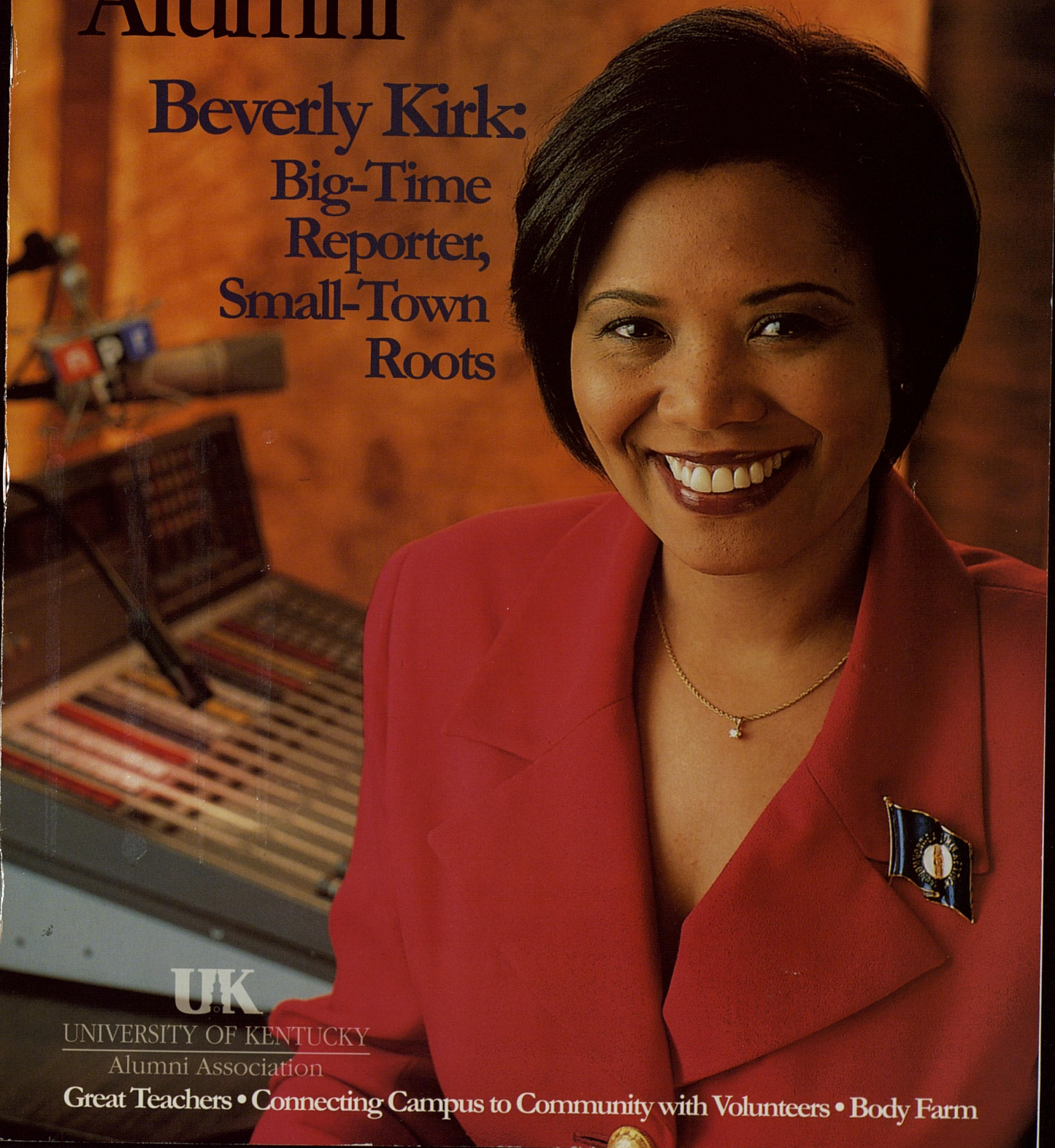


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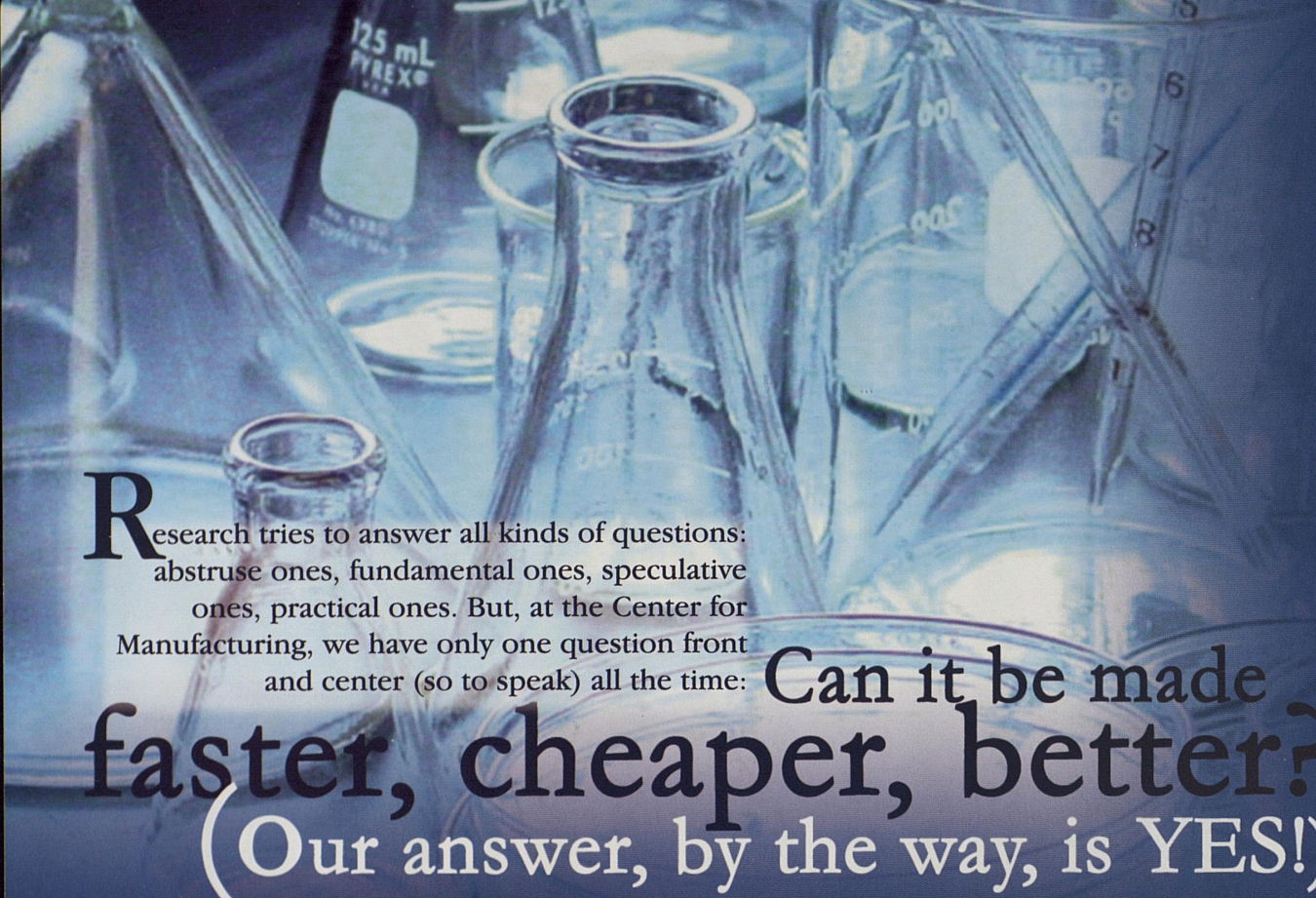


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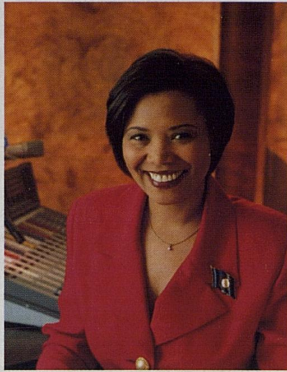
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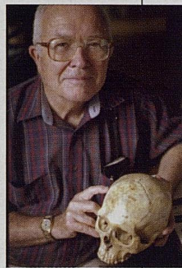
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**OPENING  
REMARKS**

**Spring Cleaning...Not**

I don't know about you, but right at the top of my wish list is to have the crew of "Clean Sweep" or "Mission: Organization" show up on my doorstep. Somehow, spring has sprung, summer's here and the planned clean-out and garage sale fest has not occurred in my household.

Alumna Denise Saunders, the news co-anchor at WBFF-TV in Philadelphia, should be my inspiration. That "Mission: Organization" crew got hold of her and sorted out her cosmetics and jewelry and tangled hair dryer and curling iron cords. They purchased a few baskets and a gorgeous new dresser and installed a new double-sink vanity with drawers. Then the team put everything worth keeping away in 20 minutes! Now that's the way to do it!

During the last episode of "Clean Sweep" I watched, they took a room with a door that could hardly be opened and in just 20 minutes, discarded the trash, held a garage sale where they made a couple hundred dollars, carted the rest off to a local charity, and moved the "keep" pile spread out on the green tarp back into the house in a newly-painted room complete with new shelving and storage bins.

I always get hung up on the sorting part. How can I let go of the stadium cushion commemorating the first UK/UofL game in Papa John's Stadium or my Tubby Smith bobble-head doll? Then there's all that other UK stuff I've accumulated like the program from President Lyndon B. Johnson's Centennial Year visit to UK and the program of the last game played in Memorial Coliseum (if I can find it!) and astronaut Story Musgrave's autographed picture with a note to my children to reach for the stars. And, there are the general collectibles, like glasses, commemorating man's first walk on the moon, the USA Hockey Olympic victory and the wedding of Prince Charles to Princess Di.

It looks so easy on TV. Where are my tarpaulins?

*Liz*

PS. Football season is less than 100 days away. Check out the next *Kentucky Alumni* magazine or the association's Web site [www.uky.edu/Alumni](http://www.uky.edu/Alumni) for home and away pre-game events and other fall activities like Homecoming and class reunions as details become available.



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09/18/2004	Sat	INDIANA	Lexington, Ky.		TBA
09/25/2004	Sat	Florida	Gainesville, Fla.		TBA
10/02/2004	Sat	OHIO	Lexington, Ky.		TBA
10/09/2004	Sat	ALABAMA	Lexington, Ky.		TBA
10/16/2004	Sat	SOUTH CAROLINA (HOMECOMING)	Lexington, Ky.		TBA
10/23/2004	Sat	Auburn	Auburn, Ala.		TBA
10/30/2004	Sat	Mississippi State	Starkville, Miss.		TBA
11/06/2004	Sat	GEORGIA	Lexington, Ky.		TBA
11/13/2004	Sat	VANDERBILT	Lexington, Ky.		TBA
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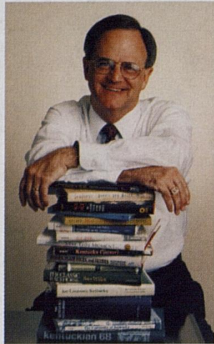


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### Efficiencies and Progress

There is no denying that these are tough times for higher education budgets throughout the country. Earlier this year *The Chronicle of Higher Education* gave a state-by-state prognostication of how universities would fare in upcoming legislative sessions. The picture was not a pretty one, and the prognosticators proved to be right.

Let me assure you that at the University of Kentucky, we are doing all we can to be good stewards of our resources. Since FY 2001, we have instituted a number of measures resulting in cost savings of more than \$57.5 million to help offset the nearly \$74 million in cumulative state-mandated budget cuts.

Through restructuring, the provost model of administration was implemented, integrating many support functions in the UK Chandler Medical Center with similar units in the rest of the campus. Specifically, 29 offices were merged, five offices were abolished and 88 positions were eliminated.

Elsewhere on campus, Admissions and Registrar offices combined their efforts and four foreign language departments were merged into one. Five low degree-producing academic programs and one college were eliminated along with five positions in the Agricultural Cooperative Extension Service. Reorganization of the Teaching and Learning Center resulted in the elimination of a variety of other support units and approximately 30 positions.

Adopting new cost accounting procedures and new purchasing, printing, and travel policies resulted in substantial savings. The cost accounting system allocates the cost of central services such as fringe benefits, purchasing, payroll and police services to self-supporting units and federal contracts and grants. Thus, General Funds were removed from several units able to become wholly self-sufficient by relying on external revenues. Among those units are Robotics, Development, Parking, and Environmental Health and Safety.

Federal funds were leveraged to develop and maintain 11 core research facilities containing more than 300 highly specialized instruments that are available to researchers at UK and other Kentucky institutions.

The savings from all of these actions were then invested in high priority items, in academic support priorities and in the faculty and staff for salaries and health insurance, and in our students to provide over \$1 million in institutionally supported scholarships in this biennium.

The achievements of the faculty, students and staff continue to be significant. UK just celebrated its 137th Commencement, representing the highest graduation rate among all state universities in Kentucky. Our people are setting new highs on many measures of success in teaching, research and outreach. Research dollars brought into UK, a measure of institutional excellence, continues to rise as does private giving which is so important to our margin of excellence as evidenced by the recently opened Linda and Jack Gill Heart Institute at UK.

Despite these efficiencies, it has been necessary to raise tuition twice and some faculty have been wooed away by better offers, which makes it all the more important for us to not lose focus or fail to push through the budget pressures affecting us. Given the projected 2003-2005 biennial state budget, our challenge today is clear. We — alumni, faculty, staff, students and others crucially interested in UK's success — must do everything we can to assist the University of Kentucky through these difficult times.

President Lee T. Todd Jr.

# RESEARCH NOTES

## Siblings Living with Alzheimer's Sought

The University of Kentucky Sanders-Brown Center on Aging is joining a nationwide effort to identify 1,000 families with two or more siblings with late-life Alzheimer's disease (AD) to participate in a major research study, the Alzheimer's Disease Genetics Study. The goal of the study is to speed the search for risk-factor genes that increase the risk of developing AD later in life.

The AD Genetics Study is sponsored by the National Institute on Aging (NIA), part of the National Institutes of Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and is supported by the Alzheimer's Association.

"Discovery of risk-factor genes is essential for understanding the causes of late-onset AD and for developing effective treatments and prevention strategies," said Charles D. Smith, M.D., professor of neurology and director of the Clinical Core of the UK Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, Sanders-Brown Center on Aging. "Families who have been affected by this devastating disease understand the urgency of finding the causes of AD, and how to stop it."

To be eligible to participate in the study, families must have at least three members who can donate blood, including:

- Two siblings (brothers or sisters) who developed AD after age 60, and
- Another family member over age 50 who may have memory loss OR a family member over age 60 who does not have any memory loss.

To participate in the study, families should contact NCRAD toll-free at 800-526-2839 or by e-mail at [alzstudy@iupui.edu](mailto:alzstudy@iupui.edu). Information is also available through the study's Web site or by calling Smith, or Jenny Cox, R.N., at 859-257-6508.



Charles D. Smith, M.D., seated, and Jenny Cox, R.N.



Photo: David Maehr

## Leopold Fellow Restoring Elk and Black Bears in Kentucky

David Maehr, associate professor in the UK College of Agriculture Department of Forestry, was selected as an Aldo Leopold Fellow for 2004. He is one of only 20 academic environmental scientists from throughout the United States and Guam receiving the award.

Maehr currently is working to restore elk and black bear populations in Kentucky. His research uses satellite and radio telemetry technologies on elk, and Global Positioning Systems technology, standard radio telemetry, and Geographical Information Systems simulations in the black bear project. He also is involved in researching the habitat needs of non-game wildlife, as well as vertebrate colonization, plant succession, and landscape structure in the restoration of Kentucky's mined lands.

Aldo Leopold Leadership Fellowships provide scientists with intensive communications and leadership training to help them communicate scientific information to non-scientific audiences, especially policy makers, the media, business leaders and the public. The award is named for Aldo Leopold, a renowned environmental scientist who communicated his scientific knowledge simply and eloquently.



For more information about research taking place at UK, visit [www.rgs.uky.edu](http://www.rgs.uky.edu) and [www.mc.uky.edu](http://www.mc.uky.edu)

Compiled from news reports about research at UK.

## UK to Offer Classes over Winter Break

UK will offer a winter break intersession as a pilot program this year to further accommodate the needs of students. About 12 courses will be held during the three weeks between the fall and spring semesters. This intersession will allow students to take courses they need to graduate, professors can offer new classes, and students can take advantage of study-abroad opportunities.

Online as well as traditional classes will be available and it is expected that classes won't be in session between Christmas and the New Year holiday.

## Efficiency Efforts Recoup \$57.5 Million

UK President Lee T. Todd Jr. gave the Board of Trustees a report on efficiency efforts UK has enacted in the past three years that have enabled the university to save some \$57.5 million to help offset the nearly \$74 million in cumulative state-mandated budget cuts UK has experienced since July 1, 2001.

UK's budget shortfall was managed in three ways: reallocation of funds from efficiency efforts, reserves and working capital, and tuition.

Compiled from UK Web sites, UK Public Relations news reports, and *Kentucky Alumni* magazine staff reporting.

## Five Rewarded for Efforts in Diversity

UK President Lee T. Todd Jr. presented the second annual President's Award for Diversity to those who have demonstrated outstanding efforts toward advancing UK's mission of embracing diversity while maintaining academic excellence. Recipients received \$500 and a display award.

### Award winners by category are:

- Student: Veleashia Smith is a senior in the College of Social Work, and credited with organizing the college's first minority seminar which led to the revival of the UK chapter of the National Association of Black Social Workers.
- Staff member: James Wims is assistant vice president for student affairs and director of residence life and is credited with building an outstanding diversity training program for the Residence Life staff.
- Staff member: Kathy Sheppard-Jones is project leader and researcher in UK's Interdisciplinary Human Development Institute and is the driving force behind the UK Accessible Map, an online interactive map enabling people with physical impairments to find accessible routes around campus.
- Faculty member: Tamara L. Brown is assistant professor of psychology who became the first ethnic minority faculty member in the clinical psychology program at UK when she arrived in 1999. She serves as faculty adviser to the Black Graduate and Professional Students Association.
- Community member: Juanita Fleming is a retired special assistant to the president for academic affairs and former professor of nursing at the University of Kentucky and is now interim vice president for academic affairs at Kentucky State University. She is credited with having a quiet but progressive impact on the hiring of diverse faculty members, especially in areas of scientific under-representation.
- University unit: The International Hospitality Program is a community-based organization that welcomes students and is sponsored by UK's Office of International Affairs.



Photo: Kathy Johnson

The President's Award for Diversity honorees are front, left to right: Kathy Sheppard-Jones, Tamara L. Brown, Veleashia Smith; back, left to right: Juanita Fleming, Karen Slaymaker and Carole Gnatuk (representing International Hospitality Program), Jim Wims and Deneese Jones, chair of the President's Commission on Diversity.



## Black Women's Conference Meets

In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling that struck down racial segregation in public schools, the theme of this year's Black Women's Conference at UK in March was "African American Women and the Historic Brown Decision: Looking Backward, Going Forward." This year marked the conference's tenth annual meeting.

Geneva Gay, professor of African-American culture and multicultural education at the University of Washington in Seattle, delivered the Anna J. Cooper Address in the UK Student Center Theater. Betty Griffin, president and chief executive officer of the Griffin Group, gave the Mary McLeod Bethune luncheon lecture in the Student Center Small Ballroom. Later a panel discussion took place in the Student Center Theater titled "African Americans and the Pursuit of Education: Intended and Unintended Consequences of the Brown Decision."



## 137th UK Commencement

UK bestowed a total of 6,020 undergraduate and graduate degrees and three honorary doctorate degrees during its 137th Commencement ceremony, held for the first time at Rupp Arena, at the end of the spring semester. This includes 920 candidates who finish their work in August 2003; 1,332 finishing in December 2003; and 3,768 completing their work this spring.

The honorary degree recipients are John D. Baxter, professor of medicine, biochemistry and biophysics at the University of California San Francisco, honorary doctor of science degree; James W. Stuckert, chairman and chief executive officer of J.J.B. Hilliard Lyons Inc., an honorary doctor of letters degree; and George Carlton Wright, president of Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas, an honorary doctor of letters degree.

Baxter, a Lexington native, graduated cum laude from UK with a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1962. Today his research involves receptors in the nucleus of a cell and how they affect human health and disease. He also is the founder and director of several successful biotechnology companies that have collaborated with the pharmaceutical industry to develop and market treatments for heart failure, flesh wounds, obesity, high cholesterol, diabetes, hepatitis and cataracts. In 1980 he was inducted into the UK Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni.

Stuckert, a 1960 UK graduate with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in business administration, joined W.L. Lyons and Co. in 1968. The company later merged with J.J.B. Hilliard. He was elected chairman and chief executive officer in 1995. Stuckert serves as chairman of the UK fund-raising campaign that has brought in more than \$600 million on its way to a \$1 billion goal. He was inducted into the UK Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 2000.

Wright, who was named the seventh president of Prairie View A&M in 2003, is a Lexington native who earned a bachelor's degree in history in 1972 and a master's degree in history in 1974. His research focuses on the lives of Kentucky's post-Civil War African-American population. Wright has published three books about Kentucky, and his research also has led to the production of two television documentaries.



Jay A. Perman

## Dean of Medicine

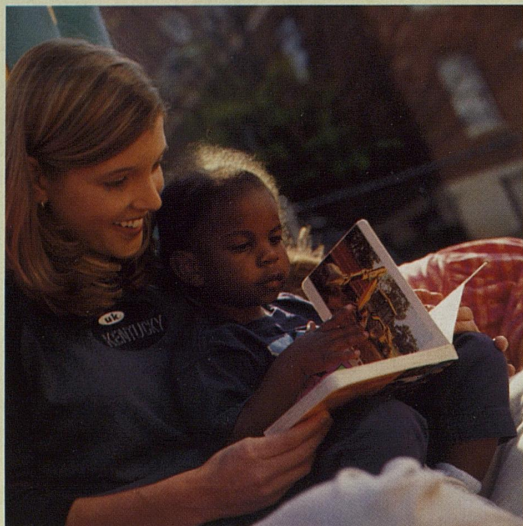
Jay A. Perman, M.D., formerly professor and chair, Department of Pediatrics, University of Maryland School of Medicine, is the new dean of the UK College of Medicine and the university's vice president for clinical and academic affairs.

Perman is responsible for the leadership and professional management of the research, educational, clinical and administrative activities, as well as the 21 academic departments and 12 centers of the College of Medicine.

His responsibilities include recruitment of faculty, securing and allocating necessary resources to implement the College of Medicine's agenda, strengthening the relationships and quality of clinical affiliations, encouraging collaborative relationships with other colleges of the university, and promoting valuable interactions with alumni, the health care community, and the public.

The College of Medicine has over 700 faculty, 1,800 staff members, 600 medical and graduate students, and over 500 residents and fellows.

## Success Begins With A Dream...



Scholarship opportunities aren't just for students with financial needs. The University of Kentucky has excellent undergraduate academic research opportunities for exceptional students.

To attract those students to UK, President Lee T. Todd Jr. has made academic scholarships a priority, creating scholarship programs for alumni of the Governor's Scholars Program and Governor's School for the Arts, and enhancing existing undergraduate academic scholarships.

"Recruiting top achievers enhances the university experience for students and faculty alike. Generating that type of excitement is what builds the University of Kentucky's reputation as a top school."

The scholarship initiatives employed are designed to make UK competitive with other top educational institutions in recruiting and retaining students with outstanding academic, extracurricular, and civic achievements. It includes funding for additional "full ride" scholarships and a matching gift program funded by the Athletics Association.

With tuition costs continuing to rise, full or partial scholarships may be deciding factors for outstanding students in choosing which schools to attend. Recruiting these students has a ripple effect on a university. By challenging both their peers and instructors, the students enhance classes and strengthen departments. Strong departments attract top graduate students and

faculty. The end result is an educational environment recognized nationally and internationally for its commitment to excellence.

High-achieving students are recruited by the most elite colleges and universities. To compete for National Merit Scholars, National Achievement and National Hispanic Students, and others like them, UK must make a stronger commitment to academic scholarship opportunities.



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*Dream Challenge Succeed*

After reaching and surpassing its original goal of \$600 million, the University of Kentucky is embarking on the second phase of its history-making capital campaign: increasing that goal to \$1 billion.

President Lee T. Todd Jr. and Vice President of Development Terry B. Mobley recommended the campaign be extended and new priorities for private sector support be identified. The Campaign Steering Committee, led by Chairman James W. Stuckert of Louisville, endorsed extending the campaign to December 31, 2007.

"While it will be a daunting task to continue to raise \$100 million a year over the next four years, I feel confident that it is in the best interest of the university and the Commonwealth," said President Todd.

The university's development staff has redoubled its efforts as they gear up for the new phase of the campaign. "We have exceeded expectations in gifts and commitments made to the campaign by alumni and friends of UK," says Mobley.

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FEATURE





# Beverly Kirk:

By Marie Bouvier

FEATURE

## Big-Time Reporter, Small-Town Roots

When you speak to Beverly Kirk, she is everything you would expect a national newscaster to be: polished, professional, intelligent and beautiful. It comes as a surprise to many of her viewers that she comes from Burkesville, a one-stoplight town in Cumberland County, Kentucky. But it is Kirk's small-town values that have informed every element of her life as a successful newscaster for NBC News Channel, NPR, and PBS. Her new venture as one of the lead anchors for "PBS/NPR Newsbrief" is yet another stepping stone on her path from small town to big time.

### Small-Town Roots

Beverly Kirk grew up in the American ideal of a small town. Ask what she remembers of Burkesville, and it sounds like a Norman Rockwell painting. Men whittling

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Beverly Kirk, one of the lead anchors for "PBS/NPR Newsbrief," sits in the broadcast studio before going on the air.

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Beverly Kirk and Jonathan Blakley, editor in NPR's Newscast Unit, review news copy before the evening's broadcast.

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on the courthouse square. Neighbors leaving preserves on your porch. Knowing everyone in town by name.

It wasn't until she left Burkesville that she realized how rare a lifestyle she had. "It's hard for people who have grown up in an urban area to wrap their minds around. That life still exists." She honors the work ethic and solid values she learned from her parents, teachers, and mentors during her early years and continues to carry them with her.

### Achieving the Dream

Beverly Kirk is one of those rare people who knew what she wanted to be from the time she was young. She watched the news with her parents every evening, the broadcasts of then-news anchor Oprah Winfrey on the CBS station from Nashville, Tenn.

"I remember as a little girl thinking, 'She's the only one who looks like me. I can do that,'" Kirk says. "Thank goodness no one ever told me I couldn't." From that moment on, her career path was set.

Kirk's parents, Malcolm and Edna Lue Kirk, encouraged her to dream big. They were a working class family, her father a truck driver and her mother a teacher's aide. But Kirk says her parents foresaw different opportunities for their four children. "They said, 'We don't want you to have to work as hard as we did. So whatever we can help you do to get an education, we're all for it.' And I thought, 'Wow. I can't disappoint them.'" She didn't. Kirk graduated as the valedictorian at Cumberland County High School.

### Incredible Mentors

The librarian at Cumberland County High School, 1973 UK grad Lucille Garner, was Kirk's first mentor. When Kirk considered going into weather forecasting, Garner told her that she wrote well and should give journalism a try. Kirk agreed and pursued a broadcast journalism major at Western Kentucky University as an Alumni Leadership Scholar.

Kirk worked for a short time with the Sun Belt Conference, thinking that her interest in sports might be one of her broadcasting options, but later she shifted paths again and decided to go into news reporting after being encouraged by another mentor, Kern Alexander, then the president of Western Kentucky University.

Kirk's first on-air job was with WBKO in Bowling Green as early morning television anchor. After three years there, she was hired in Lexington as weekend anchor and city government reporter with WLEX-TV.

## The Art of Diplomacy

In Lexington, Kirk began to consider a broader view of her career path. The University of Kentucky's Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce offered her a unique opportunity to earn a master's degree in 1996 that would prepare her for both political coverage on television and a possible alternate career in diplomacy. She cut her hours at WLEX to pursue the degree. But when a news director promoted Kirk, she found herself working and attending school, both full-time.

While pursuing her studies, Kirk found another mentor who would significantly impact her life. The late Vince Davis, then director of the Patterson School, knew firsthand the critical importance of networking. Davis made it a point to introduce students to his own business contacts, offering them a leg up in their nascent careers. "The most valuable lesson I took away from UK was the ability to network," Kirk says. When she moved to Washington, D.C., to work with NBC in 1997, it was Davis who introduced her to his friends and colleagues there, helping her find success in a political environment.

## Hard News

Kirk's job as a reporter for NBC was very different from being a local anchor. "One of the first rules of working there was that you kept a suitcase packed with essentials under your desk. If there were breaking news, you could get up from your desk, get your bag, and go directly to the airport," says Kirk. During her time at NBC, she used the suitcase often, covering the 2000 Summer Olympics in Australia, President Bill Clinton's impeachment trial, and the Pope's visit to Mexico City in 1999. But the most memorable event was September 11.

Her original plan for the day was to cover Michael Jordan on his return to the NBA as a player for the Washington Wizards. Kirk was dressed for a news conference in a pantsuit and high heels.

While driving to work, she heard the breaking news on the radio: a plane had hit the World Trade Center. By the time she reached the office, the second plane had hit. She ran down the street to the Capitol to interview lawmakers. As soon as she arrived, her pager went off. One of the planes involved in the tragedy had flown out of Boston, and NBC was sending her there. She ran back toward the office to pick up her bag and go to the airport.

"I'm running across the east front of the Capitol as fast as I can. Of course, I'm not dressed for this. I happened to stop, and I noticed smoke on the horizon," says Kirk. "About that time, my beeper went off again and said, 'A plane has hit the Pentagon."

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You need to go to the Pentagon.' It took three hours to get out of the city. Then I did live shots for all of NBC's affiliates, the afternoon and early evening. I'll never forget standing there, watching the firefighters and the building burning."

It wasn't until she spoke to her mother that she realized the enormity of the situation. "I called home and my mother was in tears. She said, 'Are you okay?' I said, 'I'm fine. I'm working. But when you see me on TV, you'll see the building behind me.' I wanted to prepare her for it. That was when I got scared."

That was what Kirk refers to as a "heart-stopping crisis moment." After 15 years in television, she had to question whether she had made the right career choice. She made a deliberate decision to take time off from the breakneck pace of national reporting to make informed choices about her life.

During those few weeks, she slept late for the first time in her life. She did freelance work; she worked with the U.S. Department of State on a foreign service officer promotion panel; and she thought about what she wanted to do. But deep down, she longed to return to news. She wanted a job in television, but one with a more stable lifestyle than national reporting. Then she heard about the opportunity with NPR and PBS.

### A Bold New Venture

PBS had thought for years of having up-to-the-minute newscasts, and NPR's news unit seemed to be a perfect partner, with its award-winning news team. Together, the networks created a format of 30-second newscasts at the top of each hour from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. They needed newscasters with experience, credibility, and enthusiasm. It seemed to be an ideal fit for Kirk.

Kirk became one of two on-air anchors for "PBS/NPR Newsbrief." Just one month after being hired, the show went on the air in late December 2003 with a pilot group of stations. Three months later, it was airing on 72 stations nationwide. (The program does not yet air on Kentucky Educational Television.) Kirk is excited to be part of this innovative news venture with two widely-respected networks. It also offers her a much-needed opportunity to return to a more structured lifestyle. "I have weekends off," Kirk says, with a note of wonder in her voice.



Kirk was emcee for the Lyman T. Johnson banquet at Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort and Golf Club in 1995 when she was a morning anchor for WLEX-TV in Lexington. The theme of the banquet that year was "Building Toward the Future," and the accomplishments of graduates from the 1980s were celebrated.

### Broadcasting Small-Town Values Nationwide

With a national audience, Kirk says people sometimes have a hard time reconciling what they see with her rural background. "Some people say I grew up with two strikes against me, being a black woman from the hills. I think those two things are assets that have made me the person that I am."

Her small-town values and supportive family have given her a strong foundation on which to build; she still believes she can accomplish anything she sets her mind to do. When others have a hard time understanding her inspiration, she just tells them, "You ought to come home with me some time to Kentucky."

That southern hospitality is a perfect reflection of how she became such a success; her warmth, intelligence and kindness make her a trustworthy and welcome newscaster for our nation.

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# UK Air Medical Service Nurse Achieves Gold Level Status

## Frankie Zalaznik Has 34 Years of Nursing Experience

By Amanda White

Franketta “Frankie” Zalaznik is the University of Kentucky Hospital’s first nurse to reach gold level status in the hospital’s Nursing Professional Advancement program.

But, like most health care professionals who save lives on a daily basis, Zalaznik does not need an award to prove the value of her work. Her greatest achievements have come from healing patients during her 34 years as a nurse.

Zalaznik has been a UK Air Medical Service flight nurse since the program began in 1987. Wearing a blue flight suit, she routinely boards UK’s blue and white helicopter to rescue the sick and wounded — a task Zalaznik puts her heart into.

“You want the person taking care of your mother, father or grandparent to give them the best care she can, and to care about them,” said Zalaznik, a 1983 UK grad in the College of Nursing.

UK Air Medical Service interim manager John Isfort said Zalaznik is well-known.

“Frankie is known by almost everyone in our referral area,” Isfort said. “People are always asking ‘how is Frankie’ or ‘where is Frankie today?’”

Flying through the Kentucky skies, the flight team evaluates and cares for the patient, in an effort to stabilize that person and make the patient as pain free as possible.

Zalaznik enjoys the teamwork of her job, joining a pilot and paramedic on the missions to transport patients from hospitals, ambulances and accident scenes.

“We represent UK,” Zalaznik said. “We are the first person people see.”

UK Hospital offers the only Level 1 Trauma Center and the only children’s hospital with pediatric and neonatal critical care services serving Central, Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky.

UK Hospital’s Air Medical Service employs 30 flight nurses and paramedics. About 60 percent of the helicopter missions involve trauma patients; 15 percent are for critically ill children, including infants transported to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; 15 percent are for cardiac patients; and the remainder of the transports are for high risk obstetrics patients, as well as medical/surgical emergencies. Seventy-five percent of UK’s missions involve transporting patients between medical facilities; the other 25 percent are scene flights.

Before her time at UK, Zalaznik began her career as a U.S. Army nurse and served in Vietnam, caring for the wounded. After her time in the Army, Zalaznik came to Lexington and soon began nursing at UK Hospital. She



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joined the Kentucky National Guard in 1980 to help support earning a Bachelor of Science in nursing from the UK College of Nursing. She once again was called to war in 1991, when she went to Dessert Shield/Dessert Storm to care for soldiers, prisoners of war, and even wounded Iraqi children.

Throughout her career, Zalaznik has joined medical missions to Guatemala, Barbados, Ecuador and Alaska — and is looking for another mission to join.

“I’m not done traveling yet,” she said.

That is obvious about Zalaznik; she would not be satisfied if what she does became mundane.

“You’ve got to be a motivated person,” she said. “I feel the day I come here and fly and don’t think in my head, ‘what do I need to do to take care of this patient,’ that’s when I need to get out.”

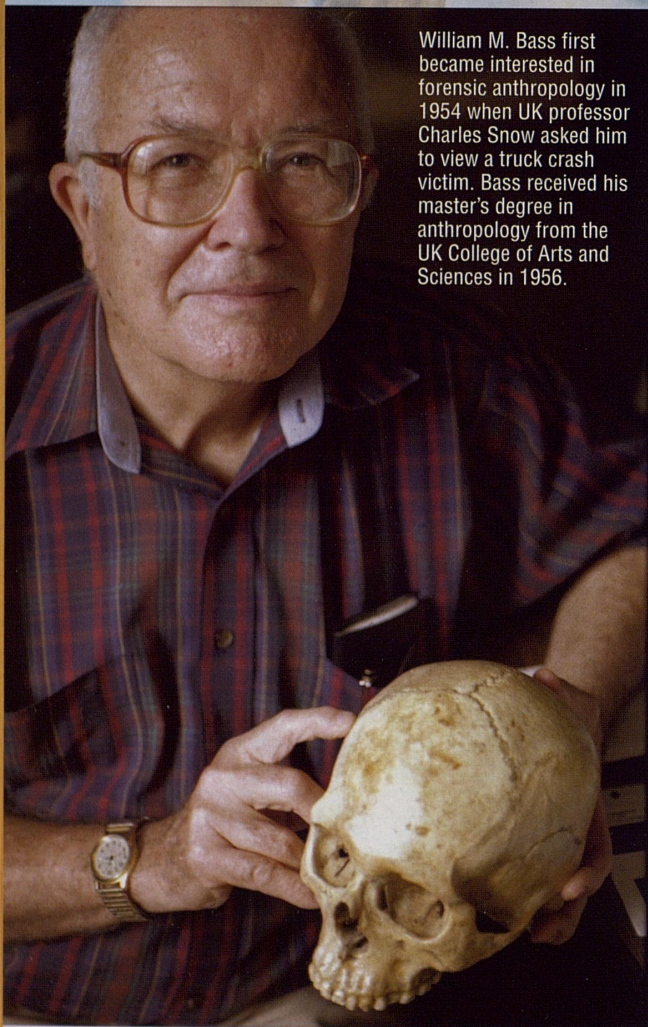
Zalaznik always wants to learn something new, which, she said, is part of working at a university.

By reaching gold level status in UK Hospital’s nursing professional development program, Zalaznik earned \$1,500 to attend a professional conference. Zalaznik is an advocate for the program, which encourages nurses to go beyond the patient’s bedside and achieve certifications, complete community service initiatives, mentor others, cross train in various hospital areas, join committees, and implement research. The professional development program also is a way to develop camaraderie and meet others, which fits well with Zalaznik’s personality.

When Zalaznik talks about what she does, such as speaking to a group of freshman nursing students about the profession, it is likely that one thing is evident.

“The important thing is that I like what I do,” she said.

# Forensic Pioneer Harvests Body Farm in 'Death's Acre'



William M. Bass first became interested in forensic anthropology in 1954 when UK professor Charles Snow asked him to view a truck crash victim. Bass received his master's degree in anthropology from the UK College of Arts and Sciences in 1956.

By Lawrence Buser

Some 10 years ago I traveled to Knoxville for a story on Dr. William Bass and his one-of-a-kind outdoor forensic laboratory known as the body farm.

The 2-acre site near the University of Tennessee campus was the most bizarre scene you could imagine. There were bodies on the ground, in the ground, wrapped, unwrapped, stuffed in the trunk of a junked car, in the back seat, behind the wheel and so forth.

About 53 folks in all, decomposing in the name of science.

"We started out by putting bodies on the ground and coming out every day to see, for example, how long it takes for the right arm to fall off," the perpetually cheerful Bass said as we carefully strolled the grounds.

"Now we've got experiments on bodies in all stages of disrepair. It's 1993 and there's really very little basic scientific data for any of this."

Today Bill Bass, now professor emeritus, still maintains his position at the top of the forensic anthropology food chain. His creation, still the only one of its kind, has grown to three acres, the body supply is growing, and there's new double fencing of chain link, razor wire and wood paid for by author Patricia Cornwell.

Studies at the 23-year-old body farm have grown more sophisticated, and graduate students in the highly competitive forensic anthropology department must have a grade point of at least 3.6 to qualify for acceptance.

His Anthropology Research Facility, as it is officially called, was popularized by Cornwell's novel *"The Body Farm"* in which she made Bass the character Dr. Lyall Shade.

She shared the limelight with him at book signings in Knoxville and even bought the anthropology department an extra pickup for body hauling.

Now the body farmer himself has a book about his most unusual career and some of the thousands of death cases he has had a hand in, so to speak (*"Death's Acre: Inside the Legendary Forensic Lab The Body Farm Where the Dead Do Tell Tales,"* G. P. Putnam's Sons, \$24.95).

"There's so many people interested in 'CSI' and 'Crossing Jordan' and 'Quincy' and people like that, and there's a real interest in society in the forensic area," Bass said in a recent interview. "This is a nonfiction book and we use the names of the good guys and the bad guys. It's kind of case oriented."

The book includes a foreword by Cornwell and a chapter about an experiment he did for her at the body farm that led to the title of her book. That drew so much attention to his department that Bass suggested the secretary have callers dial 1-800-I AM DEAD.

Presented in a casual conversational style and with his wry humor, Bass tells how his path toward a career in counseling veered off "in the direction of corpses, crime scenes and courtrooms."

His first human-identification case came in 1954 when his University of Kentucky anthropology professor Dr. Charles Snow asked Bass to accompany him to view the unearthed remains of a truck crash victim. He earned \$5 and was hooked on forensics.

"As a forensic anthropologist, I tend to see bodies that are long past their prime — bodies that are bloated, blasted, burned, buggy, rotted, sawed, gnawed, liquified, mummified, or dismembered," he writes. "Some are even skeletonized, reduced to bare bones — bare, but brimming with data."

Parts of the book may require a strong stomach, including a passage about "In Cold Blood" author Truman Capote answering the door at his hotel in a lacy negligee.

Bass includes a discourse on what happens to a body in a fire and how the muscles and tendons shrink, causing the limbs to assume a boxer's stance known as the pugilistic posture.

This is probably not the venue to discuss fire's influence on the head or how maggots can be an investigator's best friend or why Bass's wife made him stop boiling his homework on the kitchen stove, but it's all in the book.

Bass also writes about forensic cases for which law enforcement has called on him for assistance. There is the headless corpse of Franklin, Tenn. — whose time of death Bass confesses to missing by 113 years — and the fire victim from Hawkins County who Bass correctly surmised had been dismembered by a prior explosion.

"Police don't ask you who is that; they ask how long have they been there," Bass said. "In the criminal justice system they are trained that the sooner you get on the chase, the more likely you are to solve the crime."

The book debuted in October with a first printing of 35,000. If it sells well enough, Bass would like to build a forensics center and move the department out of the bowels of Neyland Stadium.

Bass has been retired for five years, but he still visits the body farm and the students once or twice a week. He's also been on cross-country book-signing tours in recent months and has noticed that as he gets tired the last "s" in his name gets shortchanged.

Readers of his unique book won't be, however.

Among experiments now being conducted at the body farm is one aimed at identifying tooth marks of various critters that like to gnaw on abandoned bodies.

"We got a camera with a motion sensor and lights near a fresh body and took pictures of all these critters," said Bass, noting that rats, raccoons, opossum, dogs and coyotes each have their favorite portions. "Nobody's ever done research in that area, and there's some really good data coming out of that."

"I hate death and I hate mourning and I hate funerals, but I never see a forensic case as a dead body. I see it as a challenge to whether I have enough knowledge to figure out who this individual is and what happened to them. It's interesting what your mind can do."

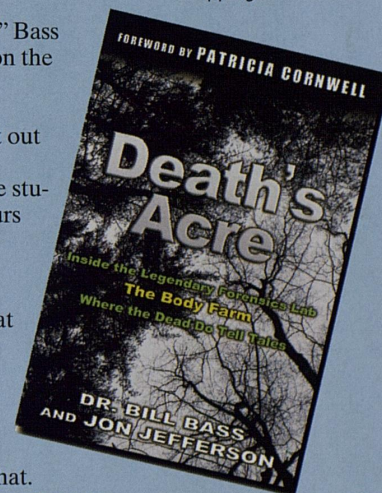
Bass, 75, who has lost two wives to cancer, lives with wife Carol in a one-floor condo on the west side of Knoxville. He now has a pacemaker and thinks more these days about his own mortality.

As for his final resting place, Bass says his wife and sons will decide whether it will be in a cemetery or as a science specimen of the body farm.

"The scientist in me wants to sign the donation papers," he writes in the book, "but the rest of me can't forget how much I hate flies."



"Death's Acre," written by Bass and his co-author, filmmaker Jon Jefferson, explores Bass' most intriguing work, including his revisit of the Lindbergh kidnapping and murder.



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Recipients of the 2004 UK Alumni Association Great Teacher Award were honored during the UK vs. Tennessee men's basketball game on Feb. 25 by officers of the UK Alumni Association and members of the UK administration.

## Bringing Innovation to the Classroom

*“A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.”*

— Henry Brook Adams

By Beverly K. Bell

Chana Akins was supposed to be a veterinarian while Brian MacPherson almost went to medical school. Kevin Hopper didn't know what he wanted to be when he grew up, but he knew what he liked — spending time out in the wild and learning about nature.

John Yannelli was always drawn to biology, though he didn't think about a specific career. John Thelin toyed with the vague idea of attending law school and George Herring believed he would become a journalist.

Fortunately for thousands of students, what all six became were teachers — very good teachers. So good, in fact, that this year they were named

recipients of the University of Kentucky Alumni Association 2004 Great Teacher Award.

Since 1961, 210 individuals have received this distinctive honor. Previous winners have excelled in fields as varied as civil engineering to philosophy, from nursing to theatrical arts.

This year's honorees are no different. They represent disciplines as diverse as anatomy and education, history and biology. Yet, they share a commonality: innovation in the classroom, concern for students and an unparalleled love and knowledge of their subject. Because of their skills, they have elevated learning to a higher level and have transformed students into critical thinkers.

## John Yannelli College of Medicine

### Tools of a Great Teacher

It's a Friday afternoon, several years ago, and John Yannelli, an associate professor of microbiology, immunology and molecular genetics in the College of Medicine, is not happy. His 1 p.m. class of about 90 students is getting ready to start, but when he looks out on the group, he notices that several people are missing. Yannelli's reaction is immediate and unmistakable — he doesn't like it at all.

"To me, there's a direct correlation between attendance and doing well," Yannelli says. When students aren't there, the exchange of ideas can't take place and the opportunity to discuss that day's subject matter is lost.

So Yannelli tries sending around an attendance sheet. He threatens his students with pop quizzes, but that won't work ei-



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ther. He doesn't want to make them up and he certainly doesn't want to grade all 90 of them.

What Yannelli did instead was what any rational, intelligent, thoughtful professor would do — he made up his own game show. In his classroom, "Jeopardy" meets "Family Feud" in a battle of the sexes while "participants" learn about the immune system.

The results are indisputable. "I have great attendance," says Yannelli. "They're there all the time." Most important, the students learn what they need to know.

Yannelli isn't alone in his unique approach to the classroom. Chana Akins, associate professor of psychology, brought a familiar principle alive in her classroom. Classical conditioning holds that a certain stimulus can elicit a certain involuntary response. To explain the theory, Akins passed out Lemonheads, a tart candy, and told her students to suck on them while she crumpled a piece of paper.

Akins calls this type of demonstration a "g-factor," generalizing or adapting psychology concepts to fit real life. Whatever it's called, it works. Within a couple of days, just the sound of the paper caused the students to pucker. They not only knew what conditioning was; they had actually experienced it.



## Chana Akins College of Arts and Sciences

## Kevin Hopper Lexington Community College

To grab his students' attention, Kevin Hopper uses interesting trivia. When discussing cancerous tumors, the assistant professor in biological sciences at Lexington Community College asked the class what was the size of the largest tumor ever removed from a human body. Ten pounds, they guessed ... 20 ... 50. They were stunned to learn it was an ovarian cyst that weighed 303 pounds.

"Now, they're interested," Hopper says. "How did it get that big? How long did she have it? What caused it? Then, boom, it's biology, and they didn't even realize it."

In teaching his course on Vietnam, Alumni Professor of History George Herring draws from a wealth of visual and audio material. Herring is considered an expert on the U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War. His interest in the subject began with a "pamphlet" on the war, which later became *"America's Longest War,"* his book that is widely used by American colleges and universities.

One of his favorite teaching mechanisms involves excerpts from President Lyndon Johnson's taped telephone conversations in which the president conveys his conflicted

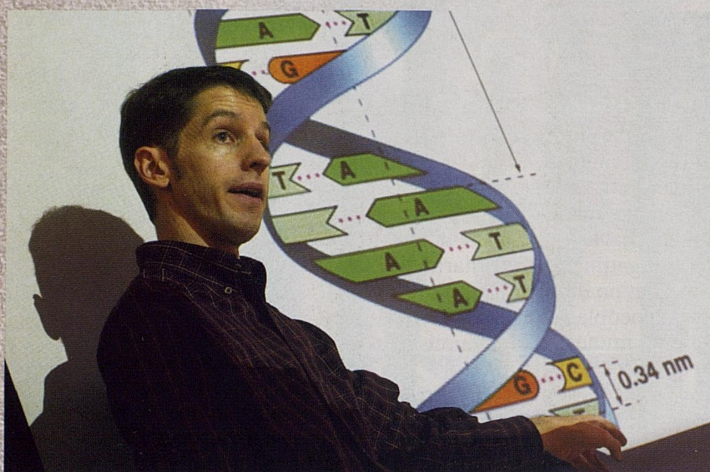


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feelings over the escalation of the war. Herring believes that when the students hear Johnson's own words they can better understand the complexities of war. "Certainly they appreciate that these decisions are never simple," Herring says.

Brian MacPherson takes advantage of his student's familiarity with technology by creating what he calls, "value-added materials." The Holsinger Endowed Professor of Anatomy in the College of Medicine has developed animated computer programs that help students better understand the information. Working with multi-media experts at the medical center,

MacPherson has digitized various teaching resources and put them on CDs, allowing students to study coursework when they want to rather than when the A-V library is open.

"I like to think that I've used it (technology) wisely and I think the students have appreciated what we've done," MacPherson says.

As for John Thelin, he connects with his graduate students much the way a coach relates to his athletes. "I always thought my role was to work closely with each of them ... To build some kind of cohesion and team morale," says the

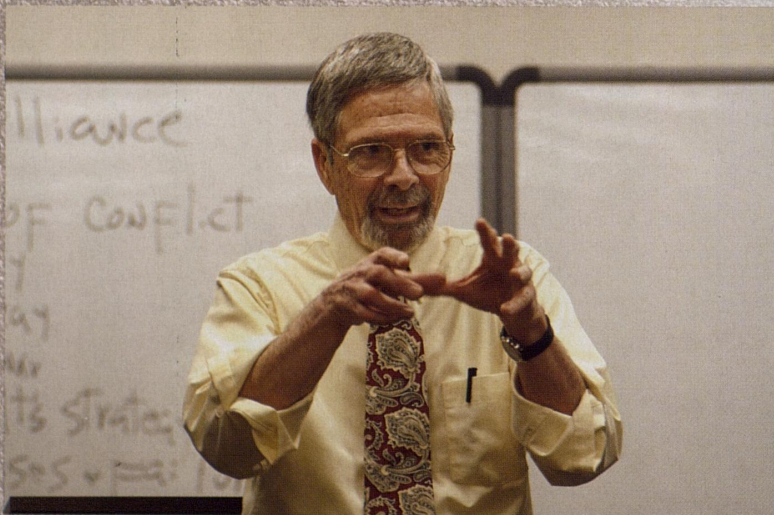


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## George Herring College of Arts and Sciences

## John Thelin College of Education

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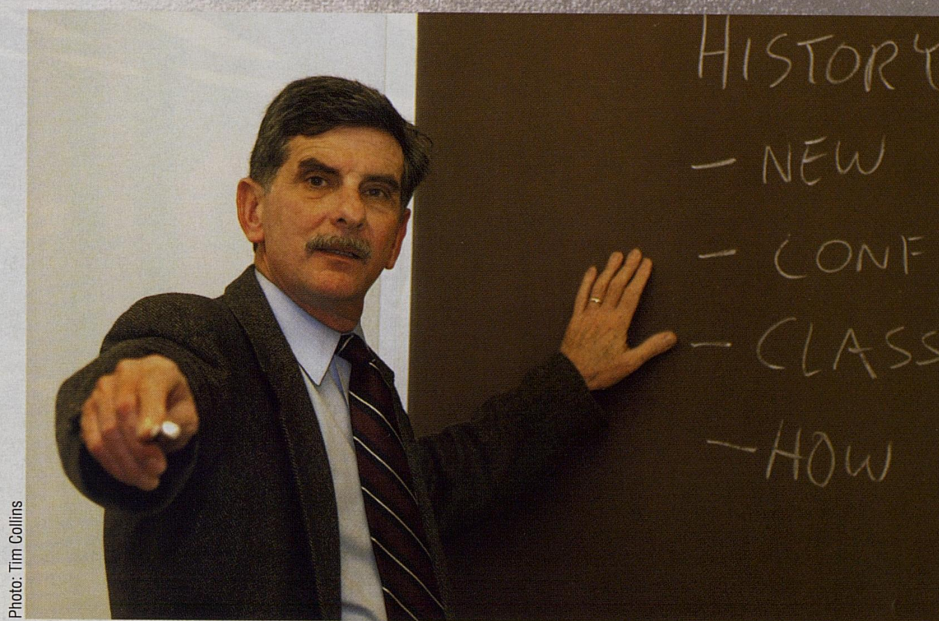


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professor of educational policy studies in the College of Education. This teaching style seems a natural extension of his professional interests. Thelin's most recent book, *Games Colleges Play*, explores the history of college athletics and higher education.

"A coach has to work closely and observe and prod and prompt, cajole and encourage," Thelin says. "I like that kind of interaction with my graduate students."

### Goals in the Classroom

Clearly-stated learning objectives aren't the only component to good teaching. "Students sometimes need confidence and a lot of times they need motivation," says Akin. Other times, she says, "They just need someone who will listen to them."

Thelin agrees. While in graduate school, he noticed an unsettling trend in teaching. "Professors could be rather rude and cavalier and arbitrary," he explains. "I kind of vowed that I would always try to be supportive and not to humiliate or belittle students ... Professors can have so much power over a student's future. To me, that power brought with it responsibility."

Good teaching skills aren't necessarily innate either. "I don't think I'm a particularly talented teacher or I have some kind of good teaching ability," says Hopper. "I'm just a good biologist. I think when I stand up in front of the classroom and I talk about biology, that interest, that enthusiasm that I have for the topic, comes across to the students. And they learn more as a result of that."

Like Hopper, Herring believes his love and knowledge of the subject matter contributes significantly to how well students learn. Herring is known for immersing both himself and his students in the topic. In fact, one student said that Herring's "dynamic and vivid teaching practices have made me feel almost as though I know Lyndon Johnson, Ho Chi Minh, the Vietcong insurgents and the American soldiers personally." Herring admits, however, that his teaching style isn't deliberate. "I just do what I do and I don't think about it."

The challenge is slightly different for MacPherson. Teaching dental students, he must not only prepare them for the National Board Dental Examination, but also for the clinical diagnoses they'll be making

## Brian MacPherson College of Medicine



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throughout their careers. "What we're doing is giving them the basic building blocks upon which they build every single day. It's my goal as we go along through the course to make sure they're understanding why they're memorizing these facts," he says. "I can get a monkey to come in here and memorize those, but that monkey can't extrapolate that information and use it clinically."

In the end, it's the responsibility of any good university to teach its students well, says Yannelli. For his part, he's always adding new material, particularly from his ongoing research in immunotherapy oncology. He also tries to make the classes fun while giving students a broad overview. "I clearly know more than I teach. However, you can't teach all that. They're not going to retain that. They need to understand the big picture. And that's what I try to paint, the big picture."

### The Rest of the Story

The recollection may be one of those memories common to most adults. You spotted your teacher in the grocery store and had that startling realization that she was a regular person after all, with a life other than teaching.

Like those instructors from childhood, all of this year's Great Teachers have active lives and interests outside the classroom. Thelin is a dedicated long-distance runner and has been since his undergraduate days at Brown University. In fact, he's won competitions in his age bracket in Virginia, Kentucky and California. Even though hearing-impaired since the age of four, Thelin loves rock 'n' roll, especially "My Girl" by the Temptations, "Peggy Sue" by

Buddy Holly and "Maggie May" by Rod Stewart.

Herring dreams of one day playing the five-string banjo in a bluegrass band. The only problem, he says, is that he doesn't have the ear or manual dexterity to master it. He loves his grandchildren and travel, in that order. One of his more memorable excursions was in 1997 when he went to a conference in Vietnam with Robert McNamara, the former secretary of defense in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations.

Four children ranging in ages from five to 19 keep Yannelli busy in his off-hours. "I believe kids need parents and I am determined to provide a good home," says Yannelli, who lost his father when he was two and his mother when he was 17.

When he does have time, he pursues his love of aviation history. If there is such a thing as reincarnation, Yannelli likes to think that he flew beside the Red Baron, the German flying ace. He also builds plastic models of World War I and World War II planes. "Of course, they are in my basement, because to the rest of the family, they are plastic."

Hopper's mantra for life is straightforward: work hard, play hard. He rides mountain bikes and travels when he can, including one trip out West where he got in his car without an itinerary and started driving.

To indulge an interest in movies that extends from "Rear Window" to "The Matrix," Hopper built his own home theater in his basement. He also plays guitar, though, "I'm not any good by any stretch of the imagination," and is part of a folk dancing group that once performed for the queen of Denmark. This might explain another one of his favorite movies, "Singing in the Rain."

Since purchasing her first home several years ago, Akins has been fascinated with home makeover shows such as



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—John Thelin

“*Monster House*” on the Discovery Channel. An avid athlete, Akins runs and plays golf as well as Ultimate Frisbee. She also likes bird watching, partially because she’s interested in human and animal behavior. “I like to watch for a while and see what they do, and of course, bring that into the classroom,” she says. Akins loves surfing the Internet, mainly to shop and read financial advice. “My students tell me to be careful,” while online, she says.

During the day, MacPherson helps build minds. At home, he builds rooms, recently finishing his basement, including the installation of electricity and a complete bathroom. He’s also planning to install new flooring in his den.

Unfortunately, those “handyman” skills don’t extend to automobiles. Even though he loves cars and his father was a diesel mechanic, “I’m useless at that. My wife won’t let me touch the cars,” he says.

### What They’ll Do in Their Next Life

Hopper can’t imagine doing anything outside of his chosen field of biology. The same is true for Thelin.

“I love listening to and talking to people. I love lively wit and conversation. I would somehow have to use those general characteristics to try to find something,” he says.

For Yannelli, the choice is less difficult. “I’d probably be a coach (in) basketball.” Yannelli founded and currently coaches the Central Kentucky Liberty, a traveling team comprised of 12-year-olds. “I’m a very competitive person,” he says, plus coaching allows the teacher in him to come out.

Akins thinks she might be good in advertising. “I have a humorous side and a great imagination,” she says. She would also like to try her hand at writing. Right now she has a children’s book in progress about a mischievous cat tentatively titled, “*The Incredible Adventures of Misty*.”

Herring is also drawn to writing. “I started out with the idea that I wanted to be a journalist,” he says. “I don’t know how I got away from that because the one thing that I always enjoyed in high school was writing.” He’s working on “an enormous book,” almost 800 pages long, about the history of U.S. foreign policy from The Revolution to current times.

MacPherson’s new career, however, would be far less high-minded. “I think I’d like to sell cars. I have a thing about cars,” specifically, he says, high-end cars like Infiniti because nobody wants to sell low-end cars.

### Teachers Now and Forever

They describe themselves as outspoken, funny, reserved, patient and a person of faith. They love their families, movies, animals and chocolate mousse. They hate reality TV shows, littering, UK’s parking situation and a lack of curiosity. They are athletes, scholars, dancers and travelers.

But mostly, they are teachers. This year they have been recognized as some of the best on the UK campus for positively shaping lives, and as Henry James said, influencing minds for countless years to come.

### Did You Know?

- Brian MacPherson was on a curling team in his native Canada and though he’s lived in Kentucky for almost 13 years, he still misses the sport.

- John Yannelli hates Halloween and has since he was a child. “It’s just something about masks,” he says.

- Kevin Hopper has eaten live termites, skinned a possum and swum with barracudas. He loves playing the video game, *Alive III* on his X-Box.

- Though he’s considered an expert on Vietnam, George Herring never served there. During his two years in the U.S. Navy, he was stationed in Newport, R.I.

- A false rumor has persisted that Chana Akins once rode a bucking bronco while living in Texas. The true story is that once she did rope a calf. Her love of animals extends to the TV program, “*The Crocodile Hunter*.” Akins would love to be on the show one day.

- John Thelin is such a big fan of 1950s and 1960s rock ‘n’ roll music that he has “virtually total recall of all lyrics, including choruses.” Picking a favorite band and song is “as exciting and difficult as the NBA draft — so much talent from which to choose!”

# The UK Student Volunteer Center: Connecting Campus to Community

By Robin Kidd Roenker



Joon-Kyeong Lee, a UK Library and Information Science graduate student, volunteers each week as a bingo caller at Lexington's Ashland Terrace Retirement Community.

Photo: Tim Collins

Every Friday, Joon-Kyeong Lee takes a break from her studies as a UK Library and Information Science graduate student to don another hat — bingo caller extraordinaire.

For the past year and a half, she's been a weekly fixture at Lexington's Ashland Terrace Retirement Community, where she's a favorite of the residents.

"The ladies just love her," said Laura Hatfield, Ashland Terrace's assistant director.

"We've even moved our bingo times to accommodate her schedule, because they don't want to miss her visits."

The time is precious for Lee, too. An international student from Seoul, South Korea, she said the "wonderful, very giving, very generous ladies" at Ashland have become her friends, teaching her about American traditions and giving her a connection to make Lexington feel more like home.

It's this type of win-win situation through volunteerism that the new UK Student Volunteer Center, which opened in August 2002, hopes to make a part of every student's UK experience.

## A Call to Volunteer

Now in its second year, the completely student-run Student Volunteer Center has already helped hundreds of UK students find volunteer opportunities in Lexington and surrounding counties to match their interests — whether helping out with a Head Start program, maintaining nature trails or serving meals to the homeless.

The center's success, illustrated in stories like Lee's and countless other successful volunteer matches, is particularly inspiring to second-year UK medical student Rebecca Brinker, who developed the proposal to create the Student Volunteer Center during her final undergraduate semester at UK in spring 2002.



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As part of UK FUSION last August, UK students board buses for transportation to various volunteer sites in the central Kentucky area.

President George Bush's call for increased volunteerism after the 9/11 terrorist attacks struck a cord with Brinker. Volunteering had been a major part of her UK experience — she'd spent time working with the Ronald McDonald House, UK Hospital, Moveable Feast and many other agencies — and she wondered why UK didn't have a central office in place to more easily connect campus volunteers with the agencies that needed their help.

"It was hard to get information about where the volunteer opportunities were," Brinker said. "We needed a single office that could build relationships with community agencies and really promote the volunteer opportunities that existed."

In the midst of preparing to graduate, Brinker put pen to paper and drafted a proposal to establish such a center. After several drafts and "a lot of leg work," Brinker's proposal got the attention of an impressive cadre of student affairs administrators.

Elizabeth Hait, then assistant director of student activities, recalled that while establishing a volunteer center on campus had long been discussed, no formal plans had been developed.

"Then Rebecca approached us with a formal, fully-developed proposal, complete with a prototype Web site and promotional materials," Hait said. "It was really timely, since we were beginning to come back to the idea, and she had already laid all the groundwork."

Once the proposal found an audience, Brinker worked to gather funding for the Student Volunteer Center and, with the help of First-Link of the Bluegrass, a volunteer referral agency in Lexington, compiled a searchable database of volunteer opportunities accessible through the Web.

It was a whirlwind process — "pretty much all I did was go to class and work on this that last semester," she said — but the result was clear: with all the groundwork in place, the volunteer center officially opened the following semester, in fall 2002.

### A Way to Give Back

Since its launch, the Student Volunteer Center has provided campus with a central source for information about volunteer opportunities and a place where students interested in volunteerism can network with one another and take part in leadership opportunities.



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UK President Lee T. Todd Jr. and first lady Patsy Todd, center, are surrounded by UK FUSION student volunteers who donated their time at the UK/Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Arboretum Park.

“College students think they can make a difference in the world,” said Jean Ellen Hiter, UK graduate student and Student Volunteer Center program coordinator. “It’s awesome to be able to give them the resources to let them make a difference.”

Run by a board of 16 student directors who are responsible for coordinating campus volunteer efforts in focus areas such as Project Health, The Great Outdoors and Basic Needs, the center has been completely student-driven since its inception.

For the center’s student directors, volunteering is no mere pastime. It’s a priority. Brandon Fenley, student director for Basic Needs, estimates he spends between 10-60 hours per week volunteering with agencies like the Catholic Action Center, Feed the Hungry and the Hope Center. But he doesn’t mind the long hours.

“People need each other,” Fenley, a UK junior, explained. “I really believe that volunteering and public service should be as everyday as eating, breathing and working,” he said.

Through their volunteerism, students like Fenley are reaching out and making positive connections within the

larger Lexington community, helping to shatter the stereotype of the self-involved college student.

“The Student Volunteer Center provides students with the opportunity to serve in a variety of settings and to gain a greater understanding of community issues,” said Rhonda Strouse, director of student activities. “The goal is not just to serve, although that is important, but to challenge students to think about why volunteerism and service are critical to our society.”

The message seems to be getting through.

“When you volunteer, you can really tell you’re making a difference,” said UK sophomore Amber Noel, a student director of marketing for the volunteer center. “The way people react to you, the look of appreciation in their eyes, it’s a very humbling experience.”

“So many people at UK are interested in giving back to the community,” said UK graduate student Rachel Zeillmann, who worked at the center as a senior in its first year. “It’s so inspiring.”

The surge in volunteerism on campus directly benefits local agencies like the Hope Center, a homeless shelter for males in Lexington. Student volunteers there

are "very critical to our mission, assisting in a variety of ways with all of our programs and helping to serve an average of 200 meals each day," said Hope Center director of community relations Heather Mitchell.

Service has always been a fundamental part of UK's three-prong mission, along with research and education. On campus today, though, there seems to be a push to even more fully blend the service and educational aims.

"More and more faculty are incorporating service-learning into their curriculum," said Louise Stone, who recently retired as director of UK's Office of Experiential Education. "In the past, faculty who were teaching students how to develop brochures or a Web site might have had them develop purely hypothetical materials," she explained. "But today, they're encouraging students to develop materials that can actually be used by local agencies like the American Heart Association or the Central Kentucky Blood Center."

### Spotlighting Volunteerism

The Student Volunteer Center maintains a searchable database of volunteer opportunities in over 100 Lexington-area agencies via its Web site ([www.uky.edu/volunteercenter](http://www.uky.edu/volunteercenter)) and sponsors student volunteer programs throughout the year. In addition, it also hosts two key volunteer events annually: the Volunteer Fair and, in partnership with the Dean of Students Office, UK FUSION (UK For Unity and Service In Our Neighborhoods), a day-long volunteering blitz that's now a part of the Kentucky Welcome program at the beginning of each fall semester.

Approximately 750 UK students, faculty and staff took part in last year's, first-ever UK FUSION, volunteering for the day at 40 agencies across Lexington — from cleaning up the grounds at Ashland, the Henry Clay Estate, to sorting food items at God's Pantry Food Bank and doing a scrapbooking/public relations project at Lexington Habitat for Humanity.

This year's FUSION, set for Monday, Aug. 23, hopes to improve on last year's numbers to connect more than 800 volunteers with at least 50 agencies, said UK sopho-



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more and FUSION student director Kourtney South.

And the third-annual UK Volunteer Fair, to be held early in the fall semester, will again host 75-90 agencies in the UK Student Center Ballroom to promote the many volunteer opportunities within the Lexington area.

"It's an exciting day," said Hiter. "Each of the agencies have a booth, so it's just like a career fair, but for volunteerism."

Hiter emphasized that the services of the Student Volunteer Center are open to anyone in the UK community — including alumni — who may want to get involved in volunteering.

"We're always looking for site leaders to serve as coordinators or help as drivers to agencies," Hiter said. "We'd love to have alumni more involved in that, since many of our students don't have cars on campus."

Those students who have taken part in the volunteer center's activities — like Lee, who connected with Ashland Terrace through the first Volunteer Fair — have often found that they receive as much as they give during their time volunteering.

"Students have told us how much they appreciate opportunities through the volunteer center. It's a way to have fun, meet people and get out of the residence halls — while at the same time helping others," Hiter said.

"The volunteer center is good for the university and for Lexington," said Brinker. "The university has been very interested recently in making connections between campus and the broader Lexington community. I can't think of any better way to do that than to get students out there volunteering."

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Grateful alums who have used the career services provided by the Alumni Association arrangement with the Stuckert Career Center often are quick to update Francis on the results of their job searches after her help. One alum wrote, "I got the job and start on Monday!!! My interview went very well. Thank you so much for helping me to prepare. The questions we drafted really impressed the selection committee."

When alums contact Francis, UK Alumni Association members are eligible for a wide variety of confidential services, including resume critiques, interview role playing, access to local and national job announcements, on-campus job fairs, and use of online services such as CyberCAT and MonsterTRAK. The career center also houses the Katherine Kemper Career Library, which is dedicated to career planning and job search research and activities. It houses a large assortment of print, electronic, and audio-visual materials on career planning/career decision-making strategies; resume development; self-directed job search techniques; electronic job search; business etiquette; directories of profit and non-profit U.S./International organizations; job bank books; salary infor-



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Career counselor Caroline Francis talks with Tamira Parks.

mation; and employer literature/annual reports.

It's simple to set up an appointment with Francis. She can be reached at 859-257-9323 or send her an e-mail at [cfrancis@uky.edu](mailto:cfrancis@uky.edu). During most of the year, Francis schedules appointments for the first and third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon. Don't live in Lexington? She also counsels alumni on the phone or via e-mail.

During the spring 2003 semester, Francis says she estimates that she counseled 60 alums with in-person appointments, 135 on the telephone, and 70 via e-mail. These numbers don't include all the follow-up calls and e-mails she engaged in to help Alumni Association members.

One UK graduate had braved a layoff.

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Francis says there are typically five circumstances that are characteristic of alums in the job market: those who need to be re-directed into another career or industry, those experiencing mid-30s burnout after being on the fast track, those who are re-entering the workforce, those caught by job downsizing, and finally, those baby boomers who realized retirement was not all they had expected.

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## Wild About Literacy Gathers Individual Participants

In the second year of the UK Alumni Association's Wild About Literacy national service endeavor, support for the program is growing. Many alumni clubs have expanded this volunteer initiative into a year-round commitment. Also individual alumni have joined in the effort in their local communities.

During this year's UK Alumni Week of Service, T. R. Girill '68 taught the last of five 1.5-hour technical writing classes as guest instructor for 30 English students in the 11th grade at Granada High School in Livermore, Calif. Starting with a single in-class visit in 1999, this ongoing project has focused and improved the basic nonfiction writing skills of several hundred underperforming high school students. In the 2003-2004 school year, for example, Girill worked with six teachers at three California schools addressing the needs of struggling multiethnic urban students, developmentally disabled suburban students, and even college-bound students unclear on how to write effectively. His volunteer effort receives support from a professional society, the Society for Technical Communication, to which he belongs and his employer, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Donna Durbin '69 has volunteered her time to two literacy projects in Lexington — the Nathaniel Mission where she helps children in their homework club every Tuesday and the Carnegie Center where she tutors a 3rd grader, primarily in the area of reading, every Thursday.

Lori Suter '76 is currently serving in her second year as chair of The Literacy Center, a not-for-profit organization housed in Evansville, Ind. She is helping to improve the basic adult literacy in the community, matching students 18 years of age and older with tutors. Approximately 100 students and 60 volunteers are participating. Since January 2004, she has volunteered approximately 80+ hours toward service in this Indiana literacy organization in the following



The UK Alumni Association Lake Cumberland Club presented the Casey County Public Library an assortment of books in conjunction with the Wild About Literacy program. Candy Wilson, a retired librarian and chairperson for the group, made the selections. Shown here are, left to right, John Bruce, club president; Jan Banks, Casey County Public Library librarian; and Genevieve Bruce, club member.

facilitating committee meetings for the budget, fundraising, public relations, tutor training and executive committees, training potential tutors and conducting volunteer orientations for prospective new volunteers.

Among the clubs participating this year were Dayton, Fayette County, Nashville, Northern Kentucky/Cincinnati, Jefferson County and Lake Cumberland.

President Lee T. Todd Jr. identified illiteracy as one of the Kentucky uglies early on in his presidency, but illiteracy is a national ugly as seen by literacy rates in alumni club areas throughout the country.

If you are involved in a literacy initiative — reading, writing, English as a second language, or math competency — let us know.

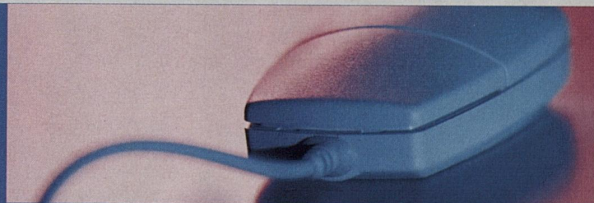
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### Ag Alumni Follow the Big Blue



College of Agriculture alumni took their first bus trip to an away basketball game last winter. The destination of over 250 alums, including two buses, was Indianapolis and the IU vs. UK game where there was a whole lot of fun going on as UK won 80 to 41.

### Gatton College Inducts Three Alumni Into College Hall of Fame

The Gatton College of Business and Economics honored three of its best during the 11th Hall of Fame induction. The 2004 inductees are Cynthia Harkins Haynes, vice president, assistant secretary and assistant general counsel for Texas Instruments Incorporated in Dallas, Texas; James R. Ramsey, president of the University of Louisville; and Creed F. Smith, president of Carbon Consulting Inc. in Houston, Texas.

"Induction into the Gatton Hall of Fame has become a prestigious honor for our business school alumni. This year's inductees are very deserving of this recognition," said D. Sudharshan, dean of the UK Gatton College. "They represent integrity and hard work in the business world and in the communities in which they live. The University of Kentucky is honored to count them among its alumni, and the Gatton College is pleased to honor them with induction into its Hall of Fame."

### Civil Engineering Honors Ten At Annual Awards Banquet

Ten distinguished engineers with Kentucky ties were honored in April by the Department of Civil Engineering at its annual awards reception and banquet in Lexington. The reception was hosted by the Kentucky Association of Highway Contractors.

Young Construction Engineer of the Year Award went to alumnus William Douglas Hacker, the fifth generation of his family to join the construction business, now vice presi-

dent of Congleton-Hacker Construction Company.

Young Civil Engineer of the Year Award winner was Brian R. Billings '94, Kentucky Transportation Department.

Frank D. Whitney '53, president of Apex Contracting Inc., was recognized with the Construction Management Founders Society Lifetime Achievement Award. Other honorees were Dean Blake, executive director of the Plantmix Asphalt Industry of Kentucky; Robert B. Congleton, chairman of the board of the Congleton-Hacker Company, and William J. Crowe, active in various construction, paving and materials companies in Kentucky during his career.

Civil Engineering Career Achievement Awards were given to Ted D. Haley '49, consultant and engineer; William A. Mossbarger Jr. '61, '64, retired chief executive officer and president of Mossbarger, Scott & May Engineers Inc.; Ralph Palmer '63, president, Palmer Engineering Company, and Charles C. Schimpeler, principal-in-charge, American Consulting Engineers PLC.

### Making Plans to Welcome You!

Many colleges are planning Reunions for Fall 2004. Many take place Homecoming Weekend in October. Watch for details in the next *Kentucky Alumni* magazine or visit online at [www.uky.edu/Alumni](http://www.uky.edu/Alumni) for calendar updates.





## CLUB HOPPING

## THE OPEN DOOR



For those people living in Kentucky or with roots in the Bluegrass, May means one thing — the Kentucky Derby. Many UK alumni clubs hosted Derby Parties to celebrate the 130th “Run for the Roses.” All clubs reported having a great time and a few big winners. This year’s Derby was celebrated by the **Greater Atlanta, Central Ohio, Central Virginia, Central Florida, Colorado, Dallas, Dayton, Greater Birmingham, Greater Nashville, Hampton Roads (VA), Greater Houston, Northern Kentucky Greater Cincinnati, Northern Alabama, Northern California, Northwest Ohio, Pacific Northwest, Southern California, Tampa Bay and Triangle (NC) UK Alumni Clubs.** In addition to those clubs, groups gathered for alumni Derby parties in Reno, Nev., and Jacksonville, Fla.



Just like Churchill Downs, Derby hats are a tradition among women at the Tampa Bay UK Alumni Club Derby party.

The **Atlanta UK Alumni Club** hosted the Wildcat SEC Tournament Pep Rally. Over 1,000 alumni and Kentucky fans filled the Georgia World Congress Center to hear UK Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart, meet former UK greats Jeff Shepard and Kenny Walker and watch the UK Pep Band and Cheerleaders. The Atlanta Club’s hard work paid off with over \$7,000 for scholarships and local programs. Of course, the Cats rewarded everyone in attendance with another SEC Tournament Championship.

The **Central Ohio UK Alumni Club** located in Columbus welcomed Kentucky fans from near and far for the first and second rounds of the NCAA Tournament. In March the club hosted a pep rally at the Frog, Bear, and Wild Boar Bar. The UK Cheerleaders and Pep Band attended and had the crowd ready to tame the Rattlers of Florida A&M. The next day Andrew Simpson, club president, and club volunteers lent a helping hand to “Mr. Wildcat” Bill Keightley by washing the team’s jerseys and shorts for the game on Sunday. Although the Cats lost, their uniforms looked great.

The **Fayette County UK Alumni Club** had a busy winter. Members held the club’s annual meeting on February 4 celebrating Kentucky Traditions. UK Alumni Association Great Teacher Award winner Stephen Voss spoke about UK’s tradition of undergraduate education. UK’s longtime basketball equipment manager Bill Keightley talked about UK’s basketball tradition. The theme was complemented by traditional Kentucky appetizers including country ham, beer cheese, mini pecan pies, and grits.



Central Ohio hosts NCAA pep rally.

The Fayette County Club also hosted two **Young Alumni** happy hour events and a reception for May graduates at the Boone Center on UK’s campus. On May 3 the club continued its tradition of offering doughnuts and coffee to students studying late into the night at the W.T. Young Library during “Finals Treats.”

The **Mason County UK Alumni Club** hosted the University of Kentucky Men’s Chorus directed by Jefferson Johnson at the First Presbyterian Church in Maysville. Jim Stice, club president, reports over 300 people attended the event. He credits club member and College of Fine Arts supporter Ann Mason for the great attendance. Mason sent more than 200 personal letters of invitation to local residents. Those in attendance were treated to a great performance and heard solos by three students from Mason County.

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## Ask Caroline



By Caroline Francis

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In the olden days when vacancies occurred, employers simply ran an ad in the local newspaper or posted help wanted signs. In today's high-tech world, utilizing the Internet is a cheaper and faster hiring resource. Listing vacancies on job boards provides organizations with a larger pool of more experienced global applicants. But what does this mean for the job seeker?

There are a variety of ways a job hunter may utilize the Internet (searching for job listings, posting resumes, researching an organization or field, and making contacts). The following are a few suggestions for using the Internet in your search for employment.

If you are conducting a confidential job search, be cautious about posting your resume online. Your present employer could be on the other end. Next, use personal search agents offered on most job boards and keyword searches to the fullest. Use job board search engines to automatically scan databases and e-mail you with updates. Consider also searching by geographic location and using a broader base of job relevant keywords. Also regularly search trade associations and specific company Web sites within your industry.

If you note that a company you desire to work for has an opening but it is not a good fit for your skill set, e-mail the contact person requesting the name of the recruiter for your area of expertise. Use this technique to build your contact base of hiring officials and personnel managers in your industry. To get more mileage out of your e-mails, consider including a one-sentence highlight of your skills below your e-mail signature.

In reality, the most effective job seekers never stop hunting. Even in a good economy, jobs seldom land in your lap. Although the Internet can aid your search, do not use it as your sole job search method or to avoid direct contact with targeted employers. Perhaps job seekers need to focus less on using the Internet to search for job listings and more on the idea of using the information accessible on the Internet for researching organizations and potential openings.

Caroline Francis, NCCC, Ed. S., is available for in-person, telephone, or e-mail consultation. She may be reached at 859-257-9323 (voicemail) or [cfrancis@uky.edu](mailto:cfrancis@uky.edu). Alumni Career Services are made possible by a generous gift from the UK Alumni Association's Jane I. Morris Endowment.





# Dr. Wendy Baldwin Came Home.

Dr. Wendy Baldwin received her Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Kentucky and shortly thereafter left the Bluegrass State for what ended up being a 30-year career at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Washington, D.C., one of the nation's largest federal funders of research. Today, she's back in Lexington, as UK's new executive vice president for research, and she says, "I really do feel like I've come home!"

Dr. Baldwin (who prefers to be called "Wendy"), notes that her first view of Lexington was when she arrived here to begin work on her master's degree in sociology back in the early 1970s. "I had a good friend at the time, who was working on a doctorate at UK, call saying, 'They have a great program here; you ought to come.' So I squeezed all my possessions and my two cats into my little Austin Healey 3000 and headed for the Bluegrass – sight unseen."

Her recent return to Lexington, after three decades at NIH, was greatly influenced by UK's president, Dr. Lee T. Todd Jr., and his "a new way to dream" vision for the university.

Wendy says there were two primary reasons she wanted to come back to UK. "I know the university is poised to grow academically, plus there is such energy here to build a solid research program. I felt that my background was a good fit with UK's goals," she explains. And she knew of Kentucky's commitment to higher education that resulted in the Research Challenge Trust Fund (RCTF) program, known statewide as "the Bucks for Brains" initiative. She notes that on many occasions while at NIH, she'd often "hold Kentucky up as a prime example of how the state/university working relationship could be mutually beneficial."

Admitting that she arrived at UK during a challenging budgetary time, she nevertheless is optimistic about the future. "When a state supports the mission of a research university, there are not only significant economic returns and intellectual returns, but also advances in the quality of life for the state's citizens," she adds.

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Lexington and the Bluegrass area today are vastly different than when Dr. Baldwin was a student on campus here. As proof, while much of what former students and alumni may remember as "classically UK" still remains, much has changed for the better: a dazzling new world-class library, a nationally ranked med school, more world-renowned researchers, and a renewed campus-wide focus on teaching. Plus, when you come back to town for Keeneland in April or October, you'll find full-card Sunday racing, drive-thru wagering, and year-round simulcasting. In fact, Derby Day on Versailles Road has become a HUGE tradition in and of itself. And you can shop at an amazing variety of wonderful new stores and golf at any one of several exciting new public courses. And yes, if you're flying in, you CAN get here and back - Blue Grass Airport is now serviced by nine different commercial carriers.

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### Before 1960

**Susan Jackson Keig '40 AS** recently gave a lecture to The Caxton Club of Chicago on the subject of the Shakers and her collection of historic photographs of the Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill, Kentucky. For the past 34 years she has used this collection of photographs to produce a calendar for Shaker Village, which has served as a funding aid to its ongoing restoration.

**Louise Swinford Wieman '50 '64 AS** was recently recognized by the Kentucky Counseling Association as its third recipient of the Alumni Volunteer of the Year Award for 2003 recognizing her professional excellence and volunteer service. Wieman, a retired Fayette County School counselor, served the students and faculty at Bryan Station Junior High School in Lexington for 24 years.

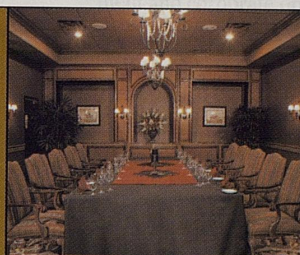
**Frank W. Wagner '58 BE** was recently inducted into the Kentucky Housing Hall of Fame. Wagner spent 40 years in the home building business in Owensboro and retired in 1999. During his experience, Wagner was a realtor, owned a Century 21 franchise and served as president of the Home Builders Association of Kentucky in 1979. In 1985, he received Kentucky's Outstanding Builder award. Wagner remains active in the local, state and national Home Builders Association and currently serves as life national director for the National Association of Homebuilders.

### 1960s

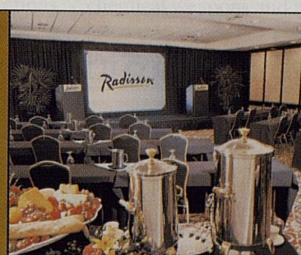
**James L. Congleton '64 AS** received one of four national leadership awards from the National Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research unit program of the U.S. Geological Survey. He is assistant unit leader and professor in the College of Natural Resources at the University of Idaho.



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**Anna Laura Page '65 '67 FA** of Sherman, Texas, is active as a composer, clinician, and organist and currently serves as handbell music editor for Alfred Publishing. Page has received the ASCAP Standards Award several times and her publications include choral works for all ages and compositions for handbells, organ and piano.

**Jane Olmstead Head '66 '68 ED** began Images Model and Talent Agency in 1977. Head was inducted into the Modeling Hall of Fame in New York, N.Y., was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award for modeling in 1997, and received Lexington's Business Woman of the Year award from the National Association of Women Business Owners in 2002. Her company was chosen as

Lexington's Small Business of the Year by Lexington's Chamber of Commerce in 2003.

**David M. Lawrence '66 MED** is an advisor to the board of directors for SomaLogic Inc., where he supports efforts to develop strategic partnerships with researchers and helps launch the company's technology into the worldwide clinical diagnostics market. Lawrence serves on the boards of directors of Agilent Technologies, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Raffles Medical Group of Singapore, The Rockefeller Foundation, and the RAND Health Advisory Board. He is board certified in general preventive medicine and is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honorary Society and the Institute of Medicine within the National Academy of Sciences.

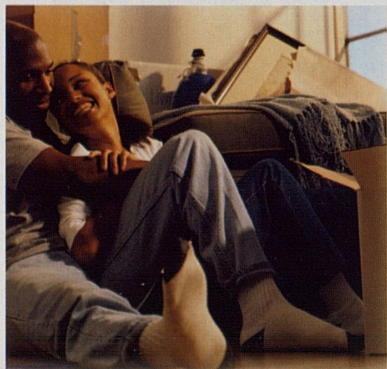
**Janice C. Shelton '68 AS**, senior affiliate faculty for physical education, exercise and sport sciences at East Tennessee State University, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators in 2003. This award is given in appreciation of individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the promotion of intercollegiate sports for women. Shelton joined the faculty at ETSU in 1974 as assistant athletics director and was promoted to athletics director in 1990. With this promotion, Shelton became the first female to hold the position at ETSU, and one of only six female athletic directors at the NCAA Division I level in the country.

### 1970s

**Joseph "Jay" Bamberger '70 LAW** of Florence, retired in January from his judgeship, where he handled almost 2,000 cases a year, nearly double the recommended caseload. He was the first judge in the nation to grant class-action status to alleged victims of sexual abuse by Roman Catholic priests.

**Becky Dausman '71 ED** is president and chief executive officer of the Easter Seals office in Plantation, Fla., where she is responsible for 24 employees and oversees development, fund-raising and client program placement. Dausman, formerly of Paintsville, now resides in Sunrise, Fla.

**Gregory S. Fatovic '71 ED** is vice president, general counsel and secretary of Safire Aircraft in



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Florida. Fatovic previously served as vice president and general manager of Pratt & Whitney's chemical systems division in San Jose, Calif. He has more than 25 years experience in the aerospace industry as a government lawyer and in-house counsel.

**Franklin H. Farris Jr. '72 BE** is the managing partner of the KPMG LLP Louisville office.



Farris, who has 32 years of experience, also is an audit partner in the office's industrial products practice. He joined KPMG in 1972 and was elected partner in 1984. He is a member and past vice president of the Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants, a member of the Kentucky State Board of Accountancy and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

**Guy Fulcher '77 BE** is assistant vice president at UnumProvident Corporation, the largest provider of group and individual disability insurance in

North America. He has earned the credential of Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP). Currently there are only 530 CITP credential holders certified by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Fulcher is currently a member of the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Institute of Internal Auditors.

**Jeffrey L. Hill '78 MED** serves on the board of directors of Victrom Human Bionics. Hill is a healthcare business executive with over 20 years hands-on experience in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device/diagnostic industries. He has worked at a high strategic level in all aspects of product development, business development and corporate operations.

**Jennifer Sparks '78 NUR** is director of oncology and women's services at King's Daughters Medical Center in West Virginia, where she is responsible for the operations of the oncol-

ogy unit and cancer registry database, as well as the maternal/child health units and the Women's Health and Cancer Resource Center services. Sparks previously served as interim vice president of patient services.

**Kevin J. Flamm '79 EN** has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service with the U.S. Army, where he will serve as program manager for the elimination of chemical weapons for the Chemical Materials Agency, which manages the safe storage, treatment and elimination of the nation's aging chemical weapons. A 23-year veteran of federal service, Flamm is now responsible for the total lifecycle management of the \$24 billion program to safely eliminate the U.S. stockpile of chemical weapons and related materiel, as well as for the destruction of the former chemical weapons production facilities. While at the University of Kentucky, Flamm received an ROTC commission.

### 1980s

**Mark B. Carter '80 BE** has joined Jewish Hospital HealthCare Services as senior vice



president for strategic planning, where he will be responsible for strategic and corporate planning activities. Carter is a certified public accountant and a fellow in the HealthCare Financial Management Association. He most recently was a partner with BKD, LLP where he was responsible for development of the firm's Ohio Valley HealthCare practice. Carter and his wife Kellie reside in Prospect and have three children.

**Gregory B. Daniel '80 AG** is professor and director of radiological services at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine and has recently been named president of the American

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College of Veterinary Radiology (ACVR). The ACVR is the recognized veterinary specialty organization in veterinary diagnostic imaging. Daniel has

been a diplomat with the ACVR since 1987 and has been at the UT veterinary college since

1987. His clinical interests are nuclear medicine and diagnostic radiology and his research interests pertain to quantitative nuclear medicine and digital image processing.

**Cristina Kirklighter '81 AS** is an assistant professor of English at Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi and has been elected to serve a three-year term on the executive committee of the Conference on College Composition and Communication.

**Anne Maczulak '85 AG** of Santa Barbara, Calif., is a self-employed laboratory consultant who inspects and audits industry laboratories and runs her own company, Acorn GLP Consulting.

**Craig Bowerman '86 FA** is director of Music at Trinity United Methodist Church in Florida. Bowerman spent several years in the Army as an artillery officer and directed an Army choir for 14 months while stationed in Fort Lewis, Wash.

**Felicia A. Canada '88 AS** is a board certified family physician at Sacred Heart Medical Group in Florida, where she specializes in adolescent medicine, diabetes management, women's health and early detection of heart disease.



### 1990s

**Thad M. Barnes '90 AS** is an attorney with the Louisville office of Stites & Harbison PLLC and has recently been elected to membership in the law firm. Barnes is part of the firm's Business Litigation Service Group and Torts and Insurance Service Group. His practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, intellectual property litigation, product liability law and construction law.

**Jerry Liu '90 AG, '95 BE** is group director for Parker Aerospace in Ohio, where he is responsible for leading, planning, and implementing lean strategies and initiatives for all engineering, manufacturing, product support, and administrative workflow processes. Parker Aerospace designs, manufactures and services hydraulic, fuel, and pneumatic components systems and related electronic controls for aerospace and other high-technology markets.

**Louis G. Roe Jr. '90 AH, '92 BE** is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) and has been appointed to serve as the ACHE regent for West Virginia for the 2004-2005 Convocation Year. The role of the regent is to represent ACHE in the assigned region to promote the goals of the college, which include increasing membership, credentials advancement, networking and educational opportunities.

**Gregory R. Vincent '93 LAW** of Brownsville is serving his second term as the Edmonson County Attorney and has recently celebrated the birth of his first child.

**Angela Stinebruner Burchett '94 AS** has joined the Louisville office of the law firm of Stites &

Harbison PLLC as a member of the firm's Real Estate and Banking Service Group. She represents lenders in connection with commercial real estate projects all over the country and focuses on representing commercial lenders that make loans in anticipation of issuing commercial mortgage-backed securities. Burchett also serves as local counsel to other national lenders in review of documentation for compliance with Kentucky law. She has lectured the Louisville Bar Association on "Real Estate Back To Basics," has spoken to various groups on issues related to Certificates of Insurance, and has participated in Bellarmine University's Small Business Development Center series where she spoke on "Contracts and Agreements."

**Paul Tran '95 DE** is an orthodontist with Tran Orthodontics and is a part-time professor at the University of Kentucky. Tran is married and has two sons.

**Joshua R. Denton '96 CIS, '99 LAW** has joined the Nashville law office of Bass, Berry & Sims as an associate. Denton concentrates in complex commercial litigation and debtor-creditor relations.

**Susanna Martinez '96 CIS** is communications director for the city of Tampa, Fla., previously having been one of the founding members of the Bay News 9 television news station where she worked as a political reporter.

**Mandy Cawood '97 CIS** is account supervisor for McNeely Pigott & Fox Public Relations in Tennessee, where she works with clients in the banking and telecommunications sectors.

**Robert J. Flynn '97 '01 AS** is honors coordinator for the Georgia Perimeter College (GPC) Dunwoody campus. Flynn resides in Decatur, Ga., and has nine years of experience teaching, having served as a teaching assistant and instructor at the University of Kentucky prior to joining GPC's faculty in 2001. Flynn has served as co-chair of the Georgia Perimeter College Social Science Colloquium since 2003 and advises the campus cycling club.

**Amanda Williams O'Nan '97 AG** was recently promoted to assistant principal of Hilton Head High School located on Hilton Head Island, S.C. She previously coached the school's girls JV basketball team, led a Christian group, and was advisor for the FCCLA Leadership development organization.

**Paul M. Percy '97 BE** is vice president for academic affairs for King College in Bristol, Tenn., where he serves as the college's chief academic officer and represents the faculty and the college's five schools: Arts and Sciences, Nursing, Education, Business and Economics and the Peeke School of Christian Mission. Percy is a researcher and writer who has published and presented many articles about his research interests, which include leadership, power and influence, team training and development, and work and family issues.

**Derek C. Bowe '98 AS** is associate professor of English at Oakwood College and has received the Author of Excellence award from *Guide* magazine in recognition of his contributions to the publication. Bowe has written numerous stories for *Guide*, a weekly Seventh-day Adventist magazine for children ages 10-14. Bowe serves as chair of the English and Foreign Languages Department at Oakwood.

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### 2000s

**Clark P. Case '00 AS, '03 LAW** has joined the law firm of Stites & Harbison PLLC and will work within the firm's Construction Service Group, where he will focus on construction and general business litigation matters. Case brings extensive research experience with the Horse Protection Act and its effect on the Tennessee Walking Horse industry. While at the University of Kentucky, he was elected to the Order of the Coif and earned several academic honors and distinctions. Case is the author of "*No Rule of Thumb: The Conflict of Digital Palpation Under the Horse Protection Act.*"

**Vincent Del Casino '00 AS** is assistant professor in the Geography and Liberal Studies departments at California State University, Long Beach and has been selected as the first recipient of the Glenda Laws Award given by the Association of American Geographers (AAG). The annual award recognizes outstanding contributions to geographic research on social issues, with preference given to researchers who have received their Ph.D. within the last five years. Del Casino received the award at the 2004 AAG Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.

**Christopher A. Griffin '00 BE** has joined the Cincinnati, Ohio, law firm of Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP as an associate in the commercial real estate client service department.

**Trenna K. Oakley '00 AS** has joined Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, a full-service law firm with more than 280 attorneys, where she practices in the corporate department of the Cincinnati, Ohio, office. Oakley focuses on family wealth planning and corporate law.

**Kevin M. Peters '01 BE** has received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command in Pensacola, Fla. During the training program, Peters received extensive instruction on a variety of specialized subjects including navigation, ship handling, engineering, naval warfare and management.

**Lucas B. Ellis '02 CIS** is a seaman in the U.S. Coast Guard and recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J. Ellis completed a training curriculum consisting of classroom academics and practical instruction on water safety and survival military customs and courtesies.

**W. Scott Stinnett '02 LAW** has joined the Charleston firm of Steptoe & Johnson PLLC where he practices general litigation as an associate.

**Sasha Y. Wagers '03 LAW** of Lexington has joined the law firm of Stites & Harbison PLLC and serves as a member of the firm's Torts and Insurance Practice Service Group, where she focuses on civil litigation and pharmaceutical defense. Prior to law school, Wagers served as a pretrial officer for Fayette County Pretrial Services and as a chief researcher for "*Kentucky Study of Domestic Violence*," published by the National Institute of Justice. She recently was elected vice-president of the Kentucky Law Journal Association Inc.



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**Charles W. Kelly '39** of Versailles, November 16, 2003

**Joseph H. Rapier Sr. '40** of Ashland, January 20, 2004

**Weldon Shouse '40** of Lexington, February 14, 2004

**Alan R. Vogeler '40** of Cincinnati, Ohio, December 16, 2003. Life Member

**Fred J. Fischer Jr. '41** of Sarasota, Fla., December 11, 2003

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**Jack E. Hartfield '49** of Salem, Va., December 23, 2003

**Jacob B. Hayden Jr. '49** of Elizabethtown, January 1, 2004

**Russell D. Poole '49** of Louisville, January 9, 2004. Life Member

**John R. Clifford '50** of Bowling Green, February 19, 2004

**Chester C. Craig '50** of Raleigh, N.C., December 19, 2003

**Charles H. Ferguson '50** of Wayne, W.Va., December 7, 2003

**Claude J. Gibson Jr. '50** of Girdler, June 2, 2003

**Everett Burton Jr. '51** of Columbus, Ohio, December 3, 2003

**Edward A. Marye Jr. '51** of Mount Sterling, April 22, 2003

**William R. Waddell '51** of Louisville, January 7, 2004

**Warren C. Wills Sr. '51** of Lexington, January 25, 2004

**John A. Biggerstaff '52** of Oak Ridge, Tenn., January 11, 2004. Life Member, Fellow

**John O. Freeland Jr. '52** of Danville, February 24, 2004

**Julian Reid Gabbard '53** of Louisville, August 1, 2003

**Robert G. Scherer '53** of Louisville, February 15, 2004. Fellow

**Ruth Congleton Templin '54** of Lexington, January 17, 2004

**Hugh B. Hammet '55** of Solomans, Md., December 31, 2003

**James C. Beaty '56** of Nashville, Tenn., November 6, 2003

**Jack T. Parrent '56** of Frankfort, July 1, 2003

**Addison L. Everett Jr. '57** of Manlius, N.Y., December 10, 2003. Life Member, Fellow

**Roy D. Gibson '57** of Louisville, February 9, 2004

**James L. Laswell '57** of Elizabethtown, January 24, 2004

**Janet S. Mitchell Brown '58** of Lexington, February 23, 2004

**Edwin D. Day '58** of Winchester, October 19, 2003

**Carol Blaine Devlin '58** of Bernardsville, N.J., March 3, 2004

**Donald W. Schraffenberger '58** of Louisville, January 30, 2004

**Robert L. Barnett Jr. '59** of Louisville, January 20, 2004. Life Member

**Thomas E. Freeman '59** of Tipp City, Ohio, January 7, 2004

**Kenneth Evans '60** of Lexington, October 23, 2003

**Stewart B. Hedger '61** of Seymour, Ind., December 24, 2003

**Joseph E. Mensah '66** of St. Albans, N.Y., October 15, 2003

**Almalee Wilson Allen '70** of Lexington, December 28, 2003

**David C. Buck '71** of Milton, Ind., December 12, 2003

**Dennis J. Chapman '73** of Peterborough, N.H., November 26, 2003

**Stanley W. Hensley '74** of Frankfort, January 29, 2004

**Barrie McCann Baker '76** of Versailles, June 5, 2003

**Martha L. Buchanan '76** of Lexington, January 10, 2004

**Ronald A. Campbell '77** of Louisville, June 2, 2003

**Michael L. Moreland '81** of Lexington, February 22, 2004

**Alice Nameth Lemaster '84** of Lexington, October 20, 2003

**Brenda D. Cowan '85** of Lexington, February 13, 2004

**Thomas J. Tice '86** of Lexington, October 20, 2003

**Freddie W. Yates '91** of Lexington, January 27, 2004

**Jane Martin Delker '94** of Lexington, February 7, 2004

**Todd A. Walker '96** of Lexington, January 9, 2004

**Gentry D. Aubrey '02** of Burlington, January 31, 2004

**Jeffrey Graham '03** of Frankfort, February 19, 2004

### Former Students and Associates

**William H. Allen** of Brandenburg, June 19, 2003. Life Member  
**Louise F. Anderson** of Raleigh, N.C., January 27, 2004. Life Member

**Harold L. Barber** of West Liberty, February 17, 2004

**Rhonda Schuette Booth** of Lexington, January 29, 2004

**Margaret Collins Cook** of Georgetown, January 13, 2004

**William P. Conover Jr.** of Prospect, February 27, 2004. Life Member

**Neville T. Cotton** of Richmond, January 30, 2004

**Walter L. Fitch** of Florence, July 29, 2003

**Georgia S. Flock** of Birmingham, Ala., May 10, 2003

**Gertie M. Gilreath** of Marshes Siding, October 21, 2003

**James Hallis** of Lexington, October 21, 2003

**Edith Heath Harmon** of Dayton, Ohio, January 7, 2004. Fellow

**Christine C. Hendrickson** of Greensburg, Ind., October 6, 2003

**James C. Hilen Jr.** of Cincinnati, Ohio, December 2, 2003

**Yvonne Sylvester Hill** of Lexington, December 9, 2003

**James O. Johnson** of Louisville, February 15, 2004

**Thelma Carter Kessler** of Louisville, February 8, 2004. Fellow

**Susan B. Lester** of Lexington, February 15, 2004. Fellow

**William H. Merritt** of Lexington, January 10, 2004. Fellow

**Elise Fowler Morgan** of Lexington, January 23, 2004

**James T. Mullins** of Lexington, November 23, 2003

**Louis B. Nunn** of Versailles, January 29, 2004. Former governor of Kentucky

**Owen L. Range** of Versailles, January 26, 2004

**Marguette M. Rowady** of Lexington, February 12, 2004

**Gladys B. Samuels** of Bardstown, July 31, 2003

**Charles N. Simmons** of Lexington, January 30, 2004

**Raymond E. Smith** of Louisville, February 27, 2004

**Helen Champion Stratton** of Louisville, February 7, 2004

# GLEANINGS FROM THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

## 1929

Dean T. P. Cooper of the College of Agriculture is appointed to a committee of specialists to rid the country of the Mediterranean fruit fly. He goes to Washington and Florida to meet with other committee members . . . Professor of Physics W. S. Webb returns from Zoe, in Lee County, where he unearthed relics and evidence of an ancient race, including Indian moccasins, bone artifacts, fabric and buckskin . . . UK's new Botanical Gardens, on the slope between White Hall and the athletic fields, nears completion. Planned by the Lexington Garden Club and UK, these nine acres contain the largest collection of rhododendrons in the state along with an Italian cypress grown by the California department of forestry from seeds collected in the garden of Gethsemane . . . UK announces that 17 students in the College of Arts and Sciences made all A's during the spring semester . . . UK student Carl Laughlin saves a girl from drowning when he swims 40 feet at the Clay's Ferry Beach to rescue her after hearing her screams . . . Students can get a fried chicken dinner for \$1 at The Canary Cottage every night.

## 1954

The Judiciary Committee of the Student Government Association announces parking tickets are now being given to autos that are parked without authorized permits . . . Leslie L. Martin takes over as Dean of Men as the former dean, A. D. Kirwan, assumes duties as professor of history . . . Diane Hunt, a UK education senior, is chosen "Miss Kentucky." The Kappa Alpha Theta member will represent Kentucky in the "Miss America" contest. Hunt also was UK's 1954 May Day Queen . . . Three UK profs are awarded Fulbright Scholarships. Edwin E. Stein, head of the Department of Music, will study in Austria; Jasper B. Shannon, professor of political science, will go to Norway;

## Moments in History

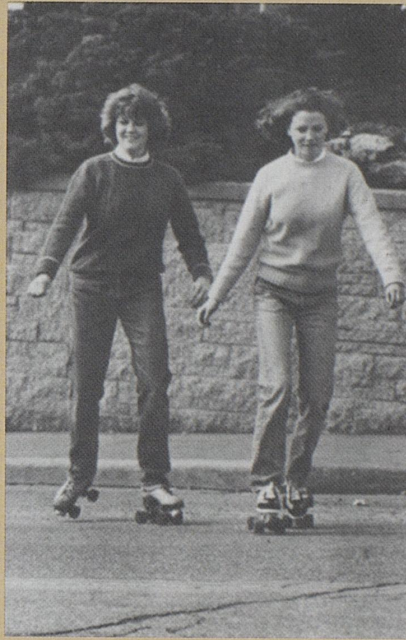


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### Spring Skate Mates

Patty Brodi, a sophomore majoring in elementary education, and Betsy King, a sophomore majoring in computer science, couldn't pass up the good spring weather in 1981 to pursue one of their favorite hobbies.

and Ruth McQuown, research associate in the Bureau of Government Research in the Department of Political Science, will study in England . . . Richard Doyle, UK student from Michigan, is named the editor-in-chief of UK's *Law Journal* for the 1954-55 academic school year . . . Marlon Brando stars in "On the Waterfront," at the Kentucky Theatre . . . Thomas D. Clark, head of the Department of History, announces a \$5,000 fellowship to go to the author of the best interpretive manuscript on the culture of Kentucky. The manuscript also will be published by the University of Kentucky Press.

## 1979

The UK Board of Trustees appoints two new deans. Roger Eichhorn, professor of mechanical engineering, is named dean of the College of Engineering. Stephen Langston, associate professor of mathematics, is named dean of Extension and director of the summer programs . . . UK sophomore Anne Rush wins the 1979 Women's State Amateur Golf Tournament . . . It's announced that enrollment in the College of Business has doubled in the previous 10 years and now stands at 3,018 students . . . John R. van Nagell, professor of gynecologic oncology at the Chandler Medical Center, receives a five-year grant from the

American Cancer Society to support cancer research and organize cancer teaching programs at UK . . . Liz Williams, a College of Arts and Sciences sophomore, becomes the only woman in Kentucky to be awarded a full pilot scholarship in the U.S. Air Force ROTC program . . . The Student Center cafeteria no longer serves dinner, says Director of Food Services Allen Rieman, because of financial problems and lack of demand during the operating hours from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Compiled by Linda Perry

# Mark Your Calendar!

**University of Kentucky Homecoming 2004  
October 15 – 16 South Carolina vs. UK  
Class of 1954 and Wildcat Society Reunion!**

Visit the UK campus, watch the Homecoming parade from the King Alumni House, attend Midnight Madness, spend an afternoon at Keeneland, visit with old friends, and cheer the Wildcats to victory over the South Carolina Gamecocks.

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Photo: David Coyle

The UK women's soccer team on stage at the 2004 Catspy Awards in Rupp Arena captured the Academic Team of the Year Award.

## 2004 Catspy Awards

In the spring of 2003, UK Athletics held the first Catspy Awards. A spin-off of the popular ESPY's held by ESPN every summer, the Catspy's honor the academic and athletic achievements of UK's student-athletes from all 22 varsity sports.

In the inaugural event, a dinner was held for the athletes at Memorial Coliseum, followed by the gala event at the Singletary Center on UK's campus. In 2004, both the dinner and event were held at Rupp Arena. Voice of the Wildcats Tom Leach was the emcee.

"And the winners are:"

Male Rookie of the Year, Riley O'Neill, Soccer; Female Rookie of the Year, Jenni Casper, Volleyball; Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year, Jen Wilkinson, Soccer; Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year, Ben Brewster, Track & Field; Supporting Role, Andrew Hopewell, Football; Lifetime Achievement, Dennis Emery, Men's Tennis coach; Male Performance of the Year, Jeff Chakouian, Track & Field; Female Performance of the Year, Meghan Cooper, Softball; Community Service, Antoine Huffman, Football; Male Play of the Year, Andy Gruenebaum, Soccer; Female Play of the Year, Kari Retrum, Diving; Character Award, Daniel Burnett, Football; Blue Heart Award, Eddie Clement, Swimming; Men's Team Coach of the Year, Ian Collins, Soccer; UK Courage Award, Philip Schardein, Golf; Scratch Award, Ravi Moss, Basketball; Male Athlete of the Year, Thomas Morgan, Cross Country; Female Athlete of the Year, Sara Potts, Basketball; Mr. Wildcat, Derek Abney, Football; Miss Wildcat, Elizabeth Ramsey, Soccer; Academic Team of the Year, Women's Soccer; Men's Team of the Year, Soccer; Women's Team of the Year, Tennis; Women's Team Coach of the Year, Tennis, Mark Guilbeau.

## SPORTS GLEANINGS

- Kalen Gibson was named SEC Pitcher of the Week twice by mid-season. The Slaughter, Ky., native earned the honor after throwing a complete-game, four-hitter to beat the No. 6 South Carolina Gamecocks on March 19 and shutout the No. 7 Auburn Tigers for 8 2/3 innings on March 19. The game marked the first time Auburn had been shut out at home since 1998, a span of 190 games.
- Matt Fritts and Jimmy Rose, members of the Kentucky baseball team, have both been recognized by the National Strength and Conditioning Association with its annual All-American Strength and Conditioning Athlete of the Year award.
- CollegeHoopsnet.com presented Kentucky with three 2003-04 Spirit Awards, the most of any school. The awards honor the very best in the world of college basketball, both on the court and off. UK's honors included Best College Basketball Fans, Favorite Cheerleaders and Best Athletic Department Website, [www.ukathletics.com](http://www.ukathletics.com).
- The Kentucky women's 4 x 1,500-meter relay team smashed the school record Friday afternoon at the historic Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Penn. The squad, which came in fifth in the event with their time of 17:43.34, saw three of the four relay members — Caitlin Phillips, Brooke Patterson and Beth Heimann — set personal-best split times in the race.
- The men's 4 x 800-meter relay team also broke a school record for the second time in as many days at the historic Penn Relays, as the men's 4 x 800-meter relay squad crossed the finish line in second place in the College Men's 4 x 800 Championship of America race. Nick Devenport, Paul Ciurlys, Jean Balan and Kris Landers combined to make up the record-breaking time of 7:16.39, which was less than three seconds behind first-place Georgetown and more than six seconds ahead of perennial power Arkansas.
- Former UK wide receiver/kick returner Derek Abney was selected by Baltimore in the seventh round of the National Football League draft in April. Former UK teammates that signed free agent contracts were quarterback Jared Lorenzen with the NY Giants and receiver Chris Bernard, offensive lineman Antonio Hall and defensive end Jeremy Caudill, all with Indianapolis.
- Alumni competing in the 2004 National Basketball Association play-offs included Tony Delk (Dallas), Jamaal Magloire (New Orleans), Walter McCarty (Boston), Nazr Mohammed (NY Knicks), Scott Padgett (Houston), Tayshaun Prince (Detroit) and Antoine Walker (Dallas).



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Photo: David Coyle

UK golfer John Holmes is cutting his tees on the University Club of Kentucky golf links, the home course of the University of Kentucky men and women's golf teams. Last summer, Holmes qualified for the 103rd U.S. Open Championships at Olympia Fields Country Club and medaled at the U.S. Amateur Championships in Oakmont, Pa.

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## University Club, UK Continue Positive Partnership

By David Melanson

Just walking through the front door of the University Club of Kentucky gives you that Wildcat feeling. There is no denying it — the University Club bleeds Blue.

"We're proud to be affiliated with the University of Kentucky," said Watts Humphrey, general manager of the University Club.

"UK is known worldwide for its rich tradition of excellence, and we are excited to be part of that."

Although independently owned and operated, the championship golf club on Leestown Road shares a unique partnership with UK. Joe Burch, retired vice president of university relations, said the relationship has been advantageous to the university on several levels.

"The University Club has been a real benefit for UK," said Burch, who also served as chairperson of the University Club's Board of Directors. "It's a great benefit for the school's employees, alumni and friends as well as our athletics department."

One of the most positive aspects of the relationship is that UK never invested any financial resources into the club, Burch said. Under a licensing agreement, UK granted the club the ability to use its name and logos.

The University Club was originally owned and maintained by the University Clubs of America but was purchased by a local investment group last year. Burch said the new owners have given the University Club added financial stability while retaining UK's many privileges.

The ability to host fund-raising golf tournaments at the club for competitive rates is one privilege that many departments continue to reap. Many UK colleges and departments, like the College of Pharmacy and the College of Agriculture, have used the University Club to host events.

The 36-hole club is also home for the men's and women's golf teams. Fully equipped with a private practice facility, the University Club is the first "real" home course that the UK teams have ever had.

"It's the best thing that has ever happened to us," said director of golf operations Bettie Lou Evans. "We always had to beg, borrow and steal for a place to play. It's nice to have a place to call home."

The teams also host a pair of tournaments at the club each year, starting with the women's Wildcat Fall Invitational. The men's team hosts the Johnny Owens Invitational each spring. Both events are free and open to those who want to cheer on the Cats.

In 2003, the University Club was home to the women's SEC championships, which Evans said was a great opportunity to spotlight the UK golf program. She hopes the club can host another SEC tourney soon.

"The club is a great asset for the University of Kentucky," Evans said. "Having a facility like this that we can call our own should make a tremendous difference. The University Club will boost recruiting and allow us more practice time. Plus, we plan to expand with an indoor facility in the future. All these things give our golfers great opportunities to succeed."

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## Tubby Smith Foundation Closes Technology Gap

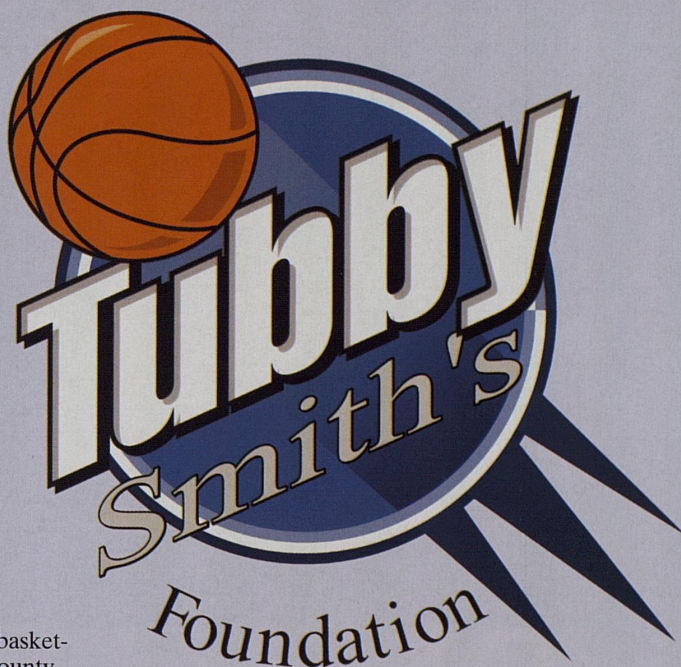
**Lexington "at-risk" middle school students to receive free computers, training**

**W**hat happens when the nation's top college basketball coach, the local school district, urban county government, a computer company, private individuals and dedicated teachers collaborate for the first time? For hundreds of Lexington-area low-income or at-risk middle schools students, it's Tubby's Clubhouses.

Tubby's Clubhouses is a new program that by fall 2004 will be at five local community centers with a mission to close the technology gap and provide life skills education. It is a first-ever collaboration and joint funding effort between the Tubby Smith Foundation, the Parra Family Foundation, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and its Division of Parks & Recreation, the Dell TechKnow Program, Fayette County Public Schools and the Lexington Urban League.

"The Tubby Smith Foundation has committed \$350,000 during the next seven years to fund the Tubby's Clubhouses," said Van Florence, executive director of the Tubby Smith Foundation. "Coach Tubby Smith, and his wife, Donna, want to leave a legacy by making technology education available for those children of Lexington who may not otherwise get it."

The five Tubby Clubhouse locations include four through the partnership with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and the Division of Parks and Recreation. The sites will be the Castlewood Community Center, the Dunbar Community Center, the Carver Community Center and the Kenwick Community Center. The fifth Tubby's Clubhouse will be located at the Lexington Urban League's Technology Center on DeWeese Street in the downtown area.



A key part of Tubby's Clubhouses is the Dell TechKnow program, a 40-hour after-school program where at-risk middle school students receive free Dell refurbished desktop computers that they take apart and rebuild. The students will install software; upgrade, diagnose and fix basic hardware problems; and then learn how to use the word processing and educational software. Teachers from Fayette County Public Schools will serve as the instructors for the Dell TechKnow program.

Phase One of Tubby's Clubhouses program is underway. Thirty students have been identified to participate in a pilot Dell TechKnow program at the East Side Center for Applied Technology. Five Fayette County technology teachers have been trained in the Dell TechKnow curriculum. The student pilot program and teacher-training program is taking place this spring. Each clubhouse will be ready in the fall of 2004 to handle a 20-student Dell TechKnow program class — 100 students in all.

Support for Tubby's Clubhouses also comes from Keeneland and the Parra Family Foundation, created by one of Dell's senior vice presidents - Americas, Rosendo G. "Ro" Parra. Parra co-owns Millennium Farms Kentucky, a Thoroughbred breeding and training operation.

For information on how to support Tubby's Clubhouses through the Tubby Smith Foundation contact Van Florence at 859-255-4517 x106.





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# Phone Home!

**D**uring the annual CATSPY Awards, Jeff Chakouian whipped out his cell phone to call his mother in Seekonk, Mass., and tell her the good news. Chakouian, four-time All-American, four-time SEC champion and UK record holder in the shot put, received the 2004 Male Performance of the Year Award.

The top half of the advertisement features a photograph of three children of diverse backgrounds joyfully releasing doves into a bright blue sky filled with soft white clouds. The child on the left is a young boy with glasses wearing a light-colored striped shirt. The child in the middle is a girl with blonde hair wearing a blue t-shirt with a colorful graphic. The child on the right is a young boy wearing a green and white striped polo shirt. Each child has their arms raised, holding a dove, which is captured in mid-flight with its wings spread wide. The overall mood is one of hope and optimism.

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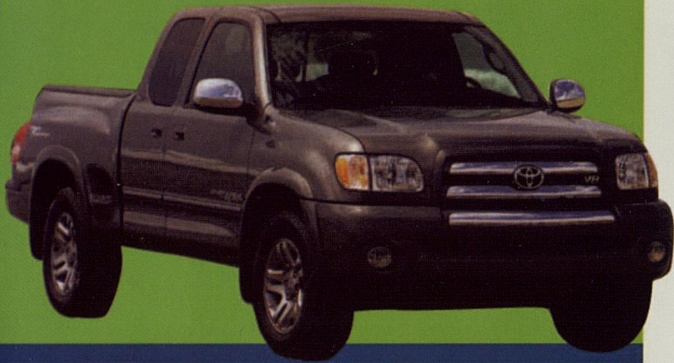
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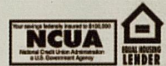
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