

# Irregularities

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### 1. Gifts to University Set Record Again

UK is reporting another record year in fund raising. Gifts to the University in 1995-96 totaled \$39,024,888, more than ever before and a 5 percent increase over the previous year. There were a record 43,374 donors, surpassing the previous high of just over 40,000 in 1991-92. Of those donors, 24,847 were UK alumni, setting another record.

### 2. Women Engineering Students Win Top Awards in National Competition

The UK chapter of the Society of Women Engineers won several honors in national competition at the society's recent conference in Portland, Oregon. Teams of UK students won both first and second places in the "Team Tech Competition." This is the third time the UK student chapter has won first place in this competition. UK students also won the "Student Scribe Award" and the "Best Student Section Competition." Other schools in the competition included Stanford University, Iowa State University and the University of Illinois.

### 3. Governor Bert T. Combs' Papers Join UK Libraries' Collection

Official correspondence, speeches, executive orders, news clippings, campaign memorabilia, photographs, and audio and video tapes chronicling the political career of former Kentucky Governor Bert T. Combs, a UK alumnus, have been added to UK's Modern Political Archives. The collection, dating from his 1951 campaign for the Court of Appeals through his 1959-63 gubernatorial term, was given to the UK Library recently by his widow, Appeals Court Judge Sara Combs.

4. Council on Higher Education Approves New Degree Programs

The Kentucky Council on Higher Education has approved several new degree programs for UK: a multidisciplinary Ph.D. program in gerontology that will incorporate the biomedical and social and behavioral sciences and focus on aging and health; a historical preservation degree in the College of Architecture; a master's degree in the College of Engineering encompassing electrical, civil, manufacturing systems and mining engineering; a bachelor of science degree in agricultural biotechnology and a natural resource conservation and management bachelor of science degree, both in the College of Agriculture; an associate in applied science degree in environmental technology at Lexington Community College; and an associate in applied science degree in technical studies at Paducah Community College.

5. UK Professor Donates \$1 Million for Scholarship Program

Charles Haywood, a nationally prominent professor of finance in UK's Gatton College of Business and Economics, has donated \$1 million to establish a scholarship program for business students in his college. The gift will set up the Charles F. Haywood and Judith Milburn Haywood Scholarship Program for undergraduate Kentucky residents majoring in business programs. The \$1 million comes in the form of a bequest funded from a program established by the Pittston Company for its board of directors. Haywood is a member of the Pittston board.

6. Phase I of UK Children's Hospital Opens

Phase I of the new UK Children's Hospital opened August 1, marking the halfway point toward completing construction of the new facility. Phase II will open in July 1997. When construction is completed, the 64,000-square-foot facility located within the UK Hospital will be dedicated exclusively to the needs of children. The \$10.6 million Children's Hospital was financed through funds generated by the UK Hospital with no allocations from the state or University. The UK Children's Hospital is led by Dr. Vipul N. Mankad, pediatrics.

7. Three Community Colleges Hold Groundbreakings in July

Ashland, Hopkinsville and Paducah community colleges celebrated the construction of new buildings on their campuses with groundbreaking ceremonies in July. Kentucky Governor Paul Patton was present at two of the three events. Ashland's new \$5.5 million classroom building is scheduled to open in fall 1997. About 300 people attended the groundbreaking for the \$11.45 million Regional Technology Center at Hopkinsville Community College, scheduled to open in January 1998. Honored guests included Governor Patton, UK President Charles T. Wethington Jr., Community College Chancellor Ben W. Carr Jr., Workforce Development Secretary Rodney Cain and former Governor Edward T. "Ned" Breathitt, chair of the Board of Trustees. Western Kentucky and Southern Illinois residents celebrated the start of construction of an \$8.3 million science and engineering building in Paducah, which was paid for through private funds raised from the region. The building is scheduled to open in spring 1997.

8. UK Children's Hospital Uses New Breathing Technique to Treat Baby

A five-week-old girl from Winchester became the first child to be treated at the UK Chandler Medical Center with a new method known as partial liquid ventilation. Born June 11, Pearly Randall was admitted with pneumonia to the UK Children's Hospital on July 9. For five days she was treated, in combination with a conventional mechanical respirator, with perflubron, a newly developed liquid being tested in children in a national clinical trial. The new method allows more efficient delivery of oxygen to the lungs with less harmful amounts of pressure and distension that occur with conventional ventilation therapy. Alliance Pharmaceutical Corporation developed the liquid and is sponsoring the trials.

9. College of Law Inducts First Hall of Fame Members

The UK College of Law has inducted six members to its newly-inaugurated Alumni Hall of Fame. The first members are: the late Wendell Cherry, co-founder of Humana Incorporated; Jennifer B. Coffman, the first woman federal judge in Kentucky; the late Bert T. Combs, former governor and state and federal appeals judge; Robert Gene Lawson, former dean of UK's College of Law; the late William L. Matthews, a former UK law professor; and Kentucky Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert F. Stephens.

10. Record Number of High School Students Take Classes by Mail

A record 7,017 high school students took correspondence courses through University Extension's Independent Study Program during the 1995-96 fiscal year. This ranked UK among the top 10 high school programs in the nation in enrollment. Twenty certified high school teachers in Fayette County design the curriculum, make assignments and grade papers in the program. Students from nearly every county in Kentucky are enrolled in the Independent Study Program.

11. College of Medicine Again Receives Bronze Achievement Award

For the third time, the UK College of Medicine has received a Bronze Achievement Award from the American Academy of Family Physicians for success in recruiting medical students to enter family practice residency programs. The college was honored for having a three-year average (1993-95) of 24.7 percent of its students electing to pursue residency training in family practice.

12. Education Secretary Gives Annual Report at Jefferson Community College

U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley reported on the 1996 "Condition of Education" on August 31 at Jefferson Community College. The annual report is an overview of all levels of American education prepared by the National Center for Education Statistics. Riley chose Jefferson Community College as the site for his report because Kentucky has been a leader in efforts to improve education. Assistant Education Secretary Sharon Robinson, a UK alumna and Louisville native who heads the department that produced the report, said she suggested JCC because it exemplifies good, "student-friendly" adult education.

13. Sports Management Master's Program Receives National Accreditation

The sports management master of science program in the UK College of Education has received national accreditation, one of only 10 such programs in the country receiving the honor. The accreditation, which is for five years, is from the North American Society of Sport Management and the National Association for Sport and Physical Education. Forty-six students are enrolled in the UK program, which is available through the master of science degree in kinesiology and health promotion.

14. UK Alumni Association Elects New Officers, Presents Service Awards

Hank Thompson, a 1971 UK graduate from Louisville, has been elected president of the UK Alumni Association for 1996-97. Other Alumni Association officers elected in June are Marianne Smith Edge, a 1977 graduate from Owensboro, president-elect; and Bob Miller, a 1962 alumnus from Winchester, treasurer. The Alumni Association also presented its service awards to: Preston Art of Walton; Mike Burluson of Henderson; Ed Hamilton of Louisville; Barbara Letton of Kettering, Ohio; C.M. Newton, UK director of athletics; and Bernie Vonderheide, UK director of public relations.

15. Laurel County Center to Move to New Campus in July 1997

In July 1997, the Laurel County Center operated by Somerset Community College will move to property now used by the James River Coal Company. The new campus is a joint project of the city of London, Laurel County and UK. Plans for the site include renovating several existing facilities and the construction of a new library and community center. UK President Charles T. Wethington Jr. and Community College Chancellor Ben W. Carr Jr. participated in a news conference held July 3 in London to announce the move.

16. Middle School Students Receive Kentucky Excel Incentive Scholarships

Six Fayette County middle school students have been selected as the 1995-96 recipients of the Kentucky Excel Incentive Scholarship program endowed by former UK basketball star Jamal Mashburn. These students will receive a full year's tuition at UK for each year they earn a 2.5 cumulative grade point average in high school. The students and their schools are: Nastassia Gay and Anthony Dewayne Mitchell, Leestown; Norman L. Lee and James Robert McClain, Crawford; and Cassandra Beth Small and Erica LaShea Smith, Winburn.

17. UK Art Museum Receives Accreditation

The UK Art Museum, located in the Singletary Center for the Arts, has been reaccredited by the American Association of Museums. Accreditation certifies that a museum operates according to standards set forth by the museum profession, manages its collections responsibly, and provides quality service to the public. Of nearly 8,500 museums in the country, about 750 are accredited.

18. Seven Named to School of Music Hall of Fame

Seven new members have been inducted into the UK School of Music Hall of Fame. The inductees are: Mildred Lewis, a faculty member in the 1930s; Emily Scott McCracken, who established the first music endowment fund at UK in 1950; Rey Longyear, who taught music at UK for 30 years; James Rooker, who served as music editor for 34 years at Silver Burdett Publishing; Melvin Dickinson, founder and conductor of the Louisville Bach Society; Kristine Forney, professor of music at California State University; and Gordon Henderson, director of the University of California-Los Angeles Bruin Marching Band and former director of the UK Marching Band.

19. Jefferson Community College Works Cooperatively with U of L

University of Louisville President John Shumaker and Jefferson Community College President Richard Green recently signed an agreement to improve cooperation between the two institutions. The agreement includes creating programs to improve the process of transferring from JCC to U of L; developing programs to help both schools maintain diversity among students, faculty and staff; strengthening academic programs; improving and advertising services throughout collaborative efforts with Metroversity; and improving education levels and workforce training to contribute to local economic development efforts.

20. Sanders-Brown Center Sponsors Summer Series on Aging

UK's Sanders-Brown Center on Aging sponsored the Thirteenth Annual Summer Series on Aging July 18-21 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Lexington. The multidisciplinary conference provided a forum for sharing current information in geriatrics and gerontology. Almost 500 participants from Kentucky and 11 other states attended the conference.

21. College of Dentistry Establishes Barr Visiting Professorship

The UK College of Dentistry has established a visiting professorship in honor of Dr. Vincent A. Barr. A long-time supporter of the college, Barr has practiced in Frankfort for more than 50 years. The visiting professorship was made possible through the contributions of his daughter, Dr. Betty Barr, a UK College of Dentistry graduate and a pediatric dentist in Colorado.

22. Center of Membrane Sciences Marks Fifth Anniversary

UK's Center of Membrane Sciences marked its five-year anniversary in June. Among the Center's accomplishments: extramural funding totaling \$37.6 million, more than 500 published papers and 400 presentations, and the training of nearly 140 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

23. UK Telemedicine Project Highlighted in Kentucky Living Magazine

The UK Chandler Medical Center's role in TeleCare, and the future role of telemedicine, is the subject of a major article in Kentucky Living magazine this month. Kentucky TeleCare medical director Dr. Robert H. Schosser, dermatology, is on the cover of the issue. Published by the state's rural electric cooperatives, Kentucky Living reaches an audience of 350,000 Kentuckians each month.

24. Faculty/Staff Newspaper Publication Idea Gains National Attention

At least 12 institutions around the country have expressed an interest in a publication idea created by the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association/College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA/CREF) that first appeared in Communi-K, the UK faculty and staff newspaper. Among the institutions that have expressed an interest in the personal finances publication are the University of Washington, the University of Southern California and the University of Nevada. Bernie Vonderheide, UK director of public relations, originated the publication idea.

25. Donovan Scholars Program Offers Computer Classes

During the spring and summer semesters, the UK Donovan Scholars Program for students age 60 and older offered special computer courses for the first time. Sixty-two Donovan Scholars received from four to 12 weeks of computer instruction. The UK Computing Center provided lab space for most of the courses.



26. Best-Selling Author to Speak at Dentistry Convocation

The College of Dentistry will kick off the new school year with an academic convocation at 2 p.m. on August 21 in Memorial Hall. The speaker is Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, professor of psychology at the University of Chicago and author of best-selling books on the nature of human happiness and personal development. Before the convocation, a reception will be held to officially open newly renovated clinical and pre-laboratory facilities in the College of Dentistry.

27. Student Awards and Honors

Kentucky Governor Paul Patton honored the Somerset Community College Students in Free Enterprise organization on July 9 with a meeting in his office. The students, who received two international awards at the 21st annual SIFE Exposition, presented the governor with an American Eagle sculpture, symbolic of the free enterprise system. The Somerset club was the first in the history of SIFE to win in competition during its first year of membership. The members are: Regina Bengé, Ray Bardin, Ladislav Kucera, Robert Lee, Charlotte Burchfield, Teri Abbott and Layton Vandeventer.

Three new UK students will bring perfect ACT or SAT scores to the UK 1996 freshman class. George Hurley, Covington, scored a 36 on the ACT, accomplished by only 75 of the 1.5 million students who took it this year; and Roy Trumbo, Hazard, and Laura Miller, Greeneville, Tennessee, each earned a 1600 on the SAT. Only 540 of the 2 million students who took the SAT this year achieved such a score.

Michael McKay, a senior architecture major, was one of 25 designers -- and the only American -- to win in a recent international competition in Barcelona, Spain. More than 2,200 students participated in the competition.

Jennifer Renee Rigas, an elementary education major from Middletown, Ohio, was awarded the 1996-97 Bob Clay Resident Advisor Scholarship for her work in Blazer Hall.

Chuck Rolph, dentistry, won a national award in the poster competition at the American Association for Dental Schools meeting.

28. Significant Activities of Faculty and Staff

Linda Beattie, Elizabethtown Community College, and Charlene Walker, Lexington Community College, have been appointed associates of the UK Appalachian Center for a three-year term.

Todd Eberle, law, has been elected to the board of Kentucky Lawyers for Legal Services to the Poor.

Jim Hower, Center for Applied Energy Research, has received the 1996 Gordon H. Wood Jr. Memorial Award from the Energy Minerals Division of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

Judith R. James, Community College System, is one of 10 people in the nation honored as 1996 National TRIO Achievers by the National Council of Educational Opportunity Associations.

Joseph W. Leonard III, mining engineering, has been named the 1996 winner of the Percy W. Nicholls Award by the American Society of Mining Engineers and the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration.

Carl Leukefeld, psychiatry, has been named by the National Institutes of Health to a two-year term on the Health Service Research Subcommittee, National Institute on Drug Abuse Initial Review Group, National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Thomas Miller, psychiatry, received the RHR International Award for Excellence in Consulting Psychology from the American Psychological Association.

David Nash, dean, dentistry, is one of 25 university professors selected to participate in a six-week National Endowment for the Humanities/National Science Foundation Institute, "Human Nature: Integrating Nature and Nurture," this summer at Dartmouth College.

Betty Peterson, Somerset Community College, made her debut as a playwright this summer at Horse Cave Theatre. Her play, "Desert Flower," is the 12th premiere of a play developed through the theatre's Kentucky Voices program.

Elisabeth A. Zinser, Lexington Campus Chancellor, recently was elected a member of the board of directors of the American Council on Education. Her term will expire in February 1999.

Board of Trustees meeting - August 20, 1996 - cancelled