 staffers including Omani civilians, American Foreign Service officers and representatives from a wide swath of U.S. agencies, including the Defense Department, FBI and CIA.

A longtime ally of the United States, Oman is a stable presence in the region, run by the Sultan of Oman, Qaboos bin Said Al Said, who has rebuilt the country’s infrastructure, education and health care systems during his 44-year reign. In 2010, the United Nations ranked Oman first in a list of 135 countries studied for progress in education, health care and other basic living standards between 1970 and 2010.

“He’s had a long-term, strategic vision for the Omani people since he took over power, and he is committed to giving his people all the tools they need to be prosperous, healthy, educated, secure and stable,” Holtz says. “It’s an amazing thing to watch.”

As ambassador, Holtz spends a lot of time, as she says, “showing the flag.” Each day, she balances her time between a dizzying array of agenda items: meeting with Omani government officials to advocate for U.S. national security objectives; hosting meetings with fellow ambassadors to discuss U.S.-European anti-terrorism efforts in the region; and working with U.S. military and Omani security forces to defend against Al-Qaeda and secure the country’s border with neighboring Yemen, where there is unrest. She also mentors entry-level staffers within the embassy; advocates for U.S. businesses in Oman; and routinely attends graduations, ribbon cuttings, school openings and other events where the Omani government would like a visible U.S. presence. “As an ambassador, you’re there representing the American government and the American people. You are trying to show the best of America in everything you say and do,” says Holtz, a married mother of three who met her husband, Paco Cosio-Marron, while serving in Saudi Arabia.

Through many of Holtz’s appointments, her children have lived abroad with her. Currently, though, she is in Oman alone, because Alexandra and Anthony are attending college in the United States and

her grown daughter, Victoria, opted to stay in Maryland with her father.

Looking back on her long and rich career, Holtz, who also holds a master’s degree in national security studies from the National War College, has relished assignments that have allowed her to feel part of tangible, important change in the region.

“Working in Iraq, in the midst of U.S. combat operations there, was one of the most professionally challenging and rewarding experiences of my career,” she says. “The opportunity to work very closely with U.S. military leaders and Iraqi provincial leaders was very rewarding. I loved being part of something that mattered to our government and to the Iraqi people.” As minister-counselor for provincial affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad in 2009-2010, Holtz led the U.S. Provincial Reconstruction Teams charged with helping establish the new Iraqi government.

After her appointment in Baghdad and prior to the Omani ambassadorship, Holtz served as deputy assistant secretary of state for public diplomacy in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, another role that was especially fulfilling.

“I love doing project work and programming in a country, whether it’s educational programs, exchange programs, or entrepreneurial initiatives,” Holtz says. “My appointment as deputy assistant secretary of state was during and after the Arab Spring, so we were getting to go into those countries that had just undergone revolution with programs on media freedom, writing a constitution, education, entrepreneurship, women’s empowerment and so on. To me, helping them rebuild their countries after years and years of repression and dictatorship, based on their goals and objectives was very important and rewarding.”

When her three-year ambassador appointment concludes in 2015, Holtz hopes to return to Washington before pursuing another overseas appointment. But no matter what her State Department position, her main goal remains the same: “I have always felt motivated to serve America and to serve America’s goals outside of our country,” she says. “That’s what keeps me inspired, and it’s what keeps me going.” ■

Jim Duff '75 AS has had supporting roles and starring roles. He warmed the bench for UK's final freshman basketball team, led a museum devoted to First Amendment freedoms, assisted U.S. Supreme Court chief justices and managed a high-profile law firm. Behind the scenes or in the spotlight, he seems equally at home.

In his first supporting role at UK, the walk-on guard for the undefeated 1971-1972 freshman Kittens averaged a minute of playing time a game but had the time of his life as a 22-0 season unfolded. His teammates included eventual Wildcat stars Jimmy Dan Connor, Mike Flynn, Kevin Grevey, Bob Guyette, Jerry Hale and G.J. Smith.

He jokingly tells his former teammates, still close friends, "I averaged one point a game, but I only played a few minutes. Imagine if I had played 40 minutes?"

After that stellar season, Duff gave up playing basketball and focused on his studies. He studied political science, history and philosophy through the Honors Program and graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa.

"Fortunately, I got into the Honors Program and everything was such a wonderful experience all the way around, both academically, as well as having the chance to wear the Kentucky uniform. It meant so much to me in my life and career ... It defines you in many ways," he says.

His experience at UK gave him the confidence, he says, to apply for a job with the U.S. Supreme Court. He was hired as assistant to Chief Justice Warren Burger and juggled those responsibilities and his coursework at Georgetown University Law Center. He received his law degree in 1981 and also attended the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

In the last 40 years, Duff has built a resume in private practice and public service.

He has been a partner in private law practices, including managing partner in the firm founded by former Senate majority leader Howard Baker Jr. In addition to Chief Justice Burger, he has worked for Chief Justices William Rehnquist and John Roberts. He was Rehnquist's counselor and was so close

to the chief justice that he served as a pall bearer at his funeral. He was also one of three speakers when Rehnquist's bust was unveiled at the Supreme Court.

In 2011, Duff became CEO of the Newseum, the Washington museum that educates the public about the importance of the First Amendment, and president and CEO of the affiliated, nonpartisan Freedom Forum.

As 2015 began, Duff returned to a job he held from 2006-2011. At the request of Chief Justice Roberts, he became director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. He assists the chief justice in the operation of the federal judiciary, which includes more than 2,000 judges, 30,000 employees nationwide and an annual budget of just under \$7 billion.

"Jim earned the full confidence of the judiciary during five years of exceptional service, and we are very fortunate that he has agreed to return," said Chief Justice Roberts in a news release announcing Duff's appointment.

Duff and his family — wife and lawyer Kathleen Gallagher-Duff and their three children — have long lived in the Washington area, but ties to Kentucky and UK remain strong, and he has a farm in Owsley County.

His father, Cecil, attended UK and is a former All-State basketball star who taught and coached in Owsley County. Duff's brother Kevin '78 AFE is assistant director, university planning and design at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Even after the Duff family moved to Hamilton, Ohio, for Cecil Duff's work, Jim Duff returned to Lexington with his father to see some UK basketball games. "I knew I was going to UK by age 4," says Duff. "There was never a question."

UK has made its way into Duff's personal and professional life in myriad ways.

As managing partner in the Washington office of Baker Donelson from 2000 to 2006, Duff represented UK's federal interests. "I helped persuade members of Congress as to the value of UK's research and what it could lead to in the way of jobs and economic boosts for Kentucky," he says. "I learned so

much more about UK and the breadth of UK's educational opportunities during those years. It was eye opening. UK is a national leader in so many fields of research."

Duff's studies at UK also stood him in good stead when he led the Newseum. His history and political science classes gave him "an early appreciation" of the importance of the First Amendment and other founding principles. "My arts and sciences background was most helpful to me in that job," Duff says.

Although highly regarded for its educational value and quality exhibits, the Newseum competes with the Smithsonian Institution and its museums' free admission. Duff was able to improve its situation during his short tenure.

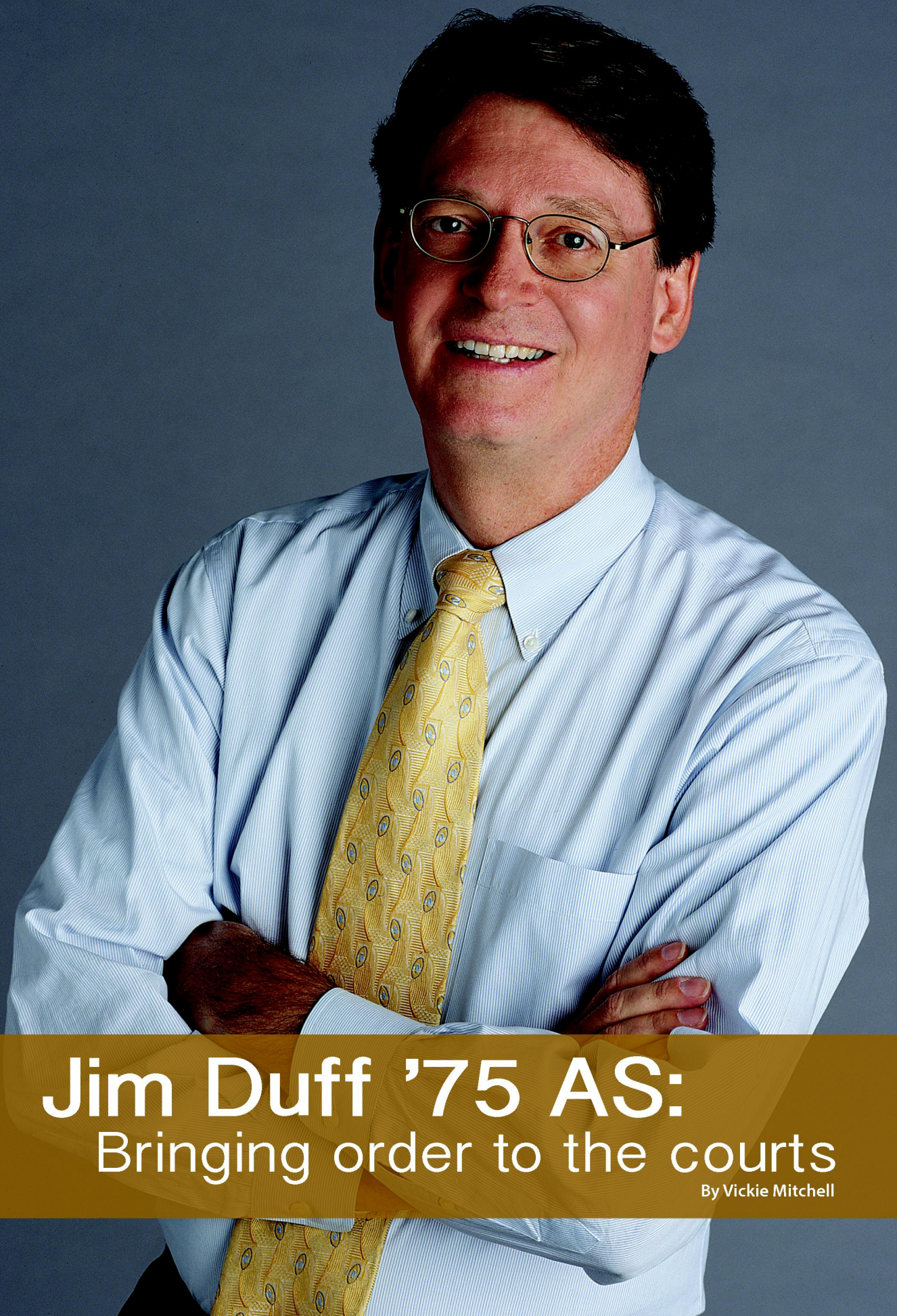
"Attendance has increased and is now between 800,000 and 900,000 a year, revenues have increased substantially and expenses are down. The endowment has increased remarkably in the last three years," he says.

Two UK professors, history professor Robert Ireland and philosophy professor Jesse DeBoer have been models for his own teaching style. For the past 15 years, Duff has also been an adjunct professor at Georgetown University. In 2014, he was named the school's prestigious Peter P. Mullen Visiting Professor of Law.

"Dr. Ireland had a great knack for telling stories and making history come to life with anecdotes about individuals — their quirks, foibles and strengths. He made class interesting," says Duff. "Dr. DeBoer was always extraordinarily prepared in his lectures. I would transcribe the lectures — he didn't use any notes — and reviewing my notes was like reading a book."

He hopes to continue his work with projects he helped initiate in the last several years, including a program that brings journalists and judges together to talk about how cases in the courts can be better reported, and the Civics Renewal Network, an effort by more than two dozen nonprofits to increase civic education in schools.

In 2012, UK honored Duff, naming him to the UK Arts and Sciences Hall of Fame. ■



Jim Duff '75 AS:

Bringing order to the courts

By Vickie Mitchell



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UK Volleyball posts banner year

Kentucky volleyball had another banner year under Coach Craig Skinner. The Wildcats concluded the 2014 season with a 27-6 record, the most wins in a season since 2011 and the third most under Skinner. The team earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament for a school-record 10th consecutive season and advanced to the second round for the fourth year in a row. The Wildcats finished 13th in the polls, the sixth time under Skinner they have finished in the top 25.

Kentucky fell to Ohio State 3-1 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament at Memorial Coliseum. The Wildcats beat Oakland 3-0 in the first round of the tournament.

Junior setter Morgan Bergren was named second-team All-American by the American Volleyball Coaches Association. She was the ninth player in school history to be named either first or second-team All-American.

In addition to Bergren, players Jackie Napper, Lauren O'Conner and Annie Thomasson were honorable mention All-Americans and were named to the AVCA's All-Southeast Re-



Photos: UK Athletics

The Wildcats went 27-6 and made the NCAA Tournament for the 10th straight season.

gion Team. The four all-region picks are tied for the most in a single season in program history, set in 2008 and 2009. ■

Women's soccer: Gilliland earns All-American honors

It was another record-setting year for the Kentucky women's soccer team and another All-American season for senior Arin Gilliland. The Wildcats advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament for the first time in program history and made it to the finals of the SEC Tournament for the first time since 2006. The Wildcats lost to eventual national runner-up Virginia in the Sweet 16, ending the season at 16-7-1.

Gilliland was named to second-team All-American by both College Soccer News and the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. She becomes the first UK player to achieve these honors and became the first player in UK history to win All-American status three straight years. Gilliland was also the SEC Defensive Player of the Year and a four-time All-SEC se-

lection. Gilliland is the first UK player to make all-region all four years.

In her illustrious career, Gilliland was a team-captain on two of the most successful teams in program history. The Wildcats went 31-13-2 in her final two years, went to four-straight NCAA Tournaments, earned four-straight hosting bids and posted two wins over top-10 teams. She also received the Honda Inspiration Award winner in 2014. Gilliland was drafted eighth overall by Chicago in the National Women's Soccer League.

Senior Stuart Pope became the program's first two-time Academic All-American, recording a GPA of over 3.9 in her four years studying biology. Junior Courtney Raetzman joined Gilliland on the All-South Region team, earning third-team honors. ■

Former Wildcat Still inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame

Art Still '80 AS, whose dominance at defensive end helped lead Kentucky to some of its greatest moments in school history, was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in December 2014.

"It's humbling to be selected because I didn't do it alone," Still said. "It's a compliment to all the guys I played with and the coaches."

A native of Camden, New Jersey, Still helped the Wildcats to a 19-4 record in his final two seasons. UK went 9-3 his junior season, winning a share of the Southeastern Conference title and finished 18th in the final Associated Press poll.

His senior season, the Wildcats went 10-1 and finished ranked sixth in the country and led the SEC in total defense and rushing defense.

Still was a four-year starter who totaled 327 tackles during his career. Quarterback sacks were not kept during his career and

tackles for loss are available only for his senior year, when he recorded a school-record 22, a mark which still stands.

Still was a unanimous first-team All-America selection in 1977 by the AP, United Press International, Football Writers Association of America, the American Football Coaches Association, Newspaper Enterprise Association, Walter Camp Football Foundation, The Sporting News and Football News. He was a finalist for the Lombardi Award and was named UPI National Lineman of the Year. He was the Brooks-Irvine Memorial Football Club of South Jersey College Player of the Year.

Still was named SEC Senior Player of the Year by the Birmingham Touchdown Club and was the UPI SEC Defensive Player of the Year.

He was taken second overall by Kansas City in the 1978 NFL draft. Still had a record-setting 12-year career with the Chiefs and Buffalo Bills. He was a four-time Pro Bowl selection. ■

UK men's soccer goalkeeper Callum Irving named College Scholar All-American

Kentucky men's soccer goalkeeper Callum Irving earned one of the highest academic honors in collegiate soccer as he was named a College Scholar All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. The UK goalkeeper was honored for his dual accomplishments on the field and in the classroom. To be named to a Scholar All-America Team, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.30 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) throughout his or her career; start more than 50 percent of all games and be a significant contributor to the team.

The Vancouver, British Columbia, native was named to the 2014 Conference USA All-Academic Team and the 2013 Southeastern Conference Fall Academic Honor Roll. He has a 3.692 GPA while majoring in history. Irving has earned a fair share of postseason awards, recently becoming the fourth Wildcat to be named an All-American by the NSCAA. He was also a NSCAA First Team All-Region selection. He was voted the Conference USA Player of the Year, Defensive MVP and First Team All-C-USA honoree in addition to winning the Golden Glove Award, which went to the conference goalie with the most shutouts in league-play (five). Irving led the Wildcats to a 10-win season, second place in C-USA and a first-round hosting berth in the NCAA Tournament. The junior finished the year with a 0.77 goals-against average, the fourth-best total in



Photos: UK Athletics

Callum Irving was named to the 2014 Conference USA All-Academic Team and the 2013 Southeastern Conference Fall Academic Honor Roll.

UK single-season history. He tallied 10 shutouts on the year, which tied for fourth most in the nation. Irving ranks ninth in UK single-season record book with 65 saves. Irving ranks fifth in UK career history with 17 shutouts, five away from the record. ■

Two Wildcat greats awarded highest honor by UK Athletics

Former basketball star Tony Delk '96 CI and All-American gymnast Jenny Hansen '98 AFE are the latest Wildcats to have their jerseys retired.

Delk (1993-1996) was the Most Outstanding Player of the 1996 Final Four, when he led Kentucky to its sixth national championship. He earned first-team All-American honors and was the SEC Player of the Year. Delk was All-SEC his final two seasons, was a third-team All-American as a junior and All-SEC his sophomore season. Delk led the Wildcats in scoring for three straight seasons and finished his career as UK's leader in 3-pointers (283) and was second in steals (201) and fifth in scoring (1,890 points). Kentucky went 119-18 in his four years, making two Final Fours, winning the SEC Tournament twice and the Eastern Division three

times. He played 10 years in the NBA, averaging 9.1 points per game.

Hansen (1993-1996) was one of the most distinguished gymnasts in NCAA history, breaking three NCAA records in her career. She won a record eight national titles and three all-around titles (1993-1995). In 1995, she won a record four titles, all-around, floor exercise, balance beam and vault. Hansen earned All-American honors in 13 events during her career. She was the 1994 Honda Cup recipient as the top women's amateur athlete in any sport in the nation and was the 1995 SEC Female Athlete of the Year. She won nine individual titles at the SEC Championships, setting the league record. Hansen continues to hold every individual record in school history. ■

Wildcat punter Foster named Academic All-American

Kentucky punter Landon Foster not only got it done on the field for the Wildcats this year, he got it done in the classroom.

Foster, a junior from Franklin, Tennessee, was named a second-team Capital One Academic All-America by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Foster is UK's first CoSIDA Academic All-America selection since Tim Masthay was a second-team honoree in 2007 and a first-teamer in 2008.

In the classroom, Foster has a cumulative 4.0 GPA as a dou-

ble major in finance and marketing. Foster was an honorable mention selection for the American Football Coaches Association 2014 Academic Achievement Award.

On the field, Foster punted 66 times for a 42.6 yard average. He booted a career-long 66-yard punt against Louisville. For his career, Foster has punted 195 times for a 42.2 yards per punt average, third in UK history. He tied the school record with 28 punts downed inside the 20 yard line last season. ■

Alumni Clubs

- 1) The **Arizona UK Alumni Club** held a UK vs. UofL Game Watch Party at Half Moon Sports Grill in Phoenix.
- 2) Members of the **Charlotte UK Alumni Club** participated in the first SEC Alumni Night with the Charlotte Hornets. Kentucky represented with 22 UK alumni coming out for the event.
- 3) Members of the **Upstate SC UK Alumni Club** participated in Cats for a Cause service week by volunteering for the Greenville Humane Society.
- 4) During Cats for a Cause week, members of the **Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati UK Alumni Club** pitched in at City Gospel Mission, a community service organization that helps the homeless and hurting break the cycle of poverty and despair. Club members helped to serve breakfast to 80 men and women and have expanded the club's commitment to include a warm wear drive and donations to the mission.
- 5) The **Greater Nashville UK Alumni Club** had a great time at Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee during its 2014 Cats for a Cause event. Club members helped other volunteers sort through 9,428 pounds of food serving over 12,000 families in a 47 county radius.
- 6) Members of the **Lake Cumberland UK Alumni Club** showed their Wildcat spirit during their game watch party when the men's basketball team took on Alabama.
- 7) Members of the **Sarasota UK Alumni Club** participated in Cats for a Cause by volunteering at Big Cat Habitat and Gulf Coast Sanctuary in Sarasota, Florida. The interior and exterior of the main entrance was painted by about 15 members of the club.
- 8) The **Greater Houston UK Alumni Club** swung into action for its Cats for a Cause event and assisted in the sorting and packing of over 12,000 pounds of food to help approximately 700 families in the Houston area.





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Janie Heath, dean of the college and fourth from the left, stands with the organization's current and previous presidents. Left to right are JoAnn Wever, Connie Enlow, Anna Wilson, Heath, Eula Spears, Kim Wilder, Patty Hughes, Sherry Holmes (current president) and Patti Howard (president-elect). Hinal Gandhi, at right, is a recent December graduate.



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Sunday, April 19

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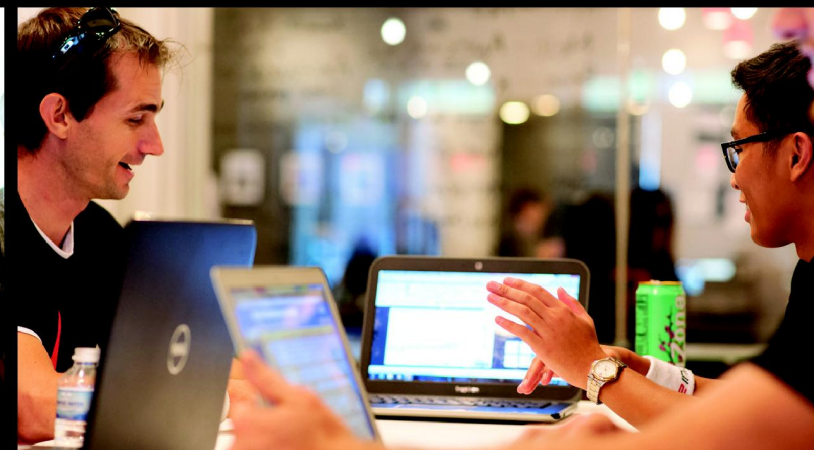
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J.D. Shelburne '07 CI:

Aiming for musical stardom

By Linda Perry

J.D. Shelburne '07 CI is still holding onto his day job as a workers' compensation adjuster, but for how much longer — that's the question.

The Taylorsville native says he's grateful that he's had a steady income while pursuing his dream of a full-time career in music. Shelburne is getting close to accomplishing this, performing at over 250 events a year, bringing his unique style of country/honkey-tonk/gospel music to Middle America. He's already opened for top performers such as Montgomery Gentry and Miranda Lambert, among 50 other national acts, and been written up in *Country Weekly Magazine*.

"I didn't want to move to Nashville and be a starving artist," he says. "I moved down here in February 2008 and got a job with an insurance company... The more popular I've gotten through the years, my music income has become more than my day job.

When his first job folded, Shelburne got a position processing workers' compensation claims. But several evenings each week, he's also on the road, playing a variety of venues. Sometimes it's just him and an acoustic guitar. Other times, he's backed by band members. He's played larger and larger gigs in Nashville (the CMA Music Festival), Louisville (KFC Yum! Center) and Lexington (Rupp Arena), among others in neighboring states.

Some of Shelburne's early

life revolved around the family farm and his grandparents in Spencer County. Growing tobacco and driving tractors are familiar to him. In high school, he was more than competent at baseball and basketball and knows the thrill of a 3-pointer. He considered playing college sports and had some offers, but he says he realized it wasn't his true passion. That turned out to be a good thing. "When I went to college, that's when I found music — my true calling. It's amazing how the Lord works," he says.

Shelburne first earned an associate degree at what was then Lexington Community College before enrolling at the UK to study telecommunications in the College of Communication & Information.

But when he was in college, his beloved grandmother died. Later, an acoustic guitar Shelburne found in the back of her closet changed his life forever. The guitar had belonged to his uncle, but Shelburne had never seen the instrument. When he opened the case, there was a chord book in it. The first song was "Unanswered Prayers" by Garth Brooks. It seemed like a sign from his grandmother meant especially for him, he says.

"After I found that guitar, it was like — boom! I just never sat it down. Between classes, I'd pick it up, Google a favorite song, and try to figure out how to play it. I've never had a lick of training in singing or playing the guitar.

It just came natural," he says.

He started playing for friends and at little bars around town and in Louisville.

He says he was attracted to country music early because he grew up on it, and he was heavily influenced by Garth Brooks. "It was always the music that had clean lyrics," Shelburne says.

He learned that the more he played, the more he discovered his "sound." He pulled together his first self-titled CD in 2012, featuring a single he wrote called "Farmboy." He released a second CD late last year and has developed a huge following.

"It's like I was put on this earth to sing music, but never knew it until mid-way through my life," he says.

When he's not actually performing or at his day job, he is handling the business-side of his entertainment career and his social media. Suffering burnout is not a problem for him while juggling two careers, he says, because music is his passion and the income is so attractive.

Shelburne, who was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel in 2007, knows there are lots of ways to gauge success. As he pursues long-term stardom, he has two immediate goals.

"I want to sing 'My Old Kentucky Home' at Rupp Arena for a men's basketball game," he says. "And I want to play the Grand Ole Opry. I'm waiting on that phone call now." ■

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Before 1960

William F. “Rusty” Russell ’49 AS celebrated his 90th birthday on Oct. 6, 2014, with a 13,500-foot skydive in Zephyr Hills, Florida. His wife **Catherine C. Russell** ’47 CI and good friend **Donald K. Cark** ’49 CI were on hand to cheer him on.

Dale A. Barnstable ’50 ED was honored for his military service during World War II at the 11th annual USA Cares Anniversary Gala in Louisville.

David W. “Doc” Livingston ’52 ED is a musician and former music professor at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. He was recently added to the WKU Hall of Distinguished Alumni. In 1977, Livingston received the Governor’s Award in the Arts. Livingston also has a bachelor’s degree from WKU and earned his doctorate from Ohio State University. He was inducted into the WKU Music Wall of Fame, and the band room at Franklin County High School was named in his honor.

1960s

Wilma J. Brown ’66 AS is the owner of Pies for You and Cookies Too in Danville. She retired after teaching for 28 years in the Boyle County school system and also has taught at Centre College.

Robert M. Coots ’66 AS, ’69 LAW is an attorney in Taylorsville.

Stephen H. Benedict ’69 ’71 AS is a professor in molecular biosciences at the University of Kansas and was awarded a

Chancellors Club Teaching Professorship. In addition to his UK degrees, Benedict earned his doctorate in microbiology from Vanderbilt University.

1970s

John D. Nichols ’70 AS retired from the faculty of Oklahoma Baptist University. Nichols also earned his bachelor’s degree from Union University and his doctorate from the University of Tennessee.

James E. Rogers ’70 BE, ’74 LAW is a senior adviser to the Broadscale Group in New York, New York. Rogers was previously the chairman, president and chief executive officer for Duke Energy and served as president, chairman and CEO for Cinergy and PSI Energy.

Tom Buford ’71 BE was recently elected to a seventh term in the Kentucky State Senate. Buford is the chairman of the Banking and Insurance Committee and the Licensing and Occupations Committee.



Peter F. Korsching ’72 ’77 AS is a freelance columnist for the Nevada Journal in Nevada, Iowa. He is also a professor emeritus in the Iowa State University Department of Sociology.

Gary L. McKinney ’72 BE is the president of the board of directors for Dorcas Ministries in Cary, North Carolina, a nonprofit organiza-



tion providing crises relief to Wake County residents. He retired from IBM in 1996 and has been involved with Dorcas Ministries since then.

Betty Soeder Springate ’74 ED is an attorney in Lawrenceburg. She was appointed to serve as interim District Court judge for Anderson, Shelby and Spencer counties from June 2014 to January 2015. She previously served as the county attorney and assistant county attorney for Anderson County, was a general counsel for the Kentucky Workforce Cabinet and administrative law judge for the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Garnett T. Furnish ’75 BE is the executive director of the Synthiana-Harrison County Economic Development Authority.

Barbara Peterson Glenn ’75, ’80 AFE is the chief executive officer for the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture in Arlington, Virginia. Glenn has previously served as senior vice president of science and regulatory affairs for CropLife America and as managing director of the animal biotechnology, food and agriculture section of the Biotechnology Industry Association in Washington. Glenn has also worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service and the Federation of Animal Science Societies.

C. David Hagerman ’75 AS, ’78 LAW is the Circuit Court judge for Boyd County in Ashland. He has also

served as the Commonwealth's attorney in Boyd County.

John W. Strein '75 ED, '79 HS is a physical therapist in Caledonia Township, Michigan.

Samra J. Bufkins '77 AS is a lecturer at the University of North Texas Mayborn School of Journalism in Denton. She received the 2014 Honor Professor Award from the Student Government Association. She is also faculty adviser to the Public Relations Student Society of America, Kappa Gamma Chapter of the ATO Fraternity and the Delta Chapter of the Mu Epsilon Theta Catholic Sorority.

George W. Jacobs '77 CI retired as the publisher of the Cynthiana Democrat newspaper. He began his career at the Democrat as an advertising sales representative, became sales manager and then general manager in 1978. He later served as regional manager for four newspapers, as well as Standard Publishing in Shepherdsville.

Edward T. Saad '77 EN is the founder of the Shakespeare & Co. restaurant chain, which has two locations in Lexington, as well as other countries. The restaurant chain began in Dubai in 2001 and has 18 locations in the Middle East. He opened his first American location in Lexington in May 2012.

Richard M. Briggs '78 MED is a heart and lung surgeon at St. Mary's Tennova Medical Center in Knoxville, Tennessee. He is a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves and was

recently elected to the Tennessee State Senate representing District 7. He was previously a Knox County commissioner.

William Wallace Evans '79 AFE is a retired agriculture teacher and Future Farmers of America adviser at Taylor County High School in Campbellsville.

Ray Allen Mackey '79 AFE is a farmer in Hodgenville. He recently won the Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year Award in Kentucky and was a finalist for the Southeastern Farmer of the Year.

Pam VanHook Wilson '79 AS is the executive director for the Capital Medical Society and the CMS Foundation in Tallahassee, Florida. Wilson also serves as the community service director on the board of directors of the Rotary Club of Tennessee.

1980s

Darrell A. Blair '80 EN is the president for the industrial materials segment of GrafTech International, which is headquartered in Parma, Ohio. He previously served as vice president of global services for GrafTech's graphite electrode's line of business.

Julia Oliver Bauscher '81 AFE is the director of school and community nutrition services for Jefferson County Public Schools in Louisville. She recently began her term as the president of the School Nutrition Association. Previ-

ously, Bauscher was in food service sales before joining Jefferson County Schools.

Joseph R. "Randy" Burba '81 CI is the vice president of customer service and marketing for Salt River Electric in Bardstown. He won a national photography award from the Council on Rural Electric Communicators for his picture of Thoroughbred racing at Churchill Downs in Louisville.

Joseph T. DiPiro '81 PHA is the dean of the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy in Richmond, Virginia. He received the 2014 Paul F. Parker Medal for Distinguished Service to the Profession of Pharmacy.

Myra Turner Elliott '81 '93 NUR is the dean of academic affairs at Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg. She was previously the Biological Science Division chairwoman and coordinator of the associate degree nursing and pathways nursing program, and associate dean of Allied Health at the school.

George Michael "Mike" Perros '81 AFE is a financial adviser in Danville and was recently elected as Danville's mayor.

Letcher E. "Lee" Collins '82 AS is the chairman of Government Affairs for the Independent Pilots Association in Louisville. He earned his master of divinity degree from the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

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Jane Mitchell Weston '82 LAW is a priest at St. Simon's Episcopal Church in Conyers, Georgia. Previously, she was an attorney in Lexington and Los Angeles, California.

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Sondra Zimmerman Marston '84 EN is a retired U.S. Air Force pilot. She was elected president of the O'Fallon Women's Club in Belleville, Illinois.

Larry D. McColpin '84 AS is a retired colonel in the U.S. Army and is the director of training at its Transportation School. In addition to his degree from UK, McColpin has master's degrees from the Florida Institute of Technology and the Army War College.

Clarence R. Wyatt '84 '90 AS is the president of Monmouth College-Illinois. Wyatt was previously a Pottinger Professor of History, chief planning officer and special assistant to the president at Centre College in Danville.

James W. "Jamie" Link '85 BE is the executive director of the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. Link has also served as a business manager for the Department of Parks, chief executive officer for the World Equestrian Games in 2010 and deputy secretary for the Finance Cabinet of the Kentucky Horse Park in 2006.

Greg N. Stivers '85 LAW had his appointment as a U.S. District Court judge for the Western District of Kentucky confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Stivers was previously an attorney with Kerrick Stivers Cole in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Mark T. Merz '86 AFE is a prekindergarten teacher at Oak Point Elementary School in Marion, Virginia. Merz was named the 2015 Smyth County Teacher of the Year.

Jonathan N. Ballard '87 ED is the superintendent for the Elizabethtown School District. In addition to his UK

degree, Ballard earned his master's degree and Rank I in administration from Western Kentucky University.

William E. Elliott '87 FA is a sergeant major in the U.S. Army. Elliott, a member of the Army field band, was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

James E. Geisler '88 BE is the interim chief executive officer for DynCorp International in McLean, Virginia.

Sandra Rector Barriger '88 '91 ED is a fourth-grade teacher at Saffell Street Elementary School in Lawrenceburg and received the Campbellsville University Excellence in Teaching Award. She previously taught at Capital Day School in Frankfort.

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David A. Breaux '89 AS is the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi. He was a professor of political science at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette and taught in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at Mississippi State University.

Debra Hembree Lambert '89 LAW is a lawyer in Mount Vernon. Lambert was recently elected as a judge to the Kentucky Court of Appeals, 3rd District, Division 1.

Bill Robinson '89 AS is an attorney in Springfield and was recently elected as the Washington County attorney. He was previously the assistant county attorney in Washington County, the city attorney for Springfield and worked at the firm now known as Mattingly Simms Robinson & McCain PLLC. He has been named a Kentucky Super Lawyer for seven consecutive years.

1990s

Larry B. Gills '90 AS is an assistant director of the Division of Employee Management in the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet. He was recently re-elected to a four-year term to the Kentucky Personnel Board.

Donald G. Kirby '90 '92 BE is the owner of DGKirby Consulting Inc. in Union.

Phyllis G. Case '90 '92 ED retired as director of special instructional service for Grant County Schools in Williamstown.

Stacy M. Horn '90 AFE is a costume supervisor in Hollywood, California. She was nominated for an Emmy Award in 2014 for her work as costume designer for the AMC show "Mad Men."

Andrew A. Kooshian '90 AS is a sergeant in the field operations bureau of the Nashville, Tennessee, Police Department.

Ronald S. Poole '90 PHA is a pharmacist and owner of Poole's Pharmacy Care in Central City, Livermore and Owensboro. He has been named to the board of directors for Baptist Health Madisonville. He has also served as director of the Board of Health and First National Bank of Muhlenberg County.

Cindy D. Stowe '90 '91 PHA is the dean of the Sullivan University College of Pharmacy in Louisville. Previously, she was a professor and associate dean for administrative and academic affairs in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Sheila A. Carroll '91 '95 NUR is a retired nurse in Fort Thomas. She is also the director of the Rose Garden Home Mission Center for Hope and Healing free medical clinic. She was recently awarded the Florence Nightingale Award for Excellence in Nursing by the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing for her work at the clinic.

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Brian E. Linder '96 ED is a residential real estate specialist for Sibcy Cline Realtors in Williamstown.

Kristen Grant Lupinski '96 ED is an assistant professor at Albany State University in the Department of Health and Human Performance. Lupinski has worked in the health education field in various capacities for more than 17 years.



Ellen Cook van Nagell '73 HS sported a UK cap on her trip to Darwin's Lake, Galapagos Islands, in December on a National Geographic Expedition. She is a realtor in Louisville. Go Cats!

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Tony Delk '96 CI always welcomes a challenge

After working as a college assistant and NBA scout when his playing career ended, Delk has found that challenge as a college basketball analyst for the SEC Network.

"It's been really good. I've had a lot of producers and other analysts that have helped me out. We had a talent coach I worked with, so after shows we would get feedback. There's a lot of support," he says. "It's new to me. It's still basketball, but you have to articulate it to your audience and be informed so they understand it more."

Delk, the Most Outstanding Player of the 1996 Final Four when Kentucky beat Syracuse for the national title, played 10 years in the NBA, averaging 9.1 points per game. After his playing career, Delk worked as an assistant coach at UK in 2009 and then New Mexico State before working as a volunteer scout for the Hawks.

"I knew they were launching the SEC Network and I knew (the former UK director of media relations for the University of Kentucky Athletics Association) Brooks Downing knew someone there. I interviewed for a job as an analyst and then did some in-studio work, then did a game and then did some more studio work," Delk says. "I was waiting to see what the Hawks would do and when I was offered the job, I knew I would get a lot of chances to work with ESPN and the SEC Network."

While he has enjoyed working in the studio talking basketball, Delk says it's nothing like working a game.

"With the games, you feel like you're more part of the game, you're right there on the floor," he says. "So I like being there articulating the game, and I still get to give my opinions. And I like to voice my opinion."

Delk likes his TV gig and is not sure if he will get back into coaching.

"I'm enjoying it. It's a new challenge. And who knows? It may lead back into coaching someday," he says. "My friend is coaching high school basketball back in Tennessee, and I'm giving him advice and he says, 'Dude, you need to get back into coaching.'"

"But I like doing this, and it doesn't eat up a lot of my time. Once you are coaching, it's a 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year job," he says.

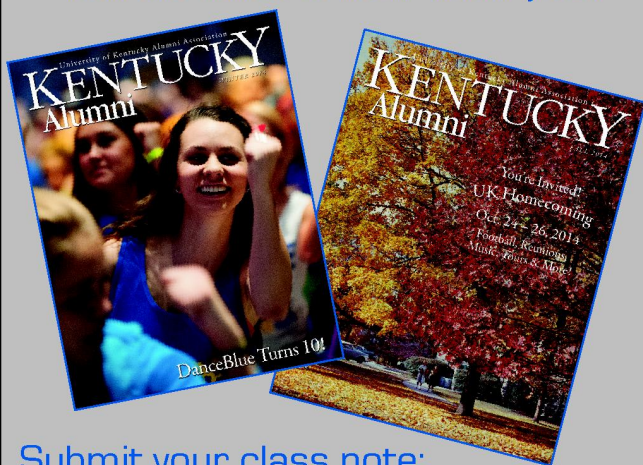
Delk lives in Smyrna, Georgia. He has three daughters, Taylor (16), Bella (11) and Trinity (8). ■



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Jennifer Gilbert Newby '96 AS runs a beef cattle farm in Boyle County. She has been elected to join the Boyle County Industrial Foundation Board of Directors.

Christy Wood Pritchard '96 AS is the archaeology project manager for Brockington and Associates in Elizabethtown. She is also on the board of directors of the Elizabethtown Heritage Council.

Jenny Schumacher Guldseth '97 CI is employee benefits director in human resources for Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America. She leads the development and implementation of the company's health care and financial literacy programs, manages the relationship with the organization's key benefit administrator and provides direction on many key strategic priorities. Previously, Guldseth spent three years providing counsel and support to the company's Distri-

bution and Human Resources departments as a human resources manager.

Jeffery L. Larkin '97 '01 AFE is a professor of biology at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He recently received a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to support his project, CERW Forest Management and Fledgling Survival to study cerulean warblers' response to forest management. Larkin is a science board member of the Appalachian Mountains Joint Venture.

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Training, a board adviser to the local animal rescue, Our Pal's Place, and volunteer attorney for the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation and Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta.

Jason J. Mulvene '99 BE is the owner of Blue Ocean Traders Inc. antiques company in Louisville.

Debra M. Sanderman '99 ED is a counseling director at Bellbrook High School in Bellbrook, Ohio. Sanderman recently participated in the Miami University Earth Expeditions global field course in Hawaii, studying what it takes to save species in the wild and engage with local partners developing and testing site-specific methods of community engagement to sustain ecological and social health in Hawaii.

Brandin A. Stewart '99 BE is the vice president of sales for WMAQ-TV in Chicago, Illinois. He was previously head of sales for NBC's San Diego, California, outlet.

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2000s

Byron E. Darnall '00 ED is principal at Potter Gray Elementary School in the Bowling Green Independent School District in Kentucky. Previously, he was bureau chief for educator quality at the Iowa Department of Education in Des Moines. Darnall has also taught English and language arts at Bowling Green High School and was principal at Glasgow High School.



Katie Webb Kneisley '00 '01 ED is an English teacher at Garrard County High School in Lancaster and recently received the Campbellsville University Excellence in Teaching Award.

Aaron K. Dale '01 FA retired as musical director for Kentucky Vocal Union and a cappella ensemble, in Elizabethtown. In addition to his UK degree, Dale has a master's degree in special education from Campbellsville University.

Jason E. Lowe '01 EN is an engineer and office manager for the Huntsville, Alabama, office of Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon Inc.

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Bruno A. deHarak '02 '06 '07 AS is an assistant professor of physics at Illinois Wesleyan University-Bloomington. He received a three-year National Science Foundation grant to fund 12 undergraduate research assistant positions, along with equipment and supplies. He was previously in the U.S. Marine Corps and worked in electronics and systems programming at Lockheed Martin.

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Sarah Timmons Dauer '03 AS is assistant vice president, in-house counsel at Shoe Carnival Inc. and has been with the company since 2010. She started as paralegal and administrative assistant to the senior vice president of human resources and in-house counsel. Dauer has also served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force and is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association and the Indiana Bar Association.

Matthew M. Loy '03 BE is the chief executive officer of United Citizens Bank of Southern Kentucky. After joining the bank in 2003 as internal auditor and loan review officer, he became vice president/chief financial officer in 2008.

Starting a job on the right foot

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average number of jobs held in a lifetime ranges from 11 to 15. It's no surprise that we will be the "new kid on the block" during our career. Networking remains the most critical strategy in the job search process and is more than 80 percent effective in landing a new position. UK alumna Liz Cornish '75 AS, leadership coach and Founder of FHD (First 100 Days) Consulting, says it best, "It's not who you know. It's who knows you. Be proactive, be curious and be visible!"



Caroline Francis

First impressions become lasting perceptions. Do everything in your power to begin your new job on the right foot.

Do as much research as possible regarding your new company, employer, colleagues, industry and products. Investigate the company culture and appropriate professional attire to help you assimilate with the environment and peers. Review the LinkedIn profiles of colleagues in your new department. Learn about their career paths and find something in common.

You may be nervous to begin your new position. A multitude of emotions can be expected. Employers expect a slight learning curve, and it is acceptable to ask questions. Seek guidance in order to achieve success in your new position. Befriending a veteran employee or asking for a mentor is valuable in becoming familiar with office protocol, management styles and professional growth. Perhaps there are other UK alumni in the organization to reach out to for guidance or support.

Quickly learn the names of your new colleagues. Addressing colleagues by name can help in building professional relationships. Those peers may also be more likely to lend a hand during your adjustment phase. While communicating with new colleagues, avoid comparing your new and previous companies. If your previous employer had a more efficient way of doing something, wait for the appropriate platform to tactfully present your suggestions/ideas.

Do your work and demonstrate potential. Don't be afraid to ask for help as you learn the ropes. Appear willing to learn and take initiative. You may find it beneficial to set goals, track your progress and seek regular feedback. A positive attitude and open mind go a long way, leading to a successful transition into a new job.

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Former Students

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UK alums and friends showcase art in Chattanooga

Sculpture Fields at Montague Park (SFMP) is a new, contemporary sculpture park being built in Chattanooga, Tennessee, started from an idea that John and Pamela Henry had and helped along with the aid of several area Kentucky alumni. John Henry, a sculptor, is a Lexington native and UK alumnus, and the recipient of an honorary doctorate from UK. Seventeen pieces are already present in the park, and as soon as further walkways are installed, more artwork will arrive, ultimately featuring 75 large-scale works, an amphitheater and landscaped gardens. The park is due to open in fall 2015.

At the groundbreaking were, front row, left to right: Bill Chapin; Jane Cobb Pickering, Chattanooga UK Alumni Club and SFMP board; Pamela Henry, club member and SFMP board; Isaac Duncan III, club member, SFMP board, sculptor with a piece in the park; Doug Schatz, club member, sculptor with a piece in the park; Warren Barnett, SFMP board. Back row, left to right: Kent Underwood, club member, SFMP board; Mary Schatz, parent of a UK student; Walter



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Schatz, parent of a UK student and SFMP board; and Henry Wolf, club member. UK alums Harriett Whitaker and Mark Hite also work on the development committee for the park. John Henry is not pictured. ■

Kentucky Entrepreneurs Hall of Fame honors several with UK ties

The Fifth Annual Kentucky Entrepreneurs Hall of Fame induction ceremony at the Mellwood Arts and Entertainment Center in Louisville had a definite University of Kentucky “flavor” to it.

Three of the four individuals who entered the hall of fame in the class of 2014 have strong UK ties, while one of the three younger executives celebrated as an “emerging entrepreneur” serves in an advisory role to the UK Gatton College of Business and Economics.

The hall of fame inductees are:

- James Booth, a current member of the UK Board of Trustees. Booth, a native of Martin County, is the chief executive of Booth Energy Group. He also owns 19 Fast Lane convenience stores, 10 fast food restaurants serving eight million customers in 2013, Car City, Elite Insurance, R&J Building Supply, and more. In recent years, Booth’s business holdings reported combined annual revenues of \$750 million.
- Chris Sullivan, UK graduate and member of the Gatton College Alumni Hall of Fame. Sullivan, a resident of Florida, is co-founder and former president and CEO of the Outback Steakhouse restaurant company. In 2007, OSI Restaurant was sold for \$3.1 billion to Bain Capital Partners and Catterton Partners. Outback has 968 locations worldwide and also operates over 300 locations of Carrabba’s Italian Grills, Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse and Bonefish Grill, among others.

- John A Williams Sr., UK graduate and a member of the Gatton College Alumni Hall of Fame. Williams, of Paducah, is the founder and chairman of CSI, providing customers with integrated and streamlined technology solutions. Currently, he serves as co-chairman for the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Leadership Institute for School Principals. In 2006, he received the Governor’s Technology Award as the individual who most deserved to be recognized as a leader in technology innovation in Kentucky.
- Ulysses Lee “Junior” Bridgeman, former star basketball player for the University of Louisville who went on to a successful career in the NBA. Bridgeman is the president and CEO of Bridgeman Foods Inc., which owns and operates more than 160 Wendy’s restaurant franchises across the country, as well as more than 118 Chili’s restaurants. He is ranked No. 3 on the Restaurant Finance Monitor’s Top 200 franchisee-owned companies.

Among those honored as an emerging entrepreneur was Nate Morris, co-founder and CEO of Morris Industries in Lexington. A social entrepreneur, he is the co-founder of Rubicon Global, North America’s leading provider of sustainable waste and recycling services. Recently named to Fortune Magazine’s “40 under 40,” Morris is a member of the Dean’s Advisory Council at the Gatton College.

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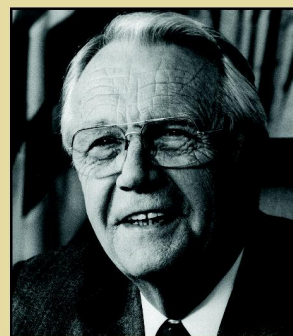
Former Kentucky Gov. Wendell Ford passed away in January in his hometown of Owensboro. He was 90 years old.

Ford, who served in the U.S. Senate for 24 years and was Kentucky governor from 1971 to 1974, was known as the tobacco farmers' best friend because of his support for the industry.

He not only left an indelible mark on the Commonwealth, but on his university — the University of Kentucky.

For decades, he was intimately involved with the Martin School for Public Policy and Administration, and a public policy research center in UK Libraries bears his name. UK Libraries is also home to his correspondence, papers and oral histories that document his long public service career as a legislator, lieutenant governor, governor and senator.

UK President Eli Capilouto said, "If history's chroniclers hope to draw a character sketch of the archetypal Kentuckian, they need look no further than Wendell Hampton Ford. He worked in hallowed halls of power, but his voice was always that of the authentic Kentucky experience — the bone-tired tobacco farmer, the weary but resolute coal miner, the resilient factory worker in south Louisville. They

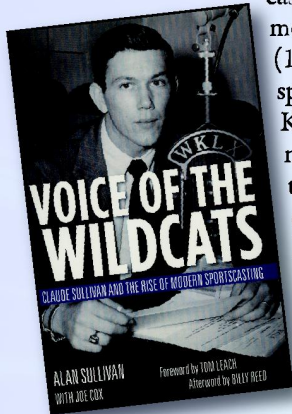


trusted Wendell Ford because he was who they were — hard-working, honest, proud, resilient. A Kentuckian. Senator Ford's love and pride extended to his university, the University of Kentucky. He worked with presidents from Otis Singletary to me, greatly assisting our rise and progress as a nationally prominent research institution and a leader in the development of public policy discussion and discourse. He was rightfully proud of The Martin School for Public Policy and Administration in which he was so involved for decades as well as the public policy center in UK Libraries that bears his name. UK is the proud home of his voluminous correspondence, papers, and oral histories documenting his life and career. That's appropriate since Kentucky was always home to his heart. And we are immeasurably better as a state and people for this Kentuckian's life."

Ford received an honorary doctorate from UK in 1973.

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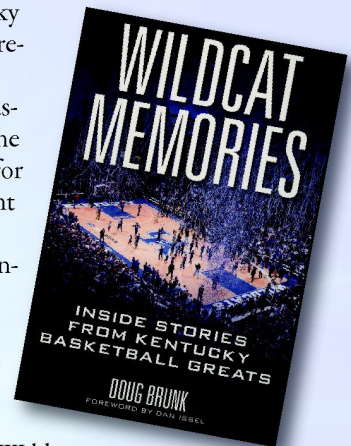
Alan B. Sullivan '76 DES and Joe Cox have written “Voice of the Wildcats: Claude Sullivan and the Rise of Modern Sportscasting.” As one of the first voices of the UK men’s basketball program, Claude Sullivan (1924-1967) became a nationally-known sportscasting pioneer. His career followed Kentucky’s rise to prominence as he announced the first four NCAA championship titles and covered scrimmages during the canceled 1952-1953 season following the NCAA sanctions scandal. Sullivan’s reputation propelled him to Cincinnati, where he became the voice of the Reds.



Claude Sullivan’s son Alan Sullivan offers an engaging look at the sportscaster’s life and the context in which he built his career before his success was cut short when he passed away at 42. The book features interviews with Babe Parilli and Cawood Ledford, among others, and documents the rise of sports radio during the 20th century.

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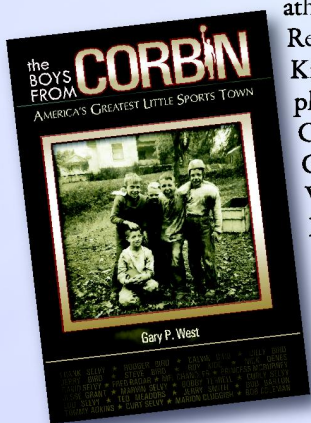
Doug Brunk is the author of “Wildcat Memories: Inside Stories from Kentucky Basketball Greats,” which includes a foreword by **Dan Issel**. Since the tenure of Coach Adolph Rupp, the UK men’s basketball team has been a powerhouse. The individuals who have coached, played for and inspired the Wildcats are important figures in Kentucky history.



“Wildcat Memories” illuminates the intimate connection between the basketball program and the Commonwealth. It brings together some of the program’s greatest coaches, players and personalities to reflect on Kentuckians who provided inspiration during their tenure as Wildcats. Featuring personal essays and behind-the-scenes stories from legends Wallace “Wah Wah” Jones, Joe B. Hall, Kyle Macy and Tubby Smith, among others, this collection shows what makes UK basketball extraordinary.

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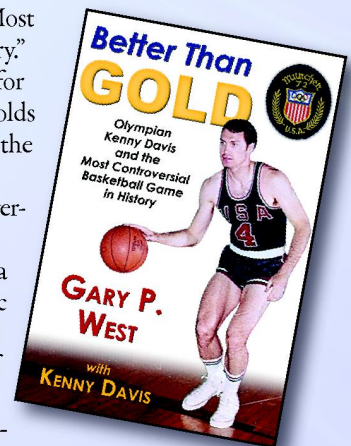
Gary P. West '67 CI is the author of “The Boys from Corbin: America’s Greatest Little Sports Town,” which tells the story of athletes who began their careers as Corbin Redhounds. Calvin Bird, Frank Selvy, Roy Kidd and others — these boys went on to play for the Los Angeles Lakers, St. Louis Cardinals, New York Knicks, San Diego Chargers, Oakland Raiders, Kentucky Wildcats, Louisville Cardinals, Western Kentucky Hilltoppers, Furman Paladins and the Eastern Kentucky Colonels.



The book also talks about the offspring of two families, the Birds and the Selvys, but mainly focuses on Calvin Bird. For four decades, Corbin High School sports were the glue that held the town together. For those who worked on the railroad, cut or hauled timber or chiseled coal from nearby mines, football and basketball were diversions from providing for their families. Sports were the common denominator that transcended economic levels of Corbin’s citizenry.

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Gary P. West '67 CI has written “Better than Gold: Olympian Kenny Davis and the Most Controversial Basketball Game in History.” Every four years, the best athletes gather for sporting events to determine new thresholds of excellence. In summer 1972, however, the Olympic games were not like any other.



What was to become the most controversial basketball game in the history of the sport was conducted in the aftermath of a terrorist attack that had invaded Olympic Village. As the USA team — a team that had never been defeated in the history of Olympic basketball — took the court to play for the Gold Medal, there was an unnerving tension building.

This is the story of Kenny Davis, captain of that team and a Kentucky farm boy, who was in the challenge of a lifetime. The book tells how Davis and the team dealt with the crushing disappointment that befell them, and how Davis came back home to later success as a businessman.

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years ago...

The UK Athletic Board celebrated the 1,000th victory of UK men's basketball with an awesome cake for the team.



27 years ago...

The annual Chi Omega Greek Sing was a chance for fraternities and sororities to show their talent. During the 1988 contest, members of Chi Omega belted out a selection during the opening ceremony.

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years ago...

The UK Women's Athletic Association was instituted in 1922 to further the athletic interests and activities of university women. Marty McKinney was aiming for a strike, while Ana Rios, Bonnie Sharp and Paula Hunt waited their turns during the WAA Bowling Tournament in the 1949-1950 academic year.



6 years ago...

Many students attempting to complete their art projects on time have spent hours upon hours in the Reynolds Building. Rebecca Rowland, while an art studio senior, threaded a loom so she could weave her final project for a fibers class in 2009.

Winter wonderland



Photo: Jeff Hounshell

In January, Central Kentucky was on the receiving end of almost 4 inches of snow. Maxwell Place sat majestically amid the white powdery accumulation, as if transported to another era. It would be easy to imagine a horse-drawn sleigh “parked” at its side entrance, waiting to carry President Capilouto to his next meeting on campus. During late February, Kentucky was slammed by a combination of snow accumulations hovering around 12 inches and an arctic front that drove the temperatures to below 0 on several days, resulting in classes being called off for four days during the same week — truly a modern-day record! ■



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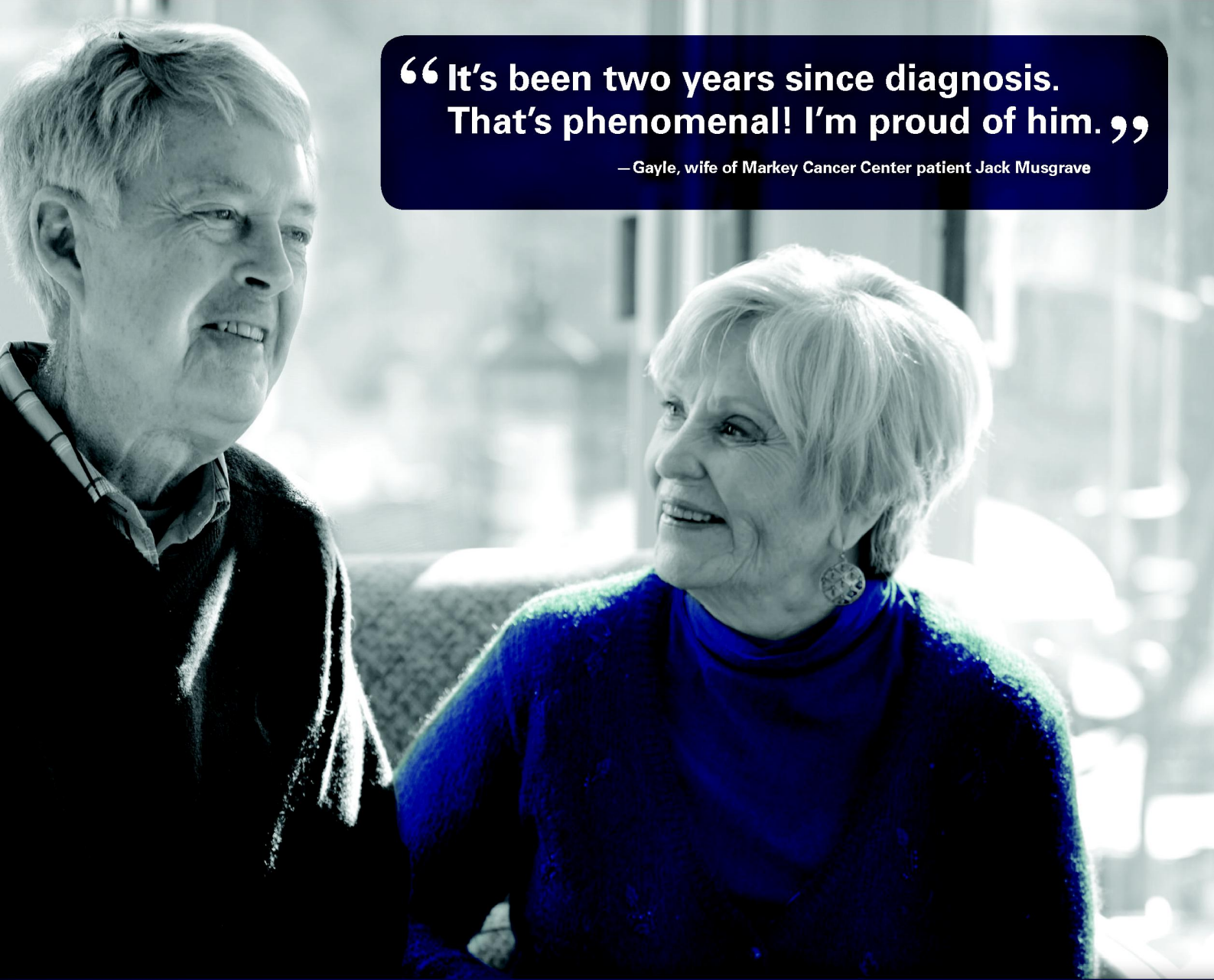
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