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"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails."

William Arthur Ward

#### Letter from UK Alumni Association president

#### Peggy S. Meszaros '72 ED

As another fall semester dawns at our beloved University of Kentucky, campus is filled with students anxious to learn. Not only does the start of fall remind us of the transition into another academic year, but the anticipation of the beautiful fall foliage reminds us that in this season, change will be upon us. In addition, the cranes, altered routes, new buildings and construction workers also remind us that our campus is in a time of transformation — an exciting time to celebrate as UK alumni. Your UK Alumni Association is also changing. We are adjusting our sails.

As president of the UK Alumni Association for 2016-2017, I am taking this opportunity to announce a recent reporting change for the association: the UK Alumni Association is now reporting to the UK Office of Philanthropy (formerly known as the UK Office of Development). This move will further help the association to focus on new alumni engagement initiatives.

The association has reported to University Relations for many years, and we've benefited by its guidance. But many of our benchmark alumni associations are aligned with the university's foundation or development offices. Now our reporting move to Philanthropy will more closely align UK's two units that have missions of alumni engagement.

Each unit on its own has worked to advance UK's interests and missions; now both will do so together. Both areas represent alumni and friend engagement. And there is no doubt that both divisions engage with activities that connect alumni and friends to UK. Both have a shared vision of making "UK Great" and have a cohesive tie in to UK's Strategic Plan goals. From a practical standpoint, the two units already share a common alumni database, so the move is a no-brainer. Just as our UK campus has changed over the last several years through construction projects, our alumni association is also changing. But some things will stay the same.

The structure of the association will continue to maintain its 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, and the association will continue to be governed by its board of directors. And most important, the vision of the UK Alumni Association will continue to be a connection for alumni and friends to the University of Kentucky, as it has been since 1889. The association will continue to enhance the lives of alumni, the university and its students. We will provide opportunities for increased engagement by current and future alumni in service to each other, to the university and to the communities that the university serves across the Commonwealth and beyond.

The UK Office of Philanthropy will continue to be the office identified with, and leading, the university's fundraising and gift stewardship efforts.

There are opportunities to be had by this new reporting collaboration, including efficiencies of staffing and operations between the two units similar to how we have always shared the alumni/philanthropy database. So while we previously worked together as colleagues on campus, now we will work together as colleagues within the same reporting line.

By working more closely together, there is opportunity for collaborative performance metrics. For example, an effort will be launched to find new ways to measure alumni engagement. We will initiate new efforts to better understand the nature and extent of alumni engagement and how alumni feel about the university and its initiatives.

The results of this work will help the UK Alumni Association be more effective in our communications and engagement with you — our alumni and other key audiences. As we adjust our sails in 2016-2017, I look forward to working with you for an even more effective UK Alumni Association.

Sincerely,

Peggy S. Meszaros

UK Alumni Association President

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The university was guided through substantial financial challenges by President James Patterson. Presidents Frank McVey and Herman Donovan helped navigate two world wars, meeting the calls to support our collective national effort. Though not soon enough, we opened our doors to all people, fulfilling the lofty intention of our establishing land grant legislation. Throughout history, our mission has been to teach, discover, heal and serve.

Indeed, what the UK family was able to overcome through its history illustrates the extent to which our people define this place and its purpose. Today, faced with a new array of complex questions and issues, we find the university again climbing an increasingly steep mountain.

In the last five years, we initiated or approved some \$2.1 billion in capital investments to improve student success, instruction, research and discovery, quality of life and health care. Approximately 91 percent of that investment is the result of public-private partnerships, philanthropy, strategic use of university resources or other collaborations such as unprecedented support from UK Athletics for the Academic Science Building.

We welcomed successive record-setting, first-year classes that have joined the UK family and moved total enrollment past 30,700 — the largest in our history. And these students are succeeding at higher levels. UK's retention rates have increased more than six percentage points in the last decade to record levels, which are projected to continue climbing. This trajectory translates to record degree attainment, including more than 6,600 over the last academic year.

Since 2011, we've invested more in UK-funded student financial aid and scholarships that did not have to be repaid by our students. Over the last five years, we've increased UK's investment in student financial aid and scholarships by \$60 million — now up to \$117 million — doubling the investment in the last decade.

Faculty and staff researchers added to a growing portfolio of transformative research, discovery, and creative scholarship. In fiscal year 2015-2016, UK received \$316.5 million in external research grants and contracts — signifying that we are a major player among research institutions in the country. In October 2015, we broke ground on a \$265 million, multidisciplinary research facility to advance discovery and address critical Ken-

UK HealthCare continued to meet the needs of patients and families who require complex, quality health care through our network of providers and state-of-the-art academic medical center. Annual patient discharges have grown by more than 95 percent since 2003, and UK HealthCare is now a \$1.5 billion enterprise that cares for patients throughout Kentucky and, increasingly, the region.

New partners joined in our progress as the university reached unprecedented levels of success in private philanthropy. Last year, UK received more than 95,000 gifts from more than

50,400 donors. As a result, our total work product exceeds \$207 million doubling UK's philanthropic outcomes in the last five years.

In total, our work fueled Kentucky's economy by providing a 12-fold return on the Commonwealth's \$267 million investment in its flagship university. UK employees pay more than \$90 mil-



lion annually in state/local taxes, and UK's research enterprise has a more than \$580 million impact on Kentucky's economy. Two-thirds of graduates are employed in Kentucky after graduation. UK's capital improvements create tens of thousands of direct and indirect construction, contracting and supplier jobs.

Over the last five years, the university has made extraordinary progress and developed considerable momentum. The new 2015-2020 Strategic Plan is a pivot point in the transformation of the university in which we build upon the foundation created in the past four years with bold strategic thinking about the future.

Endorsed by the UK Board of Trustees in October 2015, the Strategic Plan embraces the institution's mission as a public flagship and land-grant research university. A university — by its design and the opportunities we have to teach, to share, to explore, to serve, to challenge, to question and to comfort — is the place where we can, must, and will make progress on the complex questions of our day. The Strategic Plan will help us build on an extraordinary foundation.

But our work today — and our focus on the future — reminds us in compelling ways of our legacy, our history of confronting and overcoming challenges to meet the needs of those we serve.

In the wake of the First World War, amid a tumultuous period in our history, President Frank McVey believed that the university needed to be viewed "as more than an economic asset. It served, in fact, as an essential component of the well-being of the state, and in that position it needs to be free to seek truth." In his words, he concluded that "what will save this nation after the war are the universities."

Each day we are, together, grappling with how we continue to fulfill this vision. We are working with a sense of common purpose at an uncommon and distinctive place to find those

As part of our alumni family — a Big Blue Nation united — I look forward to sharing that future with you.

Ele Caplouto

#### Five residence halls get new 'old' names

The UK Board of Trustees has approved the renaming of five residence halls in honor of the achievements of prominent leaders in UK's history.

Five years ago, much of UK's campus infrastructure was in need of improvement as it did not serve the technology and learning needs of students. Now, physical spaces across the campus are changing to meet the demands of a 21st century living and learning experience.

Under the leadership of President Eli Capilouto, and with the support of the Board of Trustees, UK has been able to execute a \$1.9 billion transformation. The vast majority of that transformation has been paid for through a combination of university resources, partnerships with private businesses and UK Athletics, and private giving.

Today, campus looks far different. However, that transformation does not change the university's history.

"Even as we are focused on the future and the transformation that continues to take place on our campus, we also must ensure that we honor our history and the legacy of accomplishment that has helped shape this special place," said UK Board Chairman Britt Brockman. "Renaming these residence halls for those who made UK's mission of education for all of Kentucky possible is just one way we remind ourselves and those we serve of the path we have taken and the work by so many to help make this institution the university for Kentucky."

That is especially true on north campus where a number of previous residence halls held the names of many of the university's mothers: Holmes, Boyd, Jewell and Blazer. Those names are now returning to campus — to the new residence halls — those opened two years ago and others scheduled to open this fall across Avenue of Champions and around Patterson Hall, which was the first women's residence hall on campus.

Following are the new names of the residence halls and information about the people of significance for whom the buildings are being named:

Sarah Bennett Holmes served as UK's dean of women from 1942 until 1957. She defended the rights and welfare of female students. Holmes earned two degrees from the University of Kentucky and, in honor of her service, was named state mother of Kentucky and received the Sullivan Medallion. The original Holmes Hall was named in honor of Sarah Bennett Holmes on May 25, 1958.

Limestone Park I will be named Sarah Bennett Holmes Hall. Cleona Belle Matthews Boyd, a native of Missouri, taught Greek and Latin at Park College Academy until she married



Champions Court I will be named Frances Jewell Hall.

Dean Paul P. Boyd in 1906, and they moved to Kentucky. She was a teacher of the classics, Greek and Latin. An active member of the UK community, Boyd was president of the UK Woman's Club and the Board of Control of Women's Dormitories for 25 years. Because of her service to women's residence halls, the original Boyd Hall was named for Boyd around 1933.

Limestone Park II will be named Cleona Belle Matthews Boyd Hall.

Francis Jewell McVey was a native Kentuckian and graduate of Vassar College and Columbia University. Beginning as an instructor at UK in the English Department from 1915-1921, Jewell served as dean of women from 1921 until she married President Frank McVey in 1923 and ended her employment with the university. However, she became well known across the state as an ambassador for UK. She opened Maxwell Place to

the campus and community for various social and cultural events and remained engaged in campus and civic life.

Champions Court I will be named Frances Jewell Hall.

Georgia M. Blazer served continuously on the UK Board of Trustees from 1939 to 1961. The current Blazer Hall is no longer in service as a residence hall and will be razed in 2018. After the new Blazer Hall is dedicated, the current Blazer Hall will be known simply as Blazer Dining until it is decommissioned. The original Blazer Hall was named to recognize Blazer's long service to the UK Board of Trustees and the Blazer family's support of the university.

Champions Court II will be named Georgia M. Blazer Hall. On central campus, a dormitory formerly known as Donovan Hall was demolished to accommodate the construction of the new Academic Science Building. Donovan Hall will return, as well.

Herman Lee Donovan, UK's fourth president (1941-1956), guided the university through World War II and desegregation. He focused much of his energy on postwar planning for UK, which witnessed an influx of returning service men and women. Donovan pushed for the opening in 1955 of the northern Extension Center in Covington, the establishment of new academic programs and made preliminary plans for the establishment of a medical school. In retirement, Donovan published "Keeping the University Free and Growing." Born in 1887 in Mason County, Donovan died on Nov. 21, 1964

Central Hall II will be named Herman Lee Donovan Hall.

#### Four-legged Gill staffer helps patients walk back to health



Carmine pauses with handler Katelyn King.

At 85 pounds, Carmine is one of the smallest visitors to the UK Gill Heart Institute's inpatient unit. As a therapy dog, the English Labrador retriever does what dogs do best — make people happy — but he is not just any therapy dog. He is one of the few unit-specific therapy dogs in the United States. His assignment is simple: get patients up and walking.

As transitions of care coordinator for Gill, Katelyn King is Carmine's handler when he's on the unit. King visits with patients before they are discharged, using the time to explain what to expect in rehabilitation and to encourage them to make lifestyle adjustments at home. Part of that recovery begins almost as soon as patients are admitted to the hospital, since the unit philosophy is to walk every patient, every day — regardless of how sick they are.

Carmine is on duty every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. King ultimately hopes to expand Carmine's skill set to help patients in other areas of recovery. "If I can get him to play volleyball with a balloon, for example, he can help patients with balance and reaction times," she said.

As Carmine walks the unit, it's clear he's a popular attraction. Staff and families roaming the halls stop to say hello and pat Carmine's massive, blocky head. His first order of business: licking the shoes of everyone who greets him.

"We're not exactly sure why he does that," King laughs. "We think that's his way of checking people out."

#### **College of Pharmacy names new dean**

R. Kiplin Guy, a renowned researcher who specializes in the development of drugs to combat pediatric diseases, has been named the dean of the College of Pharmacy, assuming the position Oct. 1.

He is chairman of the Department of Chemical Biology and Therapeutics at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and held the Robert J. Ulrich Endowed Chair. He also has held secondary appointments as adjunct professor of pharmaceutical chemistry for the University of California San Francisco; adjunct professor of biochemistry for Vanderbilt University in Nashville; and adjunct professor of pharmaceutical sciences and pathology for the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

His research focus is chemical biology and preclinical drug discovery and development for neglected diseases, especially those that affect children. In recent years, he has led the team that discovered and developed a new drug candidate for malaria that is currently in Phase 1 trials. The Chemical Biology and Therapeutics group, built and led by Guy, has collaboratively repurposed drugs for clinical trials for ependymoma, leukemias, medulloblastoma and other pediatric cancers.

Guy earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Reed College in Portland, Oregon. He earned a doctorate in organic chemistry at the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California, followed by a postdoctoral fellowship in cellular biology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

#### Trustees approve fit-up of 12th floor in **Chandler Hospital Pavilion A**

The UK Board of Trustees approved a plan to fit up the 12th floor in the Albert B. Chandler Hospital Pavilion A. Since the opening of the first two patient care floors in Pavilion A in May 2011, substantially increased patient volumes have strained UK HealthCare's patient care capacity. Fitting out the top floor of Pavilion A is intended to ease some of that pressure with a 64bed inpatient unit dedicated to acute and critical care.

Opening the top floor of Pavilion A is part of Phase I-I of the HealthCare Facilities Development Plan. With the board's approval of this latest phase, total investment in UK HealthCare facilities has topped \$1 billion.

#### New drone policy to ensure safety, compliance

The use of drones for recreation or by hobbyists is prohibited on the UK campus under a new policy regarding drones or unmanned aircraft systems. Drone use requests for research or instructional purposes must be registered and approved by the UK Event Management Office.

"Our first and most important priority is the safety of our UK community and those who visit us," said Eric N. Monday, the university's executive vice president for finance and administration. "At the same time, we want to ensure that any policy we adopt is in full compliance with federal aviation requirements and the law."

One of the chief concerns about drone use has been the proximity of any campus flight to a heliport located at the UK HealthCare A.B. Chandler Hospital, as well as Commonwealth Stadium. Federal Aviation Administration regulations generally restrict flights of unmanned aircraft systems near airports.

The new UK policy, adopted after recommendations by a committee that met multiple times over the last several months, is posted on the UK website.



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#### Study links tobacco microbials, carcinogens

UK researchers have found a link between changes in microbial communities on tobacco leaves and the development of carcinogens during the curing process. A team led by Luke Moe, a microbial ecologist in the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, found that the microbial community on the tobacco leaf changes during the air-curing process, especially during high heat and high humidity. Under these conditions, microbes that convert nitrate to nitrite appear to increase. Nitrate to nitrite conversion is key in forming carcinogenic tobacco-specific nitrosamines, referred to as TSNAs.

In the field, tobacco contains really low TSNA levels. For many years, UK tobacco researchers and tobacco farmers in the state have noticed that hot, humid conditions increase the amount of TSNAs that develop during curing. To attempt to minimize these, farmers open barn doors to increase airflow and lower humidity levels in the barn.

"If we can understand or manipulate the microbial community so that those microbes responsible for TSNA formation

are absent from the leaf when it goes into the barn, we could potentially minimize TSNA formation regardless of curing condition," said Moe.

He worked with Audrey Law and Colin Fisher from the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, and Anne Jack with the Kentucky Tobacco Research and Development Center. Fisher has designed a curing structure in which he can control humidity and temperature. For this study, researchers cured tobacco in the structure at temperatures ranging between 60 and 86 degrees Fahrenheit with humidity levels between 60 and 90 percent. They reported their findings in the academic journal Microbial Ecology.

The researchers are conducting a follow-up study to examine the microbial communities present on tobacco leaves in the field and then characterize population shifts every two weeks during curing. This will allow them to better understand when microbial community changes are occurring and to pinpoint when these detrimental bacteria begin to increase on the leaf.

#### UK CAER part of venture to accelerate fabric and fiber innovation

The UK Center for Applied Energy Research (CAER) is participating in a five-year, \$317 million public-private partnership announced by U.S. Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter.

The partnership, named the Advanced Functional Fabrics of America (AFFOA) Institute, is the latest Manufacturing Innovation Institute and is designed to accelerate innovation in high-tech, U.S.based manufacturing involving fibers and textiles. Matt Weisenberger, associate director of CAER's materials group, is leading UK efforts. The partnership includes 32 universities, 16 industry members, 72 manufacturing entities, and 26 startup incubators, spread across 27 states and Puerto Rico.

The new initiative will receive \$75 million in Department of Defense funding with \$242 million in additional funding coming from industrial partners, venture

capitalists, universities, nonprofits and states.

The partnership will focus on the development of new technologies through research and innovation. It also will include a network of community colleges and technical education experts to ensure necessary workforce development.

CAER's materials group is home to the center's fiber spinning and processing research. The center operates the largest solution spinline found in an academic setting in North America. UK CAER will receive \$3.5 million over five years to fund advanced/smart fibers and textile research.

CAER's unique 100-foot-long fiber spinning line produces multifilament, continuous tow yarns. The line was designed to help provide solutions to the complex issues facing the fiber spinning industry, especially carbon fiber and multifunctional fibers.

"Our spinline has made some very promising advances," Weisenberger said. "We have developed the capability to continuously process hollow and multicore fibers, which will pave the way for the future development of multifunctional fibers."

Weisenberger said that these capabilities support AFFOA's vision to develop fibers that, when processed into a fabric, will function as electronic devices or sensors. Such smart fibers hold great commercial promise.



Compiled from news reports about research at UK.

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

#### Four research teams to evaluate ways to strengthen health care delivery

Four new research studies managed by the Systems for Action National Coordinating Center at UK aim to improve health across entire communities by integrating the delivery and financing of medical care, public health and social services.

As part of the new Systems for Action: Systems and Services Research to Build a Culture of Health Research Program, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has announced \$1 million in funding to support studies led by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Drexel University, Michigan State University and the University of Delaware. The Systems for Action National Coordinating Center, housed at the UK College of Public Health, will manage these studies as part of its national portfolio of research focused on systems and services research.

Systems for Action uses thorough scientific methods to discover how best to deliver and finance the constellation of services that support health in American communities. These studies include, but extend beyond, the medical and health sectors to address issues such as housing, transportation, food security, employment, education and criminal justice that support a Culture of Health in U.S. communities.



# **Billy Harper '66**Seeing blue and making a difference...

Alumnus transforms his family's business and channels his life pursuits into philanthropy at UK

"When Billy Harper graduated from the University of Kentucky 50 years ago this December, he was sure of two things," observes Mike Richey '73 '79 AFE, UK vice president for Philanthropy. "He wanted to be an engineer working with his hands, and he wanted to race cars.

"While that may seem like an unattainable pairing of ambitions for most people, Billy has managed to successfully combine these two life pursuits over five decades and even turn them into a unique form of philanthropy at his alma mater. A longtime proponent of education in the Commonwealth, Billy is helping many Kentucky students fulfill their dream of obtaining an engineering degree."

Richey continues, "Billy's entrepreneurial success, his drag racing career and his advocacy for the Commonwealth make him one of the university's most fascinating alumni."

#### **Growing up in Paducah**

Billy Harper was born in Paducah and grew up on his parents' farm. His father was both a farmer and a contractor, and his mother taught school and did the bookkeeping for the family construction business. He was the second child in the family.

Harper enjoyed farm life and showed early signs of becoming an entrepreneur. He remembers, "When I was 6, I figured out that I could buy a huge container of marbles, repackage them into smaller bags, and then sell them for profit."



Harper learned entrepreneurial skills at an early age on the farm.

In addition to doing chores on the farm, Harper also did construction work with his father. "I wasn't very interested in construction then," he says. "But I learned a serious work ethic from my dad. He was a very hard worker."

Harper was active in church, 4-H, FFA and Boy Scouts, becoming an Eagle Scout at the age of 14. "I'm very thankful for all the character-building experiences these organizations provided in my growing-up years," he shares.

#### **Developing self-confidence at UK**

"My parents expected me to go to college, and from age 10 or 11, I knew I would go to the University of Kentucky," he recalls.

Harper enrolled in the fall of 1962, and when it came time to choose a major, he had no trouble deciding. "My sister's husband had gone to UK and majored in engineering. And as a kid growing up on the farm, I always liked working on things — especially hot rods," he says with a smile. "So I thought all along that I would go to the University of Kentucky and major in engineering like my brother-in-law."

He continues, "When I got to UK, it seemed that all I did was study. I had come from a small high school, and I could tell right away that college was going to be 4 tough years. But I was determined to make it through.

"Two classmates were a big help to me," he shares. "I had grown up with Buddy (Wayne Smith) Upshaw ('65 EN) in Paducah. We had worked together on cars and other projects on the farm. He was a year ahead of me in the engineering program. I would study with him and with Charles Wagner ('67 EN) who was a car guy like me."

Harper did not receive any scholarships at UK and worked



#### When he was a student at UK, Harper won a 4-H Leadership Award.

at Phillips Market across Limestone Street from Memorial Hall to pay for his college expenses. His student experience also included two years in a co-op program with the Department of the Army at Lexington Bluegrass Depot.

Harper graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering in

December 1966. "My major taught me to think logically and to develop my reasoning power," he reflects. "It gave me self-confidence and opened many doors for me."

#### Launching a career in engineering

Because of his strong interest in cars, Harper thought he would pursue a job in automotive engineering. He was a Chrysler (Mopar) enthusiast, and the Big Three auto maker was developing its signature Hemi motor at that time.

He remembers, "I got a job interview with Chrysler, and there were probably 300 engineers all working in one large room. I was told that I would have to start there. But because I wanted to be an engineer working with my hands, I couldn't see myself sitting at a desk all day."

Harper therefore pursued other options and received multiple job offers. One came from Shell Oil. "I hadn't really considered Shell," he says. "But when they offered me a position working with production equipment in the oil fields in Midland, Texas, I accepted it. I did lots of installation work and discovered that oil wells run 24 hours a day. I liked the energy that this continuous operation seemed to generate among the staff."

After two years with Shell, Harper applied to the U.S. Public Health Service and received a commissioned officer position. He was assigned to work on a project at the National Institutes of Health in Washington as a two-year military appointment.

"I was brought in with five other engineers to work on three buildings under construction," he recalls. "This assignment included the largest single air conditioning installation in the country at the time. The project was behind schedule and there were other problems. We worked many long hours and eventually brought the project under control.

"This experience really made me more interested in construction work. My dad was building churches and other small buildings that were more architectural in nature. I had now become interested in large construction projects."

#### Taking on the family business

After Harper finished his two years with the Public Health Service, he returned to Shell. Then one day in 1971, he received a phone call from his father. Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah was planning a major expansion and wanted local people to work on the \$8 million construction project. Harper's dad had been asked to be a contractor.

Harper remembers, "Dad told me, 'I won't do it without you, son."

Although it was hard for Harper to leave Shell a second time, he decided to come home to Paducah and follow his entrepreneurial interests.

He relates, "Dad had a partner in the business — Brad Arterburn — who was great to work with. It was the three of us until about four years later when Dad got hurt and couldn't work. Brad and I ran the business for the next several years. We branched out from doing two or three commercial projects at a time into highway and industrial work. Eventually, Brad decided to go out on his own, preferring smaller jobs."

In 1980, Harper formed Harper Industries Inc. as a privately owned construction services holding company. Subsidiaries of the company initially consisted of a general contractor specializing in heavy highway construction, a mechanical contractor and a ready-mix concrete operation.

Under Harper's entrepreneurial leadership as president and CEO, Harper Industries grew to include nine construction related subsidiaries with 1,500 employees on sites in 20 states and Puerto Rico, generating an annual revenue of up to \$266 million. Consequently, the worldwide construction industry's weekly magazine — Engineering News-Record — named Harper Industries to its Top 400 Contractors list for 10 consecutive years.

Although his business slowed during the recession, Harper reports that it has rebounded, and he recently completed a \$50 million construction project at Smithland Lock and Dam in western Kentucky.

#### Fueling a lifelong passion

Harper's fascination with cars and drag racing goes back to his high school days. He first raced in Sturgis on an old military airstrip. "I started taking my parents' car there, and they never knew I raced it," he confesses with a grin. "I discovered that I really liked drag racing."

While at UK, he found time to race his 1961 Pontiac at the Nicholasville drag strip, and when he was working in Texas, he raced his 1966 Plymouth Hemi in Odessa and set a national record.

In the 1980s, Harper began to compete as a professional race car driver on the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) and the International Hot Rod Association (IHRA) circuits. In the 1990s, he hired a crew to help prepare his cars and assist with racing.

Harper began competing in national and international drag racing circuits in his Pro-Modified 1968 Plymouth Barracuda.



#### **New Developments**

"We would buy cars, figure out which class of racing we would enter, and adapt the cars for that class," he explains. "And then the Pro Modified class in racing was begun, and nitrous oxide started being used in engines as accelerant. I've stayed with Pro Modified since its beginning."

In 2007, he hired a new crew chief — Dennis Radford — who was also a driver. "We developed an incredible team," Harper shares. "We won all the races we entered unless we had a breakdown. We used to tell each other just before each race, 'Don't do anything stupid, and you'll win."

In 2008, Harper won the IHRA Pro Modified Championship.

He took a hiatus from racing during the economic recession but resumed in 2014. "There are eight of us on the crew, and our more recent races have been in Orlando, West Palm Beach, Las Vegas, Bud's Creek, Maryland, and Grand Bend, Ontario. We've won several races this year," he says.

Harper currently races a 2000 Dodge Viper. He explains that it has been Pro Modified to have a 3,000 horsepower engine, generating 3 Gs of force upon acceleration, which he describes as "a machine rush of power." The car reaches a speed of 245 miles per hour and requires the launching of two parachutes from the back to bring the vehicle to a stop.

"I'm a guy who's never grown up," he confides. "I'm in my 70s, still drag racing, and having a ball."

In addition to his collection of cars he has retired from racing, he has three late model Dodge Challenger Hellcats and a collection of muscle (high horsepower) cars from the 1960s

and 1970s, which includes a special edition 1965 Plymouth — one of only 50 factory models produced that year with modifications for racing.

#### **Advocating for Kentucky education**

After Harper began racing nationally, he developed a program using his race car as a teaching tool to promote interest in math and science among middle school students in Kentucky. He took the car to 10 schools each fall, emphasizing the mathematical and scientific aspects of how the car was designed, built and powered. He also offered prizes to students to encourage good attendance.

He returned to each school in the spring and awarded as many as 100 prizes per school for perfect attendance. This program, which Harper called "Race for Education," was not only popular with the school children, but also with the teachers and school staff, as attendance improved markedly.

Harper first became an advocate for education in Kentucky when he returned to Paducah in the 1970s. He explains, "I became involved with the local Chamber of Commerce and with the economic development of our area. And because of my own academic struggles in college, I knew we needed to improve our local schools."

His professional experience also convinced him that an educated workforce was a vital economic development tool for any community.

He served as chairman of the board of directors of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce in 1989-1990 when the



Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA) was passed. During that time, he traveled the state promoting education reform.

He has also been a positive spokesman for education as a member and chairman of the McCracken County Board of Education, and he was appointed to the Kentucky Board of Education by Gov. Steve Beshear '66 AS. Harper has served

on the boards of the Partnership for School Reform, the Pritchard Committee for Academic Excellence, the Governor's Scholars Program and the Kentucky Education Foundation. He has been on both the state and national boards of the Council for Economic Education. He is a founding member and chairman of the board of The Fund for Transforming Education in Kentucky.

He also served as campaign finance chairman for the 2003 gubernatorial campaign of Ernie Fletcher '74 EN, '84 MED. In 2007, Harper ran for governor in the primary election. In 2015, he was appointed by Gov. Matt Bevin to his transition team.

Harper has served on many other industry and nonprofit boards, and has received many industry recognitions and civic awards, including the distinguished Eagle Award presented to him by the Boy Scouts of America. Harper was also

inducted into the Kentucky Entrepreneur Hall of Fame along with Carol Martin "Bill" Gatton '54 BE in 2013.

#### Making a difference with philanthropy

Harper began supporting the University of Kentucky in 1971 when he was five years out of college. He continued giving through the years and established two scholarship funds in 1999.

He began the Harper Industries Inc. Graduate Fellowship Endowment with a major gift which was matched with funds from Kentucky's Bucks for Brains program. Recipients of the student scholarships are known as Harper Industries Fellows and are enrolled in the mechanical engineering graduate research program.

Harper also established the J. M. Harper Memorial Engineering Scholarship Fund to honor his father. This scholarship is for full-time undergraduate students in the university's engineering extended campus programs taught in Paducah. Harper provides the cost of full in-state tuition, books and technology fees for four students annually.

In these extended campus programs, students can study all four years in Paducah and earn an undergraduate degree in either mechanical engineering or chemical engineering.

"My dad had only an eighth-grade education, although he was a very intelligent man," Harper reflects. "Yet he lacked the self-confidence that an education affords. I started this scholarship as a tribute to him."

He continues, "There's a need for engineers in the greater Paducah area, and I have been pleased to be on the advisory

board of UK's engineering extended campus programs. We have had some of these students as interns in our companies, and we have hired students when they graduated."

Recently, Harper and his wife Mary created the Billy Harper Team Competition Endowment to benefit student racing teams in the College of Engineering. These include the Solar Car Team, Formula SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) Car Team, Mini Baja Car Team and the ASCE (American Society of Civil Engineers) Concrete Canoe Team. Harper will fund this endowment with a \$1 million bequest in his estate plan.

All of these racing teams are student led and provide practical, hands-on engineering experience for students before they graduate and enter the workforce.

"I give to things that have helped me along my way," Harper shares. "And I want to make a difference with what I leave."

Harper also serves on the UK Mechanical Engineering Advisory Council, the Civil Engineering Construction Management Board and the College of Engineering Campaign Steering Committee. To honor his career achievements and service to his alma mater, he was inducted into the College of Engineering Hall of Distinction in 2004, and recognized with the College of Engineering Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009.

Harper notes that he has had an example in philanthropy and service — his friend, John R. Hall, former chairman and CEO of Ashland Oil Inc. "Whether he is giving of his own resources or helping guide worthy causes as a board member, John Hall is one person who has done much to improve our state," Harper says.

In addition to supporting his alma mater, Harper provides other scholarships to Paducah area students and gives to many local causes.

UK President Eli Capilouto observes, "Billy Harper's commitment to his alma mater and to advancing education in the Commonwealth is extraordinary. I deeply appreciate his philanthropy which is not only making a difference in students' lives, but will also have an impact on Kentucky for generations to come."



Harper is a longtime proponent of education in the Commonwealth and even used his race car as a teaching tool to promote interest in science and math.

# Dr. James W. May Jr.

# Groundbreaking work in reconstructive surgery By Robin Roenker

As a UK senior in 1965, James W. May Jr. '65 AS was asked to be part of a student Centennial Committee charged with devising ideas to commemorate the university's 100th anniversary. As part of that group, May helped with the establishment of a formal ceremony to induct and recognize members of the then-newly founded University of Kentucky Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni, never imagining that he would one day be inducted into that very same group.

But that's precisely what happened in 2015, when — during the 50th anniversary of the first official recognition ceremony — Dr. May's name was added to the prestigious list of the association's Hall of Distinguished Alumni.

"It came full circle," says May, who grew up in Louisville and graduated with a degree in chemistry from UK before completing medical school at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and a surgical internship and residency at Harvard University and the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH). "It was so moving to be inducted on the 50th anniversary of that particular enterprise, which I was lucky enough to be involved in, as a student, from the beginning."

As one of the world's most accomplished plastic surgeons, May was at the forefront of advancing a cutting-edge plastic surgery technique known as microsurgery in the 1970s. He is a professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School and served as chairman of the Division of Plastic Surgery at MGH from 1982 until his retirement in 2008. Author of more than 247 scholarly papers, May is a former chairman of the American Board of Plastic Surgery, as well as a former president of numerous professional med-

ical associations, including the American Association of Plastic Surgeons. In 2006, he was awarded the Lifetime Educational Award by the American Society of Plastic Surgeons for his decades of teaching to nearly 100 plastic surgery trainees and 30 Fellows over the course of his career. He was elected as an honorary member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 2008.

These days, May and his wife of 44 years, Linda May, divide their time evenly between a coastal farm in East Blue Hill, Maine, and the warmer climes of Boca Grande, Florida. They also pay frequent visits to their two grown children, Alison, a psychiatrist who lives in Mill Valley, California, and James, an economist and environmental engineer in Park City, Utah.

An occasional trip to Lexington is on their travel list, too. During the weekend of the UK Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni induction ceremony in 2015, May also attended a meet-and-greet event for chemistry students on the UK campus. Steve Yates, professor of chemistry in the College of Arts & Sciences, said the event was very informal. "Jim May talked at length with our students. They were very receptive to him and clearly enjoyed the opportunity to meet with him. His comments and advice were well received," Yates said.

While May has retired from surgical practice, he continues to work as a consultant to companies that produce plastic surgery products and instruments. Still, he carves out ample downtime in order to thoroughly enjoy the benefits of retirement. He is an active sailor and fisherman, an avid tennis player, and even, on a small scale, a gentleman farmer.

"My wife Linda has always loved cows," May explains. "She is a New

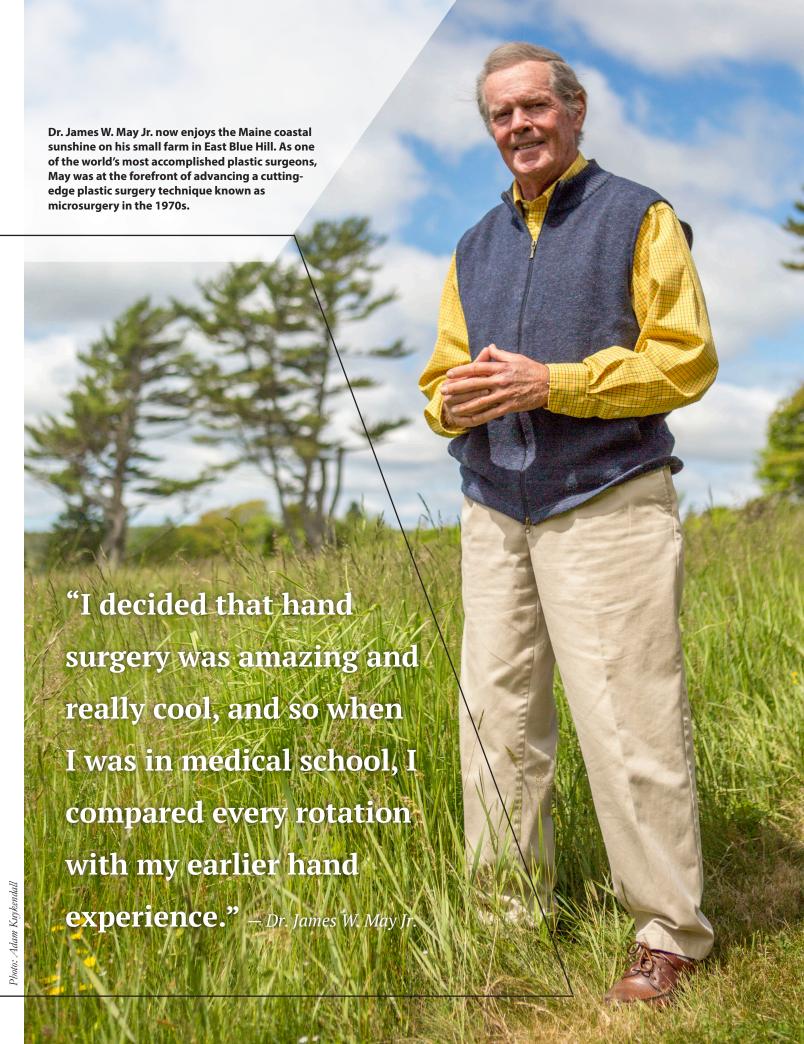
Jersey native, but she went to college in Vermont and fell in love with rural life. All of our married life, she asked for a cow. Most of our lives together, we were living in Boston, so instead of a real cow, I'd give her paintings or jewelry with cows. But that never seemed to satisfy her. Then, last year for her 70th birthday, I obtained two dairy cows — Fiona and Leona — who live now in our field at our Maine home. They were there to surprise her when we arrived after wintering in Florida. She said it was the best gift she'd ever received."

The Mays' coastal Maine property, which they have owned for more than two decades, has had its own share of stories. Their guest home is where the Broadway play "Sabrina Fair" was written. Later, the play was adapted into the movie "Sabrina," starring Audrey Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart.

Still, there's a part of May for which Kentucky will always be home. Both his parents were Kentucky natives. His father grew up in Brandenburg, and his mother's family had owned farms in Lexington on both Tates Creek Pike and Richmond Road, including land that became the Brighton development. "My grandmother was the one who coined the name Brighton," May says. "There was a little post office there, by the farm, and they had the opportunity to name the post office."

May's father had been a UK engineering associate professor before eventually accepting a job as an engineer at a Louisville firm, and his mother had taught English at UK. So May jokes that he grew up in Louisville never realizing there was any choice but to attend UK when it came time to enroll in college.

With his college choice settled easily, the only question on May's mind as a high school student was what to study. The answer to that question ended up being



close at hand. "We had a neighbor in Louisville who was a doctor, who took me under his wing and really encouraged me," says May. "That kind of mentor is so important when you are young."

With his neighbor's support, May set his sights on a career in medicine while still in high school. He spent his summers working first as an orderly and then as a scrub technician at Louisville's Methodist Hospital to get a feel for the profession.

It was as a scrub tech alongside the renowned Louisville-based Kleinert Group hand surgeons that May was first exposed to hand surgery. "I decided that hand surgery was eled to Australia, where I studied microsurgery, on a Harvard Cabot Fellowship," May says.

#### Microsurgery pioneer

Thanks to this extensive training, May launched his career as a plastic surgeon on the staff at MGH. "When I came back to Boston, I was about the only surgeon who was well-trained in microsurgery in the region. So I was able to help plant that seed in Boston and get microsurgery off the ground for the entire area of New England," he says.

Microsurgery, unlike previous plastic surgery techniques, al-



amazing and really cool, and so when I was in medical school, I compared every rotation with my earlier hand experience," says May.

After completing medical school at Northwestern, May launched into a five-year, general surgery internship and residency at Harvard, based at MGH, followed by a full residency at MGH in plastic surgery.

"When I completed formal training, I became interested in a subsection of plastic surgery called microsurgery. The irony of the whole story was that the microsurgery-hand surgery capital of the United States was Louisville. So we went back to Louisville, where I had grown up, and did a six-month fellowship with the Kleinert Group. The following year, our family trav-

lows surgeons to perform repair of small blood vessels under magnification, using stitches that are smaller than the size of a human hair. This advancement allowed surgeons like May to revolutionize and streamline wound repair and replantation procedures.

As a result, May's career is highlighted by many surgery firsts, including the first successful transfer of small bowel to reconstruct an esophagus in a patient at MGH whose esophagus had been removed due to cancer. May also was behind the world's first penis replantation surgery in the world, and the first elective hand transfer in the world.

The patient who underwent the hand transfer had been injured by a cannon explosion during a commemorative Revolutionary War reenactment event in Concord, Massachusetts. He

lost his left hand, except for his thumb and also lost the thumb on his right hand. Because he suffered severe damage to the nerves under his right arm, he'd also lost feeling and use of his right hand. Over many years of consultation with this patient, May ultimately suggested transferring the patient's right hand to his left side in order to give him a thumb that could oppose fingers and to give him a hand that would have some sensation. "With the hand where it was, he could never get sensation, since the nerves above had been torn apart. So, ultimately, we did a transfer operation to give him one good hand. It was the first operation of this kind in the world," says May. "It set the



stage for all of the hand transplants that are being done now, from one person to another. It proved, anatomically, that it could be done, that the nerves would regenerate and the tendons could be made functional." Over the course of his career, May performed more than 100 clinical replantation operations, in which he and his team reattached amputated portions of hands, faces and other body parts, which had been lost through traumatic amputation.

Another memorable case involved a successful hand replantation operation for a university professor, who had amputated his hand while woodworking.

A replantation operation is an endurance experience for the patient and surgeon.



James May (top row, second from right) was part of the Student Centennial Committee in 1965 appointed by UK President Oswald.

"If you can get that hand to live — if you can repair all the flexor tendons and all the extensor tendons, and all the blood vessels that will make this hand survive, and, most important, all the nerves that will give the hand sensation and give the muscles inside the hand the ability to move — you realize that at the end of the 24-hour operation, when you're dead tired, that you've done something for that patient that will make a huge difference every day for the rest of their life," May says.

Still, May is careful to credit timing and persistence, as much as talent, for the landmark surgeries in which he was able to participate. "It was mainly timing because 10 years earlier, microsurgery didn't exist, and 10 years later, everyone knew how to do it. I just happened to arrive at the right time," he says. "It did also require persistence, because a lot of the things that happened in the early days of microsurgery were trial and error. There were a lot of errors, so you had to persist to make things work."

Looking back on the accomplishments of his career, May likens his serendipitous launch onto the plastic surgery scene, just as new, cutting-edge surgical advancement was taking shape, to a surfer lucky enough to catch the perfect wave.

"I'm not a surfer, but I've equated it to riding waves," May says. "You sit there on your surfboard, and you paddle and paddle and paddle. Then all of a sudden along comes a wave that is just spectacular. It's exhilarating. It's exciting. And it's brief. But in its splendor, it's memorable."

May says he feels lucky that his career coincided with the "wave" of advancement in plastic surgery ushered in by microsurgery. "Some people enter a medical specialty where there were no major waves during their entire career. I was just incredibly fortunate to arrive at a time when you'd open the Journal of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery every month and read about a paper that you had submitted that was accepted, or learn about another advancement from someone else in another area of the country that expanded the power of what you could do for other people. It was just exhilarating and exciting. You could see and feel the growth of plastic surgery as a specialty," he says.

# LEADING by EXAMPLE

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**Dr. W. Mark Myers**, Glasgow, attended UK from 1979-1983 and was an officer of Sigma Nu fraternity. He graduated in 1987 from the College of Dentistry with a D.M.D. degree. He worked with a team of six dental students in traveling to eastern Kentucky to provide dental care to indigent children, and was awarded the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology Certificate of Recognition. Myers has been president of the Glasgow Golf and Country Club, Glasgow Rotary Club and the Pennyrile Dental Society. He has served on several boards of directors, including Citizen's First Bank, Commonwealth Broadcasting Corp., Glasgow-Barren County Chamber of Commerce and the board of trustees for Crossland Community Church. He has been a Life Member of the UK Alumni Association since 1999.



Robert "Rob" L. Crady III, Louisville, received a bachelor's degree in economics from the College of Arts & Sciences in 1994 and was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. He began his career with Fifth Third Bank's Trust Department in Lexington. He returned to Louisville and worked in the Trust Departments of Stock Yards Bank and National City Bank, before returning to Lexington to manage National City's Lexington Trust Department. Crady is a senior vice president with Hilliard Lyons and a founding member of the Hilliard Lyons Wealth & Family Office Group. He has served on the board of directors of the Bingham Child Guidance Center, and president and treasurer of the board of the Cabbage Patch Settlement House. He currently serves on the Finance Committees' of St. Agnes Church, Nativity Academy and the Planned Giving Committee of the Center for Women and Families.



John D. Ryan, Louisville, graduated with two degrees, earning a bachelor's degree in finance in 1992 and an MBA in 1995 from the Gatton College of Business & Economics. He also earned a law degree from the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, graduating cum laude in 2000. He is senior vice president at Stock Yards Bank, where he manages the Credit Department and performs various legal functions. Ryan's previous experience includes director of development for Churchill Downs and capital markets attorney for Stites & Harbison. He is a member of the UK College of Law Continuing Legal Education faculty, where he has taught various financial institution law topics. Ryan has served on the Greater Louisville UK Alumni Club Board of Directors since 2004, was chairman of the club's annual Kickoff Luncheon and is past president of Young Alumni. Ryan coaches multiple sports at Holy Trinity Parish.



Kendra Lorene Wadsworth, Versailles, graduated with a bachelor's degree and cum laude honors in elementary education from the College of Education in 2006. She taught in Lexington before moving to Greenback, Tennessee, where she taught fourth and fifth grades for six years. Wadsworth won the Exemplary Educator Award in Loudon County in 2011. She was a member of the Knoxville UK Alumni Club and served as club president for three years. She and her husband moved to Woodford County, and she is teaching fourth and fifth grades at Simmons Elementary. Wadsworth also received her master's degree in education in 2015. She has been serving on the UK Young Alumni Council and has been involved with the First Generation Program as a mentor at UK.



**R. Michael Stacy**, Fort Mitchell, graduated with a bachelor's degree with a major in finance in 1995 from the Gatton College of Business & Economics. He was a member of the Student Development Council and also worked at the Kentucky Kernel. He was president of Kappa Sigma fraternity his senior year and was recently added to the Kappa Sigma Housing Board and Alumni Committee. Today, Stacy is a senior vice president and wealth advisor for Merrill Lynch. Previously, he was a wealth advisor for Morgan Stanley for 15 years. He is a board member of Kicks for Kids and sits on the development board for the Blessed Sacrament School. He is also a past board member of the Northern Kentucky/ Greater Cincinnati UK Alumni Club and past board member of Parish Kitchen. He is a 2001 graduate of Leadership NKY and teaches classes in financial planning at Thomas More College.

Please welcome the following "first-timers" who were recently elected to the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors. They are dedicated to helping the association carry out its mission.

#### District 9——



Vicki S. Hiestand, Somerset, received a bachelor's degree in accounting and management from the Gatton College of Business & Economics in 1993. She is associate director of finance/grants compliance with The Center for Rural Development. Hiestand is on the Executive Committee of the Lake Cumberland UK Alumni Club and was president from 2001-2003. She is a UK track official, a national master official for USA Track & Field and served as the Kentucky association secretary from 2005-2007. Hiestand is also a level 3 track & cross country official with the Kentucky High School Athletic Association and on the Technology Committee of the Kentucky Track & Cross Country Coaches Association. In 2005, she received the USATF Kentucky President's Award, and in 2008 she became a "Duchess of Hazard" and received the Somerset Junior Woman's Club Empowered Woman of the Year Award.

#### District 12——



Susan L. Liszeski, Chester, Virginia, received a bachelor's degree in forestry from the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment in 1984. She was active in the Forestry Club and served as vice president of both the student chapter of the Society of American Foresters and Xi Sigma Pi. She was also a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and a little sister for Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Liszeski received a master's degree in wildlife management from Louisiana State University in 1986 and has worked in a variety of positions in the natural resources management field. She is currently a senior environmental scientist for EEE Consulting in Mechanicsville, Virginia. She has been a Life Member since 1990 and has been active in the Central Virginia UK Alumni Club for over a decade. Liszeski has served as vice president for several years, and she led the Cats for a Cause program for two years.



Robert J. Riddle, New Albany, Ohio, earned his bachelor's degree in merchandising apparel and textiles from the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment in 2011. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, where he served as vice president, as well as house manager. Riddle consistently raised money and participated in DanceBlue. He worked for the retailer Express at its corporate headquarters and in 2013 chose to pursue a career in residential real estate. He is now the co-owner of a real estate group that constantly ranks among the top three in Central Ohio. Riddle is very involved in his community where he is a member of New Albany Presbyterian Church and serves on the executive board of the country's largest walking-only race, The New Albany Classic. A Life Member, Riddle has been involved with his local Central Ohio UK Alumni Club on the Steering Committee.

#### District 16 — District 17 —



Ronald "Ronnie" M. Perchik, Glenview, Illinois, is a native of Louisville and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the Gatton College of Business & Economics in 1982. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. A career in sales and marketing led him to Chicago, where he has resided since 1984. Perchik rose to executive leadership roles at top companies, including News America, Catalina Marketing, Upromise and the successful startup, ShopLocal. In 2008, he founded PromoAid, a company he successfully exited in 2014 to join another successful startup, The NLP Group, as COO of the executive search firm founded by his wife. Perchik is active in the Wilmette Sports Leagues, serving as a coach and organizer, and has been a lifelong supporter of many charities, including Lawrence Hall Youth Services, where he's been an officer and fund raiser.

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Nicholas D. Wilson, Atlanta, Georgia, graduated in 2003 from the College of Arts & Sciences with a degree in political science and in 2005 from the Graduate School with a master's degree in diplomacy and international commerce. He was a member of the Black Student Union, UK Chapter of the NAACP and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. Wilson was a special assistant in the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force and received the Meritorious Civilian Service Award. He has worked as an aerospace/defense management consultant, investment banker, and program manager and analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Wilson has also worked alongside the Congressional Black Caucus. A Life Member, he has been active in the Nation's Capitol Region UK Alumni Club and Greater Atlanta UK Alumni Club.

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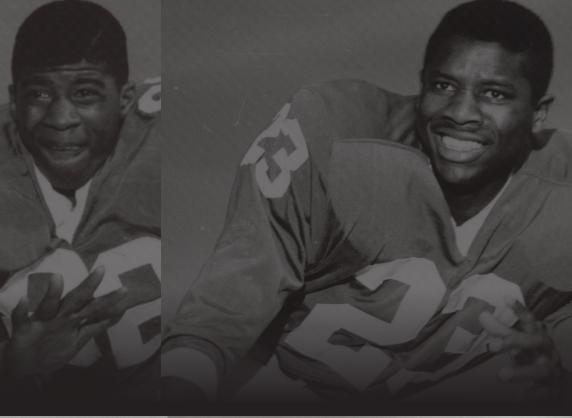
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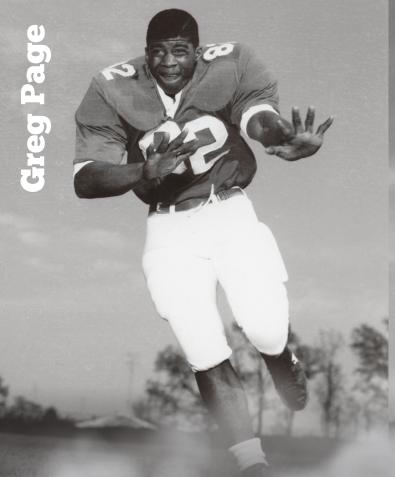
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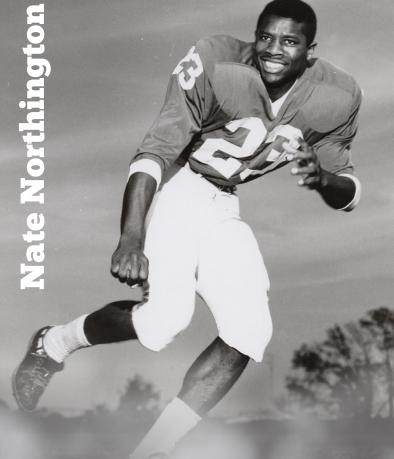
## SEC TRAILBLAZERS

Four African-American University of Kentucky players — Nate Northington, Greg Page, Wilbur Hackett and Houston Hogg integrated SEC football in the 1960s. The 2016 season marks 50 years since Northington and Page enrolled at UK in 1966. In honor of what those four men were first to achieve, UK released a football poster to commemorate their endeavors. The poster shows four current players dressed with uniform numbers that the original four players wore. Shown on these pages are the original four trailblazers in their 1960s uniforms.

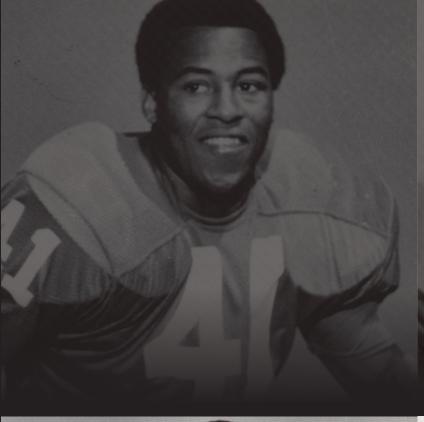


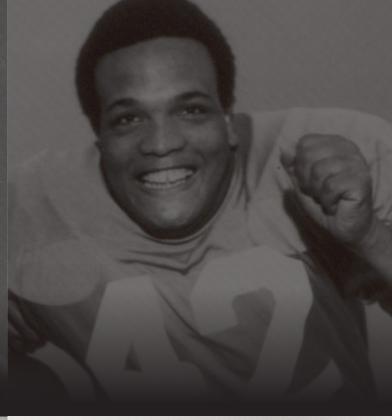


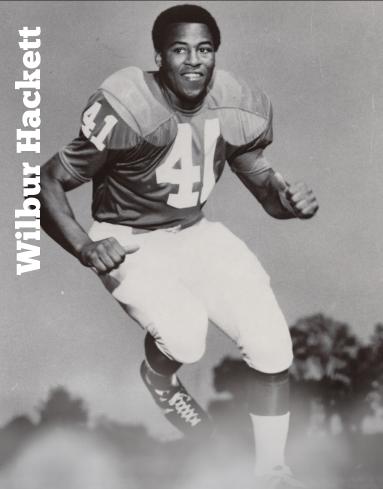
In 1966, Page was one of the first two (Nate Northington) African Americans who signed to play football at UK. He was injured during practice and died weeks later.



In 1967, Northington was the first African American to play in an SEC football game.

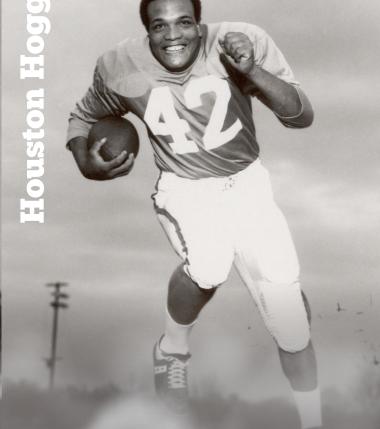






Hackett was the first African American to

start in any sport at UK.



Hogg began playing at UK the same year as Wilbur Hackett in 1968.

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#### UK HOMECOMING

#### 'Going the Extra Mile'

your days as a student! Go to www.ukhomecoming.com or call 800-269-2586 (ALUM) for more event information and to start planning your trip back

What an exciting time it is to be a Wildcat! The UK Alumni Association invites you to reconnect with campus, visit with former classmates and make new friends, while remembering

to campus. Please check the website for schedule changes and information about parking.

Come back to your beloved alma mater— Come Home!

#### Saturday 1 Sunday

#### Paint the Town Blue

Campus Windows University of Kentucky

#### **Banner Competition**

William T. Young Library 401 Hilltop Ave.

Sunday 2

#### DanceBlue 5k

**TBD** 

Commonwealth Stadium 1540 University Dr.

#### Registration available online in the fall.

Monday 3

#### **Kitty Karnival** 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Main Building Front Lawn 410 Administration Dr.

Tuesday 4

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#### **Royalty Showcase** 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Memorial Hall 610 South Limestone St.

Wednesday

#### Mr. and Ms. Black UK 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Memorial Hall 610 South Limestone St.

#### Alumni vs. Student Basketball Game 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Seaton Center 177 Sports Center Dr.

Thursday 6

#### **Golden Wildcat Society Reunion Registration** Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Hyatt Regency Lexington 401 W. High St.

Thursday

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#### **Homecoming Street Fair** 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Area around William T. Young Library 401 Hilltop Ave.

Friday

#### Golden Wildcat Society **Reunion Breakfast**

8:00 - 10:00 a.m. (Program starts at 8:45 a.m.)

Commonwealth Stadium Woodford Reserve Lounge 1540 University Dr.

#### **College of Dentistry Countinuing Education Course** 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

HIlton Lexington Downtown 369 W. Vine St.

#### **College of Medicine** Joe Craft Center Tour

10:00 a.m.

Joe Craft Center 338 Lexington Ave. .....

#### **Grand Opening of the New Gatton** College of Business & Economics

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

John H. Schnatter Atrium Gatton College of Business & Economics

#### College of Nursing **Homecoming Luncheon**

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Signature Club 3256 Lansdowne Dr.

Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased online. Info: Kerrie Moore at 859-323-1966 or kerrie.moore@uky.edu

#### Racing and Lunch at **Keeneland Racetrack**

Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Keeneland, Phoenix Room 4201 Versailles Rd.

Friday

**College of Engineering** State of the College **Program & Celebration: A** Day of Vision, Celebration and Networking 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Location TBD

#### College of Agriculture, Food and **Environment Roundup: Forestry** Department Alumni - Student Fall **Picnic**

4:30 p.m.

T.P. Cooper (Forestry) Building 730 Rose St.

Event is free. RSVP to forestry.department@uky.edu or 859-257-7596 before Sept. 26.

#### College of Agriculture, Food and **Environment Roundup: Judging Team Alumni Gathering**

4:30 p.m.

Roundup tent 1451 University Dr.

#### 'Going the Extra Mile' **Homecoming Celebration**

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

William T. Young Library 401 Hilltop Ave. .....

#### College of Design Welcome to 380 840

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Pence Hall 175 Library Dr.

Event is free.

RSVP to lori.matthews@uky.edu or 859-323-5290.

#### College of Agriculture, Food and **Environment Roundup: Animal & Food Sciences Reunion** 5:30 p.m.

Roundup tent

1451 University Dr.

#### Cost: \$10 per person College of Arts & Sciences Hall of

**Fame Induction Ceremony** 5:00 p.m.

Academic Science Building

680 Rose St.

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Friday

#### College of Medicine **Homecoming Celebration** Reception with Dean Dipaola 5:30 p.m.

Commonwealth Stadium Woodford Reserve Room

#### College of Engineering **Reception and Dinner**

6:00 p.m.

Hyatt Regency Lexington 401 West High St.

Event is \$25 per person, free for new Quadrangle Society members, and 1966 Golden Wildcats and their quests. Attendees must RSVP through a reply card or online.

#### **Community and Leadership Development Reunion**

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

The Hilary J. Boone Center

The cost is \$5 per guest. Register by Sept. 9 at www.ukalumni.net/roundup or call 859-257-7211.

#### African-American Alumni **Reception and Awards**

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

King Alumni House 400 Rose St.

#### **UK Alumni Band Reunion Reception and Dinner** 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The Campbell House Lexington 1375 South Broadway

#### College of Medicine Class of 1966 Dinner

6:30 p.m.

Portofino 249 East Main Street

**Contact Kristin Shattuck at** kristin.shattuck@uky.edu for details.

#### **College of Law Class Reunions** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

CastlePost

230 Pisgah Pike, Versailles, KY

If you can contact classmates to encourage their attendance, email alyssa.thorton@uky.edu

#### **College of Dentistry Celebration** of the Reunion Year Classes

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Commonwealth Stadium, Recruiting Room

Friday

#### **College of Dentistry Class Parties**

TBD TBD

Contact the UKCD Office of Alumni Affairs at 859-323-6676 or email Sue McConnell at smmcco2@uky.edu.

#### 2016 National Pan-Hellenic **Council Homecoming Step Show** 8:00 p.m.

Memorial Coliseum

Saturday 8

#### **UK Alumni Association Homecoming Brunch**

9:30 a.m.

King Alumni House 400 Rose St.

#### **Campus Bus Tour**

11:00 a.m.

Departs from and returns to the King Alumni House 400 Rose St.

\*Note: if game time is changed, this event may be cancelled.

#### College of Medicine Medical **Alumni Association Board Meeting** 8:30 a.m.

#### College of Medicine Class of 1966 **Horse Farm Tours & Lunch in Midway** 9:00 a.m.

#### College of Education Alumni, **Student and Family Brunch**

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

College of Education Courtyards 251 Scott St.

Contact 859-257-4014 or email jeannine.schaefer@uky.edu.

#### College of Medicine Medical **Campus Tour**

10:00 a.m.

University of Kentucky

**Contact Kristin Shattuck at** kristin.shattuck@uky.edu

#### College of Dentistry Class of 1966 **Golden Anniversary Brunch TBD**

Home of Dean Stephanos Kyrkanides

Saturday

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#### **UK Alumni Association Homecoming Tailgate Tent Party**

Contact Jack Gallt at jack.gallt@uky.edu.

#### **College of Dentistry Homecoming Tailgate**

Contact Sue McConnell at 859-323-6676 or smmcco2@uky.edu.

#### College of Law **Homecoming Tailgate (Lawn 2)**

Contact Alyssa Thorton at alyssa.thorton@uky.edu.

#### 2.5 hours prior to kickoff All above tailgates held at:

Kentucky Tobacco Research & Development Center Lawn 1401 University Dr.

#### College of Agriculture, Food and **Environment Roundup: Tailgate Tent TBD**

Roundup tent 1451 University Dr.

\$15 per person

#### College of Agriculture, Food and **Environment Roundup: HES Reception TBD**

E.S Good Barn, Culton Suite

#### 1451 University Drive College of Agriculture, Food and **Environment Roundup: AGR Annual**

**Meeting and Reunion TBD** 

#### Vanderbilt University vs. UK **Homecoming Football Game** TBD

Commonwealth Stadium 1540 University Drive

#### College of Medicine Class of 1966 Dinner

6:30 p.m.

Distilled at Gratz Park Inn 120 W. 2nd St.

**Contact Kristin Shattuck at** kristin.shattuck@uky.edu.

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Sunday

#### Golden Wildcat Farewell **Breakfast**

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Hyatt Regency Lexington 401 W. High St.



# Class of 1966

Oct. 6 - Oct. 9

#### REGISTRATION

Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016 Time: Noon - 5 p.m.

Hyatt Regency Lexington 401 W. High Street

#### INDUCTION BREAKFAST

Friday, Oct. 7, 2016

Time: 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. (Program begins at 8:45 a.m.)

Commonwealth Stadium

Woodford Reserve Lounge, 1540 University Dr. (Optional tours of Commonwealth Stadium will be available afterward.)

#### KEENELAND RACING AND LUNCH

Friday, Oct. 7, 2016 Time: Noon - 5 p.m.

Keeneland, Phoenix Room 4201 Versailles Road

#### 'GOING THE EXTRA MILE' HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

Friday, Oct. 7, 2016 Time: 5 - 7 p.m.

William T. Young Library 401 Hilltop Avenue

#### HOMECOMING BRUNCH

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016 Time: 9:30 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

King Alumni House 400 Rose Street

#### **CAMPUS BUS TOUR**

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016 Time: 11:00 a.m.

King Alumni House 400 Rose Street

#### HOMECOMING TAILGATE TENT PARTY

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016

Time: 2 1/2 hours prior to kick off

Kentucky Tobacco Research and Development Center Lawn 1401 University Drive

#### VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY VS. UK FOOTBALL GAME

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016 Time: TBD

Commonwealth Stadium 1540 University Drive

#### FAREWELL BREAKFAST

Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016 Time: 8 – 10 a.m.

Hyatt Regency Lexington 401 W. High Street

Bus transportation will be provided to all events. This schedule is subject to change. Visit www.ukalumni.net/golden or

visit www.ukalumni.net/ golden or call 1-800-269-2586 or 1-859-257-8905

for the most current information.

#### Six to be inducted to UK Athletics Hall of Fame

The University of Kentucky Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2016 has been announced, with Rich Brooks (football), Chuck Hayes (men's basketball), James Johnson (wrestling), Molly Johnson-Belcher (softball), Bernadette Madigan-Dugan (cross country/track and field) and Wesley Woodyard (football) set to be inducted during Hall of Fame Weekend, Sept. 23-24, in conjunction with the football

home game against South Carolina.

The UK Athletics Hall of Fame was started in 2005 to recognize and honor persons whose participation and achievements enriched and strengthened the university's athletics program. The charter class included 88 individuals who had previously had their jersey retired by UK.

There is a five-year waiting period after leaving UK to be eligible for inclusion into the Hall of Fame. A committee consisting of Hall of Famers, media members, campus representatives and current coaches and administrators elects new inductees each year.

#### **UK Football: Stoops confident Cats can reach bowl game**

By Hal Morris

It's Year 4 of the Mark Stoops era, and the Kentucky football coach is eyeing the team's first bowl game since years after consecutive 5-7 seasons.

And with 16 starters returning (nine offense, six defense, one special team) along with 43 letter winners, the Wildcats believe they have enough experience and depth to reach that elusive sixwin mark.

The offense is led by junior running back Stanley "Boom" Williams, who rushed for 855 yards and six touchdowns last season. Senior Jojo Kemp also ran for six scores while gaining 555 yards and Mikel Horton added five rushing touchdowns.

Redshirt sophomore Drew Baker takes over at quarterback after throwing for 364 yards and a touchdown in five games. He has a veteran group of receivers to throw to, led by Dorian Baker (55 catches, 608 yards, 3 TDs). Garrett Johnson had 46 receptions for 694 yards and two touchdowns, Jeff Badet had 29 grabs for 420 yards and two more scores, and five more players had at least 10 receptions last year.

Barker and the offense is helped by the return of four starters along the offensive line, led by senior center Jon Toth. The 6-5, 310-pound Toth was named to the 2016 Rimington Trophy Spring Watch List for the nation's top center. He was also named to the Outland Trophy Watch List for the nation's top interior lineman. Toth is a three-time SEC academic honor roll member, has played in all 36 games of his UK career with 35 consecutive starts and was named to the SEC All-Freshman Team.

The UK defense was hit hardest by graduation. The Wildcats lost six of their top seven tacklers from a season ago, and leading tackler Josh Forrestt was drafted in the sixth round of the NFL Draft by the Los Angeles Rams.

Senior safety Marcus McWilson is the leading returner with 66 stops. The secondary is the strength of the Cats going into the season, with sophomores Chris Westry, Derrick Baity, Marcus Walker and Darius West returning after seeing plenty of action as freshmen. Along with McWilson, veterans Blake McClain, Kendall Randolph and J.D. Harmon are also back to give UK plenty of depth in the defensive backfield. Linebacker Courtney Love, a transfer from Nebraska, is also expected to make an impact, and Reggie Meant and Denzil Ware both started along the defensive line last year.

There are new looks on the coaching staff, as well.

Stoops hired Eddie Gran, a 28-year coaching veteran most recently at the University of Cincinnati, as assistant head coach/



Kentucky junior running back Stanley "Boom" Williams rushed for 855 yards and six touchdowns last season to lead the Wildcats.

offensive coordinator as well as running backs coach. Gran brought Darin Hinshaw with him from Cincinnati to be the co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Stoops also lured Lamar Thomas away from Louisville to be the wide receivers coach.

On defense, Matt House was hired to coach the inside linebackers and be special teams coordinator. Steve Clinkscale, another former Cincinnati coach, was hired as defensive backs coach.

#### Making an Impact: Distinguished Service Award Recipients

The University of Kentucky Alumni Association Distinguished Service Awards are presented annually to honor and recognize those who have provided extraordinary service to the university and the association. The 2016 recipients were honored during the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors Summer Workshop in

Lexington. The recipients are:

**Shelia Key** of Pineville graduated from the University of Kentucky with a bachelor's degree in pharmacy in 1991. She is a pharmacist at Walgreen's Pharmacy. She has served on the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors since 2004, and she's been part of the association's Membership, Scholarship/Great Teacher, Executive and Nominating for Board of Directors Committees. Kev also served as chairwoman and vice chairwoman of the Club Development Committee. She is past president of the Cumberland Valley East UK Alumni Club, where she has been instrumental in assisting

with many club activities including the annual student sendoff, club scholarship initiatives, student recruitment events and community outreach. She led the effort to bring a DanceBlue mini marathon to Bell County High School and helped put together an event for honor students in Eastern Kentucky to encourage the best and brightest students from the region to attend UK. She has served the university as part of the UK Advocacy Network, Women and Philanthropy Network and as a contributor to the Wildcat Society, College of Pharmacy, the annual fund, Cumberland Valley East Scholarship Fund and K Fund. She is married to Brian Key '90 PHA and is a Life Member of the UK Alumni Association.

John Ryan of Louisville graduated from UK with two degrees, earning a bachelor's degree in finance in 1992 and an MBA in 1995. He also earned a law degree from the Brandeis School of Law, graduating cum laude, in 2000. He is senior vice president at Stock Yards Bank, where he manages the credit department and performs various legal functions. Ryan's previous experience includes director of development for Churchill Downs, where he managed mergers and acquisitions and negotiated the Derby TV contract, and capital markets attorney for Stites & Harbison,

where he closed over \$1 billion in capital markets transactions. He serves as a member of the UK College of Law Continuing Legal Education faculty, where he has taught Financial Institution Law topics. Ryan, a Life Member, has served on the board of directors for the Greater Louisville UK Alumni Club since 2004. He was

chairman of the annual Greater Louisville UK Alumni Club Kickoff Luncheon and is past president of Young Alumni. Ryan was also instrumental in negotiating sponsor contracts for the club. As a student at UK, he served as manager of the football team and as an undergraduate advisor. Ryan coaches multiple sports at Holy Trinity Parish. He is married to Adele Pinto Ryan '88 CI, and they have twin boys age 12.

Barbara R. Sanders of Austin, Texas, graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in physical therapy and in 1976 with a master's degree in educational and counseling psychology. She

earned her doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin in 1976. She is the chairwoman of the Department of Physical Therapy and associate dean of the College of Health Professions at Texas State University-San Marcos. Sanders is completing her second term on the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors. She has served on the Communications, Scholarship/Great Teacher and Executive Committees. She has served as chairwoman and vice chairwoman of the Diversity/Group Development Committee, as well as chairwoman of the Programs Optimization Task Force Strategic Planning Group. She was instrumental in starting the Central Texas UK Alumni Club and remains active in the club today. Sanders has worked throughout her career as an advocate for physical therapist education and is an active leader in the Academic Administrators Special Interest Group. She was named to the UK College of Health Sciences Dean's Advisory Board in 2010 and inducted into the UK College of Health Sciences Hall of Fame in 2004. She is a UK Fellow and a Life Member of the UK Alumni Association. She is married to Mike Sanders '77 ED, and they have one daughter, Whitney Duddey '08 AFE, '14 PH.



Left to right: Shelia Key, John Ryan and Barbara R. Sanders

#### Making an Impact: Nash is 2016 Joseph T. Burch Young Alumni Award recipient

Will Nash was honored by the University of Kentucky Alumni Association with the Joseph T. Burch Young Alumni Award during the board of directors Summer Workshop in Lexington.

The award is presented annually to honor and recognize an alumna or alumnus who is an active member of the UK Alumni Association, is 10 years or less out of college at the time of nomination and who has worked on behalf of young people through the university, the association, their alumni club or in the local community.

Nash graduated from the University of Kentucky with a bachelor's degree in economics and political science in 2006. He is a member of the UK Alumni Association's Board of Directors and the Young Alumni Council. He served as vice chairman of the Membership Committee and has previously been a member of the Budget/Finance Committee. After graduating from UK, he began his career with Teach For America, spending time teaching students in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Houston. He proposed and successfully founded Teach For America

# **OFFICERS**

The University of Kentucky Alumni Association announced a new slate of officers at its annual Board of Directors Summer Workshop in Lexington. At the helm for 2016-2017 are Peggy S. Meszaros, president; Susan Van Buren Mustian, president-elect; J. Fritz Skeen, treasurer; and Stan R. Key, secretary. The new officers took office July 1, 2016, and will serve until June 30, 2017.



Peggy S. Meszaros

Peggy S. Meszaros '72 ED of Hopkinsville has served three, three-year terms on the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors and held several committee leadership positions with the association. She was conferred the title of William E. Lavery Professor Emerita of Human Development and Provost Emerita by the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors, Meszaros is also a former dean of the UK College of Human Environmental Sciences. She was inducted into the UK Human Environmental Sciences Hall of Fame in 2002 and the UK Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 1995.



Susan Van Buren Mustian

Susan Van Buren Mustian '84 BE of Hebron is serving her third three-year term on the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors. She has held several committee leadership positions with the association, and has served as president-elect of the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati UK Alumni Club, as well as vice president and secretary. She helped develop alumni clubs in South Bend, Indiana, and Hong Kong, SAR. Mustian is president of the Southwest Ohio Iuvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Board of Directors. In 2014 she received the Greater Cincinnati Planned Giving Council Voices of Giving Award, and in 2015 she received Lead Cincinnati Magazine's Women of Influence Award.



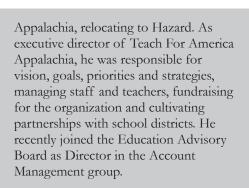
J. Fritz Skeen

J. Fritz Skeen '72 '73 BE of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, is serving his second three-year term on the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors. He has held many committee leadership positions, including chairman of the Scholarship/Great Teacher Awards. Skeen and two fellow UK alums restarted the Jacksonville UK Alumni Club, where he continues to serve as treasurer. During his 30-year career with IBM Corp., he held a variety of sales, marketing and executive positions, relocating to Raleigh, North Carolina, Chicago, Los Angeles, White Plains, New York, and again to Chicago. Skeen serves on the board of governors of the Sawgrass Country



Stan Key

Stan Key '72 ED of Lexington has served as the director of UK Alumni Affairs, executive director of the UK Alumni Association and as secretary to the association's board of directors since 1998. He was in the position of associate director of the UK Alumni Association from 1990 to 1998.



While a student at UK, he was voted Homecoming king and held various positions within the Student Government Association and Sigma Chi fraternity. He was a College of Arts & Sciences Student Ambassador and received the Otis Singletary Award, which recognizes the most outstanding male and female graduating student. He is married to Katti Nash '06 BE and is a UK Fellow.



### 2015-2016 Alumni Club Award winners



# Leading Alumni Across The Nation

### **Student Recruitment**

In state: Greater Louisville, Big Sandy, Cumberland Valley East, Ashland, Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati

Out of state: Greater Dayton, Greater Houston, Greater Nashville

### Membership

In state: Fulton County, McCracken County

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- The Fulton County UK Alumni Club held its annual scholarship banquet and got a group shot of members in attendance that day.
- Members of the **Jacksonville UK Alumni Club** took its Derby Party as an opportunity to get a group photo of the young ladies showing off their Derby toppers. Say Derby Pie, everyone!
- 3. A Kentucky-themed menu graced the tables at Jack Demsey's for the **NYC UK Alumni Club** Derby Party in May. Official Derby glasses with mint juleps were also handed out as giveaways at the event. Three association members enjoying the get-together were Simba Kagoro, Sarah Nollner '13 BE and Nathan Ratliff.

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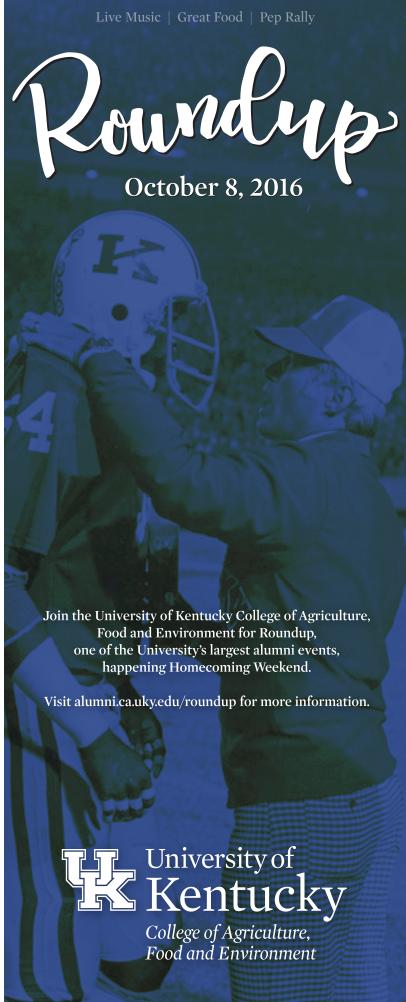
The **UK College of Law** held its annual Hall of Fame and Alumni Awards Reception, hosted in conjunction with the Kentucky Bar Association Annual Convention, and inducted three new members. Pictured left to right are Noelle True (chairwoman of Law Alumni Association); recipients Steven L. Beshear, Marcia Milby Ridings, and John G. McNeill; and David A. Brennen (dean).

# College of Social Work

The **UK College of Social Work** held its Hall of Fame event in May at The Signature Club of Lexington and inducted Jim Clark and Margaret Hazlette, with the awards being presented by Ann Vail, interim dean. Clark is the dean of the College of Social Work at Florida State University and previously served at the University of Cincinnati and the University of Kentucky. Hazlette was appointed to the Kentucky Board of Social Work in 2000 by Gov. Patton and was reappointed to the board in 2004 by Gov. Fletcher.



The **UK College of Nursing** held its inaugural Sexton Weaver Lectureship in April at the UK HealthCare Pavilion A Auditorium. Juliann Sebastian '74 '78 NUR, '94 BE, at center, was the guest speaker. She serves as chairwoman of the board of directors for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.



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## Osamah A. Rawashdeh '00 '03 '05 EN:

### Alumnus develops drone, wins \$1 million

By Hal Morris

Osamah A. Rawashdeh '00 '03 '05 EN was just looking to make something "cool."

Never did he imagine building the world's first drone that could fly, float and go underwater would help him win a \$1 million prize.

Rawashdeh, an associate professor of engineering at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, headed up a team which developed the Loon Copter, a drone that performs all of these feats. Their project won the \$1 million prize in the International Competition of the Drones for Good Award sponsored by the government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

"There was a lot of competition, and this was a big deal," he says. "Some people think this is a small competition, but there were a lot of big name schools, and a lot of big companies."

Rawashdeh, whose team beat out more than 1,000 competitors in the competition from more than 160 countries, had always had an interest in flying, but concentrated on engineering growing up.

Near the end of his undergraduate years at UK, he became a research assistant for James Lumpp, a College of Engineering professor.

"It turned out, Dr. Lumpp was a big flying enthusiast, and we got into developing unmanned aerial vehicles. That's how I got into drones," says Rawashdeh, who also worked with College of Engineering faculty Suzanne Smith and William Smith. "Then the NASA workforce development program came to UK, and I got involved in that."

Rawashdeh also earned his master's degree and doctorate at UK and stayed on for 1 1/2 years as a lecturer before taking a position at Oakland University in 2007. He says part of his new job was to explore new ideas, which is where the concept for the Loon Copter

Of course, being located close to Lake Michigan and Lake Erie, Rawashdeh got interested in underwater vehicles and toyed with the idea of a drone that both flies and goes underwater for four or five years. His other responsibilities keeping him busy, Rawashdeh and his team then got started in earnest on the project in 2014.

"We had two new students in our lab, and it made sense to get started on it," he says. "There was funding available and student interest."

So the idea for Loon Copter was born. But first, it needed a name.

"We went through plenty of names. Our department secretary chimed in, and one of our local students said to call it the loon because there were so many loons in the area," Rawashdeh says. "We all liked the name."

From the more than 1,000 entries, the Loon Copter was chosen as one of 10 finalists, and the team was invited to the UAE for the final competition.

"When we got there, there were a lot of exciting projects," he says. "We started to see how hard it was going to be to judge because there was such a variety of projects."

The group was in first place when the three semifinalists were announced, retooled for the final

round and ended up winning the international division and the \$1 million award. Rawashdeh savs the prize money will be used to support his lab to continue the work on drones and related projects.

"I knew we had something cool, and everybody we showed it to was excited and amazed," he says. "But I never thought we would win the grand prize. My students were saving they knew all along, but I wasn't expecting it. I was just excited to be one of the 10 finalists."

The name of the competition was Drones for Good, so what are 'good' uses of the Loon Copter? Plenty, says Rawashdeh.

The drone can be used for search and rescue; inspecting underwater pipelines; tracking oil spills to get a birds-eye view of a spill, see how deep it goes and possibly collect samples; and looking for underwater sources of a leak.

"It could save a lot of time and cost," he says, noting the drone could do jobs normally performed by divers. Rawashdeh has had several people reach out to him about the various uses for the drone.

Rawashdeh has received a good reception from his younger students and potential students.

"It's nice to share with people something new like this and see their reactions and get feedback especially with young people," he says. "I have a lot of young people, a lot of high school kids, come through here. I'm proud and happy they can learn from something like this."

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### **Before 1960**

Jack W. Strother '33 BE is the retired president and chairman of the board at Commercial Bank in Grayson. He received an honorary doctorate from Kentucky Christian University in Grayson.

Allie Walton Jones '53 AS, '58 ED lives in Georgetown and is a retired teacher who spent more than 60 years in education. She was inducted into the 2016 class of the Gov. Louie B. Nunn Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame. In her career, she taught at Spaws Creek in Montgomery County, Stamping Ground High School and Scott County High School.

Ray B. White '59 LAW is an attorney living in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He was awarded the William H. Natcher Award by the Bowling Green/Warren County Bar Association for his lifetime of community service.

### 1960s

**Gerald W. Shaw '60 AS** is a retired attorney living in Ewing. In 2015, he published the Civil War historical novel, "Tables Turned."

Mary Hershey Kutnicki '68 '72 AS is a professor of life and natural sciences at the Carrollton campus of Jefferson Community and Technical College.

Daniel F. Meyer '68 ED announced his retirement as the president and chief executive officer of the Boone Area Chamber of Commerce in Boone, North Carolina. He was previously the executive director of Appalachian Brian Estates.

Margaret Haden Verble '68 AS, '73 '76 ED lives in Lexington, is an author and president of Verble Worth & Verble, a human resource development

services firm. She was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for her novel, "Maud's Line."

Roger D. Warren '68 '72 AS is a professor of mathematics at Madisonville Community College.

### Susan Sweet Blakney '69

**FA** is the founder, chief executive officer and conservator of West Lake Conservators, an art preservation business in Skaneateles, New York.

Steven L. Hicks '69 FA retired as a professor of art and chairman of the Oklahoma Baptist University Division of Art and Design in Shawnee, Oklahoma, after 36 years of service at the school.

John C. Wagner '69 AS is a retired electrical engineer living in Sun City, Arizona. In 2015, he published his first novel, "The Opportunist."

### 1970s



Betty Breyley Isaacs '70 ED is an attorney at Plunkett Cooney in Columbus, Ohio, in an of counsel role in

the firm's trusts and estate practice group.

Thomas P. Maney '70 AS is the Okaloosa County judge in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. He retired from the U.S. Army as a brigadier general after a 34-year career. He was awarded an honorary doctor of laws from UK.



William T. Robinson '71 LAW is the partner-incharge of the Frost Brown

Todd LLC office in Florence. He was named chairman of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on the American Judicial System.



Sherry Sallee Holmes '72 '82 NUR retired after 46 years of service to UK. She practiced 40

years at UK Chandler Hospital, with 24 years as the director of nursing for Kentucky Children's Hospital. In 2010, she transferred to the College of Nursing from which she retired as assistant dean of Academic Operations and Assessment. Holmes is a site evaluator for the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and will continue as a consultant for accreditation and regulation in the College of Nursing.

Harold C. Butler '73 BE was an accountant and the executive director, chief financial officer and chief operating officer at the firm Stites & Harbison PLLC in Louisville. He was a finalist for CFO of the Year by Business First of Louisville.

### Richard E. Day '73 '03 ED

is an associate professor of education foundations in the Eastern Kentucky University Department of Curriculum and Instruction in Richmond. He is the chairman of the EKU faculty senate and was elected as a faculty regent on the EKU Board of Regents.

Bruce M. Hayes '73 EN is a principal regulatory analyst for the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel in Columbus. He was previously a senior regulatory analyst and economic development consultant for Columbia Gas of Kentucky Inc.

Larry S. Miller '73 '76 ED retired as the vice president of institutional advancement at Owensboro Community and Technical College (OCTC) and as executive director of the OCTC Foundation. He had a 42-year year career in education and was with OCTC since it opened in 1974.

### Robert B. Tafaro Jr. '73

**AS** is the president and chief executive officer of GAF Commercial Roofing Systems, a manufacturer of commercial and residential roofing in Parsippany, New Jersey. He was named to the foundation for the Morristown Medical Center Board of Trustees.

Morris W. Beebe '74 AS is a gastroenterologist at Baptist Health GI Specialists in Corbin.

Tandy C. Patrick '74 FA is an attorney and partner at Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP in Louisville. She was named chairwoman of the Kentucky Horse Park Commission by Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin. Patrick previously served as chairwoman of the commission and also served as interim chairwoman of the independent World Games 2010 Foundation Inc.

James A. Ridgik '74 EN is an engineer for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Engineer in Planning Section, Wilks-Barre.

Jane Buchanan Clay '75 '79 AS, '82 DE is a dentist at Aspen Dental's Pikeville office.

John B. Clark '76 BE is the president of The Bankers' Bank of Kentucky in Frankfort. He was previously the bank's executive vice president.

Frieda Patrick Davison '76 CI is the dean of libraries at the University of South Carolina Upstate in Spartanburg.

Judith Ann Kidwell '76 AS is a retired attorney who lives in Russell. She was named 2016 Volunteer of the Year by the Berkley Springs Lions Club in Berkley Springs, West Virginia.

Cheri Watts Mingus '76 HS is a retired teacher living in Elizabethtown. She is the president of the Elizabethtown, Hardin and Larue Retired Teachers

Association and the state vice president for membership for the Kentucky Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Carroll D. Stevens '76 LAW is the vice president for advancement at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, California. He was the interim executive director of advancement at Claremont.

Jane Winkler Dyche '77 '80 AFE, '95 LAW is partner at Dyche Law Office in London and serves as the Laurel County master commissioner. She was an area extension agent for foods and nutrition with the Cooperative Extension Service prior to becoming an attorney.

### Clifford K. Hite '77 ED

lives in Findlay, Ohio, and is a member of the Ohio General Assembly representing the 1st Senate District. He is chairman of the Finance Committee on Education and vice chairman of the Ohio Senate Standing Committee on Education. He retired as a high school history teacher and football coach.

John A. Martin '77 AS is the president and chief executive officer of Coherex Medical Inc., which is headquartered in Salt Lake City. He was named to the board of directors of Neo-Chord, a medical technology company.

David W. Anderson '78

LAW is an attorney and counsel at English Lucas Priest & Owsley LLP in Bowling Green, Kentucky, where he focuses on business and civil litigation, and education and school law.

Keith R. Knapp '78 AS, '05 **PH** is the president and chief executive officer of Christian Care Communities in Louisville. He received the UK College of Public Health Outstanding Alumni Award.

Orin C. Peters '78 BE is the president and chief executive officer of Enrichment Federal Credit Union in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He was Enrichment's executive vice president and was previously a certified public accountant in private practice.



Paul L. Whalen '78 AS is an attorney living in Fort Thomas. He was elected by the Kentucky

Conference of the United Methodist Church as a lay delegate of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Conference (SEJ). One of the duties as a lay delegate is to vote on candidates for bishop in the SEJ.

Charles W. Honeycutt '79 '81 AFE is the first president and chief operating officer of the Soil Health Institute, which is headquartered in Ardmore, Oklahoma. He was the deputy chief for soil science and technology for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Owens G. Saylor '79 '80 FA is the superintendent of Daviess County Public Schools in Owensboro. He was named an American Graduate Champion by Kentucky Educational Television.

Isaac S. Scott '79 BE is the manager of pricing for East Kentucky Power Cooperative Inc. in Winchester.

Luann Edwards Serev '79

CI is the director of foundation and community services at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital Foundation in Ashland, the philanthropic arm of the Bon Secours Kentucky Health Sys-

Charles D. Wilhite '79 BE is the chief financial officer and treasurer for Georgetown College in Georgetown. He was previously controller at the college.

### 1980s

Margaret Adams Hazlette '80 ED, '91 SW was inducted into the UK College of Social Work Hall of Fame. She was a teacher, psychometrist, school social worker, director of school safety and student services and an assistant principal. She received the Kentucky and the Midwest School Social Worker of the Year in 2000 and the Jessamine County Leadership Award in 2002.

Deborah Thomas Lacy '80 **AS** is the senior vice president for regulatory affairs, quality assurance and nonclinical development at Sunesis Pharmaceuticals Inc. in South San Francisco, California. She was the executive director of regulatory affairs at Sunesis.

Gregory W. Wright '80 EN is the engineering director at Renewable Water Resources in Greeneville, South Carolina.

Alan B. Feldbaum '81 LAW lives in South Bend, Indiana, and is a retired attorney and partner at Barnes & Thornburg LLP. He was appointed as a member of the St. Joseph County Library Board.

Barbara Teague '81 AS is the government records services director at the Library of Virginia in Richmond, Virginia. She was named a Fellow of the Society of American Archivists, the highest individual honor of the nation's largest professional archival association. She retired as Kentucky state archivist and records administrator of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives after a 32year career. She is married to Charles A. Robb '78 CI.

Ronald C. Reinhardt '82 **AS, '85 LAW** is an attorney

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reer, build their network and possibly even get college credit. The following two students shared more about their 2016 summer internships.

Michael Lewis is a junior in the UK Gatton College of Business & Economics who interned with two companies. He served as an investment banking analyst intern with Corporate Finance Associates and as a wealth management intern with UBS. Lewis learned about these opportunities by engaging with the Graham Office of Career Management and with The Finance Society, both in the business school. He says he's learning a lot about himself and what is required of employees in the investment banking and wealth management industries. He is constantly improving his networking and communication skills. He had participated in several internships previously at UK and encourages all college students to pursue internship opportunities as early and as often as possible. He says participating in internships allows students to learn more about themselves and what jobs/industries they prefer.

Ryan Halligan is a senior majoring in agriculture economics with a minor in political science. This summer he worked for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture in the office of the Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Ryan Quarles '05 '06 AFE, '06 GS, '10 LAW and for the Office for Consumer & Environmental Protection. His duties were to accompany the commissioner to various events across the state, meeting with agricultural leaders, groups, and farmers, listening to their concerns and ideas, and informing them on news related to Kentucky agriculture. Halligan also worked on a few projects pertaining to new laws going into effect. Agricultural law and policy have been significant interests of his, developed through previous internships with the Kentucky General Assembly, Kentucky Corn Growers Association, Kentucky Cattlemen's Association, Congressmen Andy Barr, American Breeding Solutions and Keeneland Thoroughbred Racing and Sales. Through these internships, he has experienced multiple aspects of agriculture and developed a diverse background in Kentucky agriculture.

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and partner at Reinhardt & Associates PLC in Lexington. He was named a 2016 Professional of the Year by Strathmore's Who's Who Worldwide Edition, which recognizes achievements in law.

James J. Clark '83 SW was inducted into the UK College of Social Work Hall of Fame. He is the dean of the Florida State University College of Social Work in Tallahassee. Clark was previously the director of the School of Social Work at the University of Cincinnati and was on the UK faculty from 1991-2012.

Steve Stevens '83 BE is the chief executive officer at the Kentucky Association of Realtors in Lexington. He was previously the president and CEO of Greater Spokane Inc., and president and CEO of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

Michael S. Waltman '83 CI is an associate professor of interpersonal and organizational communication in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Department of Communication Studies.

Sally Fisher Hicks '84 '88 AS is professor and chairwoman of the Department of Physics in the University of Dallas Constantin College of Liberal Arts in Irving, Texas. She was named a 2016 Piper Professor by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation for outstanding achievement in the teaching profession.

Clay P. Kearney '84 BE is a partner at Stratos Wealth Partners in New Orleans. He was previously vice president at Hibernia Investments LLC.

Andrew J. Oppmann '85 CI is an adjunct professor of journalism and vice president for marketing and communications at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro. Oppmann, a former newspaper editor, publisher and executive, was named a regent of the Associated Press Media Editors (APME) in recognition of his years of service to the association as editor of APME News magazine.

Cheng-Lun Soo '85 AS, '93 MED is the owner and a physician at Orthopedic Reconstruction Center in Oklahoma City. He was recognized as a Professional of the Year for 2016 by Strathmore's Who's Who Worldwide Edition.

Kerry G. Bryant '86 FA is the band director at Adairsville High School in Adairsville, Georgia. He was named Georgia Music Educator of the Year by the Georgia Music Educators Association.

Ming-Tung M. Lee '86 GS, '90 BE is the interim provost for academic affairs at Sacramento State University in in Sacramento, California. He was honored with a \$10,000 award from the Asian Pacific Fund to provide scholarships for Asian and Pacific Islander students at the university.

Alan C. Lowe '86 '88 AS is the director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois. He was previously the director of the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum in Dallas.

Robert A. Oster '86 AS is a professor in the Division of Preventive Medicine at the University of Alabama-Birmingham School of Medicine. His expertise in in biostatistics.

John Baker '87 '90 '93 EN is the chairman of the Department of Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics in the University of Alabama College of Engineering in Tuscaloosa. He

was named the 2016 Morris Hackney Endowed Faculty Leadership Award recipient.

Joseph C. Fleishaker '87 PHA is the vice president of clinical pharmacology and exploratory development at Astellas Pharma U.S. Inc., which is headquartered in Northbrook, Illinois. He was the company's vice president and global therapeutic head of neuroscience and was the project lead of development.

Carla J. Gross '87 NUR is the associate dean of the North Dakota State University School of Nursing in Fargo and is the Fargo site chairwoman of the College of Health Professions. She received the North Dakota Center for Nursing North Dakota Legendary Nurse Award: Nurse Executive.

Robert C. Pearce '87 '89 AFE is an Extension specialist in the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Department of Plant and Soil Sciences.

Carol A. Reardon '87 AS is the George Winfree Professor of American History at Pennsylvania State University College of the Liberal Arts in University Park. She is also the 2015-2016 Pennsylvania State laureate.

### David E. Spenard '87 BE

lives in Louisville and is a staff attorney for the Public Service Commission. He earned his master's degree in strategic finance from Indiana University Southeast (IUS). He served on the editorial board of the IUS Graduate Research Journal and was inducted into the Beta Gamma Sigma and Pinnacle honor societies.

**Kimberly N. Bunnell '85 BE, '88 LAW** is a Fayette Circuit Court judge in Lexington, representing the 9th

Division. She was elected to a two-year term as president of the Kentucky Circuit Court Judges Association.

David L. Johnson '88 ED retired as the chief operating officer for Owensboro Public Schools. He was previously the principal at Owensboro Middle School, director of pupil personnel for Owensboro Public Schools and also served on the Owensboro City Commission.

### Robert S. Jones '88 LAW

is the chief executive officer of Audubon Area Community Services Inc. in Owensboro. He was previously Audubon's executive director and the executive officer of policy and audit in the Kentucky Finance Cabinet.

James E. Waller '88 AS is the Keene State College Endowed Chair of Holocaust and Genocide Studies in Keene, New Hampshire. He is also an instructor at the Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention at the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation.

James V. Adams '89 AS is the interim president of Gateway Community and Technical College in Florence. Adams, a former UK football player, was the vice president and chief workforce officer for Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College.



Allyson True Cook '86 BE, '89 LAW is an attorney at Stites & Harbison PLLC in

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nessee. He was previously the university's general counsel, overseeing the legal affairs, risk management, campus safety and government relations programs.

### 1990s

Carla A. Brooks '90 BE is the vice president and chief financial officer of Talbert House, a Cincinnati-based nonprofit that services adult behavioral health, community care, court and corrections, housing and youth behavioral health.



Robert W. Depp '90 FA is the vice president and principal at FRCH Design World-

wide's specialty retail design studio in Cincinnati.

Charles B. Driver '90 CI is a professor of church history and associate vice president for doctoral studies at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. He is also the senior pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Floyds Knobs, Indiana.

David A. Hoag '90 ED is the president of Warner University in Lake Wales, Florida. He was the senior vice president of university advancement at Trinity International University and has held leadership roles at Asbury University and Greenville College.

Rebecca Burchett Liebert '90 EN lives in Des Plaines, Illinois, and is the president and chief executive officer for Honeywell Universal Oil Products (UOP). She was the vice president and general manager of UOP's catalysts, absorbents and specialties business.

Mary Brookshire Young '90 AS lives in Lancaster,

Ohio, and is the appellate chief for the U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Ohio. She was an assistant U.S. attorney and special assistant U.S. attorney, was in private practice in Columbus and was an assistant visiting professor at the Moritz College of Law.

Christopher D. Moore '91 LAW is the executive director of the Kentucky Communications Network Authority, which manages the Kentucky-Wired broadband infrastructure and is headquartered in Frankfort. He previously worked for the Federal Communications Commission and Rural Utilities Service.

Michael D. Lackey '92 '98 '99 '00 AS is a professor of English at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. He was named a 2016 Distinguished McKnight University Professor and received the 2015-2016 UMM Faculty Distinguished Research Award.

Ricardo N. Nazario-Colon '92 AS is the chief diversity officer at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina. He was previously the director of student activities, inclusion and leadership at Morehead State University.

Matthew A. Stone '92 FA is the founder of Bluestone Productions LLC in Louisville. He was previously a producer for Kadan Productions and creative director at Interactive Media Lab.

James O. Lykins '93 BE is the vice president and research analyst in the Lake Oswego, Oregon, office for the investment firm D.A. Davidson & Co. He was previously an acquisitions manager for

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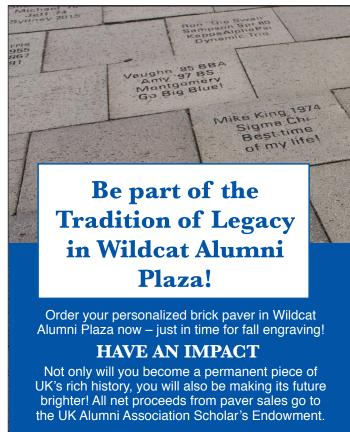
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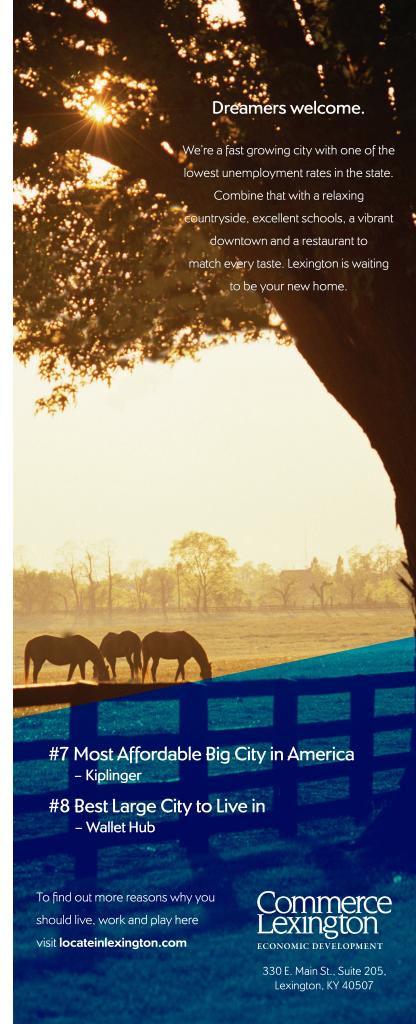
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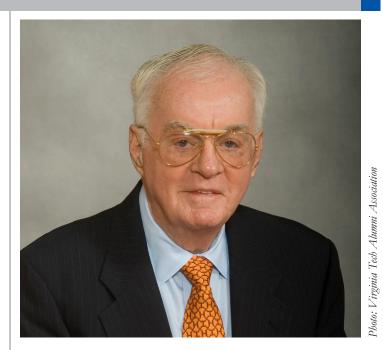
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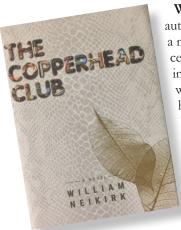
T. Marshall Hahn Jr. '45 AS was an internationally respected educator who was able to change a military college attended by mostly white, male students into a diverse and renowned research university. He was president of Virginia Tech (then Virginia Polytechnic Institute) from 1962 to 1974 and originally was a physicist. Hahn was responsible for the creation of 30 new undergraduate majors and 20 graduate programs. He also began the Arts and Sciences, Architecture and Education colleges and led the construction of about 24 new campus buildings.

During Hahn's administration, the college also created a scholarship program for students with limited incomes, and much of those funds were specifically for black students. At that time, The New York Times wrote, "Although it would seem to be a risky matter for a virtually all-white state college in the South to espouse a program that will bring in a sizable number of Negroes — 'token' integration is still the rule at many Southern institutions that must look to the state for support — Dr. Hahn declares that the venture was 'extremely well received, almost surprisingly so,' in the community."

Upon leaving his presidency, he worked for Georgia-Pacific, the paper company, and retired in 1993. In addition to his bachelor's degree from UK, the Lexington native spent two years in the Navy and later earned a doctorate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Hahn was named to the UK Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 1965.

His survivors include two daughters (Anne Hahn Hurst and Betty Hahn; a son, William, died before Hahn) from his first marriage to Margaret Lee, who died in 2009, and three grandchildren.

# Creative Juice



William Neikirk '60 CI is the author of "The Copperhead Club," a novel about Stella Jasper, a selfcentered, free-spending socialite in suburban McLean, Virginia, who is jolted into reality when her husband, a well-connected Washington lobbyist, abruptly disappears and leaves her cashstrapped, snubbed by her friends, and under investigation by the FBI. Angered and on her own, she slips away incognito and follows his trail to a small town in the Kentucky mountains, where

she meets B. J. Matson, a local man who has been a lifelong loner. Together, they unexpectedly play a behind-thescenes role in solving a mystery that fuels a major scandal in the White House and throws the presidential election campaign into disarray. Set in Washington and rural Kentucky, the book provides a vivid portrayal of characters in both places.

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did we, in the land of Jeffersonian optimism and better tomorrows, go wrong?

Rather than despair, Reece turned to those who had dared to imagine radically different futures for America. What followed was a giant road trip and research adventure through the sites of America's utopian communities, both historical and contemporary, known and unknown, successful and catastrophic. What he uncovered was not just a series of lost histories and broken visionaries but also a continuing and vital but hidden idealistic tradition in American intellectual history. "Utopia Drive" is a definitive reconstruction of that tradition. It is also, perhaps, a new framework to help us find a genuinely sustainable way forward.

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UTOPIA DRIVE

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12 years ago...

In 2004, art students in a UK color theory class used 14 pairs of jeans as canvases to express feelings about a variety of issues, including sweatshop labor and then put the jeans on display in the Patterson Office Tower lobby.



years ago...

Photos: Kentuckian

If it's fall it must mean UK students are flocking back to campus and moving into dorms, just like these two co-eds in 1957.



years ago...

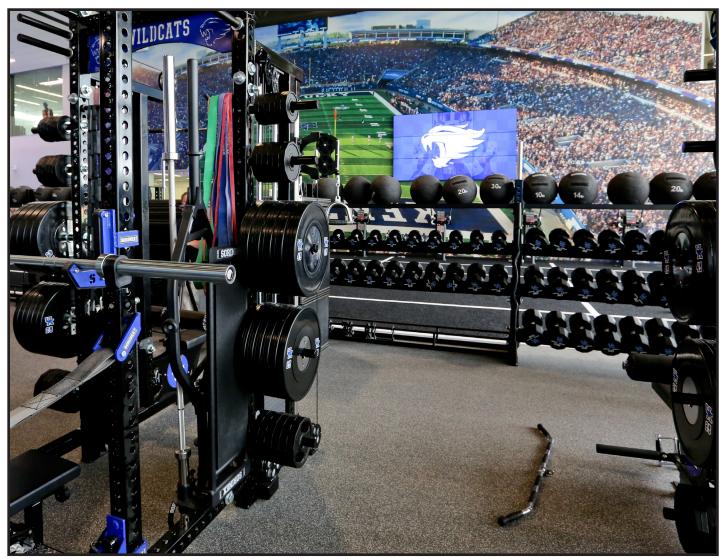
In 1941, John Garson, Buford Witt and Professor May took a very serious approach to studying the quality of air conditioning equipment.



years ago ...

Dedication of the much-needed addition to the UK Student Center took place in September 1982.

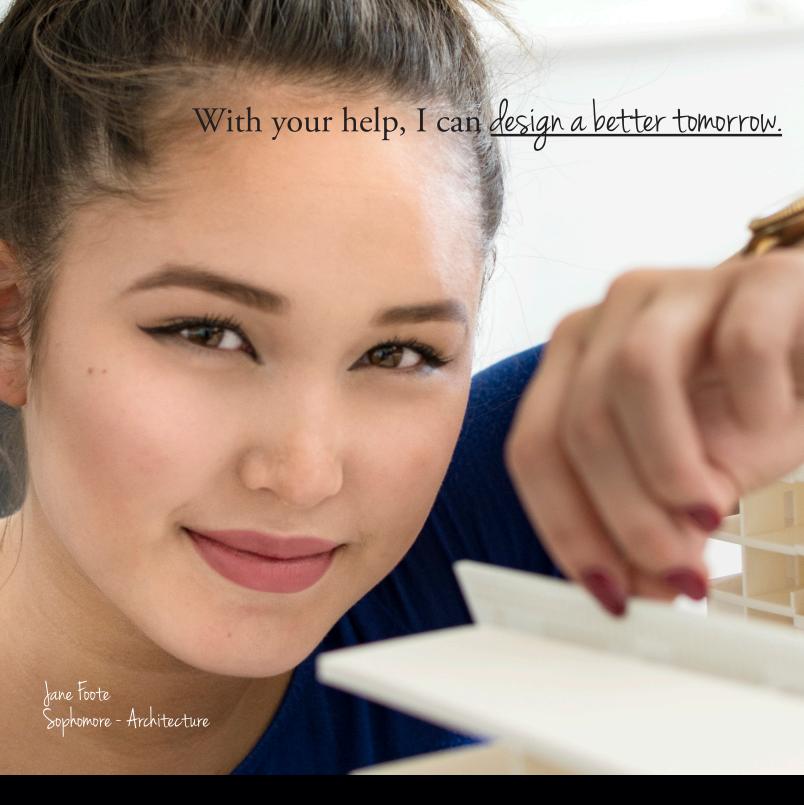
# New Kentucky football training center unveiled



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After 19 months of construction, a new day-to-day home for Kentucky football opened, providing players with everything they will need to practice, train, eat, recover and study under one state-of-the-art roof. The \$45 million Kentucky Football Training Center is located adjacent to Commonwealth Stadium and Nutter Field House. "The completion of this facility is an important moment for our football program," Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart said. "It creates a one-stop shop for our players, putting everything they need to prepare for success on game day and in the classroom in one beautiful building. We believe Kentucky football can compete for championships in the Southeastern Conference. This facility provides important resources that will help us realize that potential."

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