

Journalism school establishes David Dick fund

The UK School of Journalism and Telecommunications is establishing a memorial fund honoring David Dick, former director of the school from 1987 to 1993 and long-time broadcast news reporter, who passed away last July. The fund, called the David Dick "What a Great Story" Storytelling Fund, will recognize one UK student journalist and one Kentucky professional journalist each year for outstanding journalistic storytelling.

Dick held both a bachelor's and a master's degree in English from UK. During his career, he reported for WHAS and CBS News, taught writing in UK's journalism program and authored several books.

"Skill in storytelling needs to be championed and celebrated. David Dick was a marvelous storyteller, which is why we chose this focus to honor him," said Beth Barnes, director of the School of Journalism and Telecommunications.



Photo: Courtesy David Perry/Lexington Herald-Leader

UK Lifelong Learning Program Recognized

Lexington is among the five best college towns in America to retire to and expand your intellectual horizons, according to a recent article in *Money* magazine. The magazine cites UK's strong roots in lifelong learning since 1964 with the Donovan Fellowship and now its companion program, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the UK College of Public Health.

The Donovan program was first offered, tuition-free, to local residents age 65 and older. More than 100 Donovan Fellows are now taking university classes alongside younger undergraduate and graduate students. More than 50 students have earned degrees at all levels. Others audit classes without the demands of homework and exams.

OLLI now offers almost 100 courses annually in Lexington, Morehead and Somerset. Members plan, teach, and participate in short courses, field trips, workshops, special interest groups, and forums. The courses are varied, and include classes such as culture and cuisine, health and wellness, history and government, and foreign languages.

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Ward named executive director of Coldstream Research Campus

George Ward, who has served as Kentucky Commerce Cabinet Secretary, has been named the executive director of the UK Coldstream Research Campus. He has 30 years of executive experience in hotel and real estate development, finance and business operations and government relations. He also serves on the board of directors of Commerce Lexington and is a member of the Bluegrass Regional Public Policy Council.

"Serving as the executive director of the



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Coldstream Research Campus fulfills a personal goal to utilize my business and marketing skills and past experience to contribute to Kentucky's future," said George Ward.

Coldstream Research Campus is currently home to some 55 companies and more than 1,000 employees.

Blogging from Beirut

Six UK students spent five weeks alongside famed journalist Terry Anderson conducting research and documenting their experiences in a blog, www.beingbeirut.blogspot.com, during a trip to Beirut, Lebanon, last summer. As part of his doctoral research, UK Political Science Ph.D. candidate Ralph Schoellhammer joined journalism majors Christopher Robbins, Katie Perkowski, Ashley Westerman, Kelsey Thomas and Noha El Maraghi on the trip.

The group's blog details life in the dorms and classrooms of American University of Beirut and the surrounding area. They visited Palestinian refugee camps, interviewed officials and heard lectures from top professors and experts. Each student is completing a journalism project based on his or her research.

"This has been a remarkable chance for these students to see part of the Middle East and to talk to the people who live there about the region's problems and opportunities," Anderson said.

First December Commencement

UK students who graduate in August and December will now have their own Commencement ceremony. UK's first December Commencement will take place Friday, Dec. 17. A ceremony for master's degree and doctoral students will be held at 3 p.m. in the Concert Hall of the Singletary Center for the Arts, and a ceremony for undergraduates will take place at 6 p.m. in Memorial Coliseum. The undergraduate Commencement ceremony will be livestreamed from Memorial Coliseum on UKNow, UK's news website.

A student who graduates in August or December and does not participate in the December event can wait until spring to participate in the May Commencement ceremony in Rupp Arena.