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## Let's communicate: We need you to keep us up-to-date!

It's with great pride that we bring you the summer 2013 issue of Kentucky Alumni magazine.

When I was in high school, one of my all-time favorite teachers gave me some great advice. She said that no

matter what I decided to do in life, make sure it involved communicating with people in some form or fashion. (She also said to make sure there would be no penalties for talking too much, but that's a tale for another day!) I think that was the beginning of becoming a "communicator."

Fast forward to today, and I still love the art of communicating. That hasn't changed. What has changed dramatically is the way in which we communicate. Print was once the gold standard of reaching people. But in today's world of immediate gratification, sometimes even "instantly" is too slow. Just like the ever-changing landscape of our world, communication platforms are changing by the second. The trick is to keep up, keep connected and keep in touch.

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Now, on to the goodness of this issue. Our cover story is all about numbers. You've probably heard that numbers are stubborn. That's true. They are also fascinating. Numbers can tell a very interesting story about really cool (or hot, depending on how you look at it) facts. So, Linda Perry decided to take a look at our university by the numbers. The story is filled with

some pretty neat numbers and stats. Did you know that the UK Art Museum houses 4,600 works of art valued at over \$40 million? You might also be interested in knowing that lyricist Troy Perkins earned a \$5 prize for writing our beloved fight song, "On, On, U of K." You, too, can drop such statistical knowledge after reading UK by the Numbers. Here's a bonus stat for you: Nearly 10,000. That's the number of entertaining and informative 140 character (or less) communications I have sent out via Twitter. Okay, this one is not included in the story, but I wanted to throw it in there.

Also in this issue, Molly Clark introduces us to Loren Long, a very accomplished children's book author and illustrator. I'm a firm believer that readers are leaders, and it's never too early to introduce children to the joys of reading. You will also get to know AJ Hochhalter. He's a Gatton College of Business and Economics grad who just happens to be one of five composers who contributed music for the documentary, "Blood Brother," that was honored at the 2013 Sundance Film Festival. Interesting side note, I met AJ a few minutes before escorting him to center court of Rupp Arena during a men's basketball game last season. I have to admit, I was pretty excited about both!

We wrap up our Leading by Example series, which has focused on the wonderful men and women serving the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors. In this issue, we showcase our past national presidents. I hope you have enjoyed learning a little bit more about our board members. I have to say, these are some of my favorite people.

Be sure to check out our two-page photo spread from May Commencement. For the first time, graduates wore blue gowns, instead of the usual black. I love it! We are so happy to welcome these new graduates to our alumni family.

I hope you enjoy this issue of Kentucky Alumni magazine. Know that we truly appreciate your membership. As always, I welcome your feedback.

With Pride in Blue,

Kelli Elam '11  
Editor





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### We are a Big Blue Nation United

At the end of April, I attended a symposium where 30 students from across five different colleges and six disciplines worked together on proposals for a more sustainable and vibrant campus community. Their research, articulate presentations and engaging testimonies focused on “campus living” and offered creative ideas for improving water and energy usage, mobility and transportation, beautification and student engagement.

The projects were part of the National Science Foundation’s Systems Thinking for Sustainability academic program and provided innovative solutions that could be integrated into our ongoing campus master plan process.

Perhaps most compelling was the type of learning this exercise represents — a modern approach to a collaborative academic experience. The groups reflected a diverse set of disciplines; students conducted independent research and data analysis; and — aligning with our Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), Presentation U, which emphasizes multimodal communication skills — they were required to present their findings and recommendations.

These are the cognitively rigorous, hands-on opportunities we want to provide. They are the experiences our students need and, increasingly, demand and expect. They are looking for technology-rich solutions and learning spaces where they can grow together, intellectually and socially. This style of learning will be the hallmark of a thriving, 21st century university, one that effectively blends the residential model with burgeoning technology that enhances classroom work.

During the spring legislative session, we took a major step toward building that modern campus. Thanks to the support of the governor, scores of legislators, students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends, we launched the Big Blue Nation United campaign, which played a significant role in the success of legislation authorizing UK to self-finance three essential building projects. The legislation, signed by Gov. Beshear into law, includes:

- A \$65 million renovation and expansion of the Gatton College of Business and Economics, which is made possible through the generosity of our donors. The “New Gatton” will include cutting-edge classrooms, multi-use learning spaces, a new Executive-MBA center, and 500-seat auditorium to better serve our students, faculty, staff and business community.
- The second project, a \$100 million Academic Science Building, will accommodate the next century of scientific learning, research and discovery. UK Athletics is funding nearly two-thirds, \$65 million, of this project, perhaps an unprecedented move in American higher education in terms of a partnership between athletics and academics.
- Finally, we will undertake a \$110 million renovation of Commonwealth Stadium and the Nutter Training and Recruiting Center, financed completely by Athletics. As one of a few self-sustaining athletic departments, revenue generated by football and men’s basketball supports 20 varsity programs in the department. At the same time, the depart-

ment provides millions of dollars each year to advance UK’s academic mission. The investments we make today ensure our place as a premier, self-supporting program in the future.

These capital projects, along with our continued public/private partnership to renew and construct our student living/learning spaces, will be integrated into our updated campus Master Plan. The Master Plan — guided by the expertise of internationally renowned planning firm, Sasaki Associates Inc. — is being developed with the recognition that the campus, in its entirety, is more than the mere functional arrangement of buildings, roads, walkways, parking lots and landscapes. It is a community, defined by the collective experiences of our students, faculty, staff, visitors, surrounding neighborhoods and businesses.

The collaborative process has involved some 50 meetings with UK administration; faculty, staff and students; Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government officials; adjacent neighborhood associations; local landlords; business owners; and our area faith community. The overriding considerations that guide the plan include the academic environment, campus life, mobility, growth, community and civic structure. All of the feedback, draft plans and information we have collected and presented are available at [www.uky.edu/masterplan](http://www.uky.edu/masterplan).

It has been a busy semester, one that we concluded by celebrating the academic excellence of our students during the 146th university Commencement. We honored the achievement of some 4,300 degree recipients, a total of more than 6,800 degrees conferred over the last academic year. During their tenure at UK, they’ve made a lasting impact and prepared themselves to carry forward our institution’s powerful legacy.

I remain deeply appreciative of your support, and I look forward to seeing many of you at future club programs, sporting events and when you visit a campus that is undergoing an exciting transformation — one that will improve the education of our students and the future growth of our Commonwealth.

Mary Lynne and I greatly value your enthusiasm and desire to “see blue.” with us as we embark on an exciting time in the life of our university.

Sincerely,



Eli Capilouto  
President





## New UK provost named, expected by fall semester

Christine Riordan, current dean of the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver, has accepted UK President Eli Capilouto's offer to become UK's next provost. Riordan will begin at UK this fall.

"Dr. Riordan's candidacy stood out for so many people I talked with for a number of reasons," Capilouto said in making the announcement. "Her compelling communications skills, her deep understanding of higher education's future and how she has led a college to prominence, and the sense of excitement her candidacy generated as she discussed her commitment to working collaboratively as we build upon our missions of education, research and service."

"I am honored to work with President Capilouto whose ambitious vision for the University of Kentucky and Commonwealth brought me here," Riordan said. "The energy, strength, and commitment of the UK community are clear. It

will be a privilege to serve the distinguished UK faculty, staff, students, and alumni, and become part of this outstanding institution and community."

Riordan has experience as both a leading scholar in her discipline and as an administrator who has excelled in creating innovative programs domestically and internationally along with sustained excellence in fundraising. She is a frequent national commentator on leadership development and workplace diversity. Her articles and interviews have appeared in Forbes, CNBC, Wall Street Journal, MarketWatch, CareerBuilder, Huffington Post, Politico and the Harvard Business Review. ■



Riordan

## UK honored for its information technology applications

UK has been named a 2013 Computerworld Honors Laureate, awarded to organizations and institutions around the world whose visionary applications of information technology promote positive social, economic and educational change. A panel of 22 distinguished judges evaluated the humanitarian benefits and measurable results of applying technology to meet a specific social or business need. UK was selected from more than 700 nominations to become one of 269 laureates from 29 countries. ■

## Board of Trustees accepts UK's first creed

Student Government Association President Stephen Bilas led a 17-member committee at the behest of President Eli Capilouto to create a statement of its beliefs. The committee wanted the UK Creed to include values such as integrity, academic excellence and freedom, mutual respect and inclusion among others.

The University of Kentucky's Creed reads:

*I promise to strive for academic excellence and freedom by promoting an environment of creativity and discovery.*

*I promise to pursue all endeavors with integrity and compete with honesty.*

*I promise to embrace diversity and inclusion and to respect the dignity and humanity of others.*

*I promise to contribute to my university and community through leadership and service.*

*I promise to fulfill my commitments and remain accountable to others.*

*We believe in the University of Kentucky and will forever honor our alma mater.* ■

## Three honorary doctorates announced for Commencement

Leaders in the areas of physics, transportation safety, and basketball and business are receiving honorary doctorate degrees during UK's Commencement ceremonies this year.

Robert Milton Huffaker '57 AS, a native of Wayne County, Ky., has an over 50-year career as a distinguished physicist, company founder and CEO, and philanthropist. Huffaker is known for initiating and directing the development of laser Doppler systems for aerodynamic applications. He has founded or co-founded three organizations that support and assist families and children, donating over \$3 million to these and other nonprofit agencies.

Jamal Mashburn, UK alumnus, is a former UK All-America basketball star and NBA stand-out who played for the Dallas Mavericks, Miami Heat and New Orleans

Hornets over a 12-year professional career. Mashburn owns car dealerships in the Lexington area, real estate, hospitality services, Thoroughbred race horses and also has ownership interest in restaurant franchises. He donated \$500,000 to endow the Jamal Mashburn Scholarship fund at UK.

For December Commencement: Deborah Hersman, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), is one of the nation's most visionary and passionate safety leaders who advocates for safety across all modes of transportation. Hersman has focused attention and actions on distracted driving, child passenger safety and helping accident victims and their families. She was the NTSB's lead investigator at the scene of the 2006 crash of Comair flight 5191 in Lexington. ■



## Committee recommends RFPs on dining services operation

A UK committee reviewing how to transform dining at the university during this period of housing expansion has recommended moving forward with requests for proposals (RFPs) from potential business partners. “The goal — no matter what course is ultimately taken — is to build the best possible dining services operation for our students, faculty, staff and visitors,” Eric N. Monday, UK executive vice president for finance and administration, wrote in an email to dining services employees. “Fully exploring how a partnership with a third party would make such an operation a reality is the responsible course to take.”

The committee — with representation from UK faculty, staff and the student body — made recommendations that include RFP criteria commitments in response to concerns and questions raised by students, university and local community groups interested in sustainability and other issues. The commitments include:

- Ensuring that current full-time UK dining employees will have employment opportunities with either the university or the selected business partner, if the university administration and the Board of Trustees ultimately take that path. The university will also require that student workers continue to be employed.

- Continuing a strong sustainability program by purchasing local food produce and the strong partnership UK has with the Kentucky Proud program.
- Expanding options, healthier food choices and responsiveness to the many constituencies that comprise the university community.

“As it is with residence halls, significant and dramatic upgrades in dining facilities will require significant resources and investment. A business partner willing to infuse tens of millions of dollars into our dining infrastructure has to be examined,” Monday said. “Such an examination — one that addresses our significant capital needs but also the thoughtful concerns and questions — is the only responsible course to take. A business partner also offers the potential to expand food options and choices for students, faculty and staff, an increasing need as the campus continues to grow.”

Monday said against that backdrop it’s important that UK find a solution that works best for the university and the varied constituencies served by the institution. That can only happen, he said, with a process that is open to exploring what’s possible with a business partner. If the university administration recommends any change in current operations, it would be taken to the UK Board of Trustees for its approval. ■

## International law firm opens at Coldstream Research Campus

Gov. Steve Beshear joined local leaders and officials from Bingham McCutchen LLP for a ribbon-cutting and grand opening ceremony at the Bingham Building in the UK Coldstream Research Campus Business Park in Lexington. Bingham handles various legal issues for Fortune 100 companies and financial service firms. The global company has 1,000 lawyers and 900 staff employees in 14 major offices across the world.

UK President Eli Capilouto welcomed Bingham to Lexington. “The University of Kentucky was excited to be a part of the attractive package that brought Bingham McCutchen to the Bluegrass,” Capilouto said. “We look forward to further developing fruitful partnerships between the people at Bingham and UK’s faculty, staff and students across several colleges and departments.” ■

## UK assists Pakistani business schools

A group of University of Kentucky faculty, staff and administrators traveled to Islamabad, Pakistan, to sign new partnerships and conduct an intensive three-day workshop with a consortium of five business schools from Pakistan’s Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Province, located in northwest Pakistan along the Afghanistan border. The UK group included Nancy Johnson, associate professor in the Gatton College of Business and Economics; Kathi Kern, director of the Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching (CELT); Kathryn Cunningham, faculty and instructional consultant in CELT; Jeanette Coufal, educational consultant; and Gary Gaffield, assistant provost for international partnerships.

“The goal was to develop learning outcomes associated with student competency, allowing everyone to agree on what students should know when they graduate and how to measure their success,” says Cunningham.

The workshop was also an opportunity for UK to get acquainted with the consortium and for the schools in the consortium to get better acquainted with each other. The workshop established a strong mechanism for ongoing curriculum development and reinforced the important roles of various stakeholders (government, faculty, students, alumni, the business community). The overarching goal of the visit was to improve the quality of education; to build relationships between universities, the private sector and other employers; and to provide pathways to success for university graduates.

The visit was part of a \$1.7 million grant, awarded by the U.S. Department of State, to partner with universities in the KP province, through the “University Partnership in Business Administration” program. ■

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## UK to be service hub of nationwide digital library effort

The Kentucky Digital Library (KDL), built and managed since 1997 by UK Libraries with support from the Kentucky Virtual Library and the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, has been selected as a pilot project "service hub" of the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA). The DPLA is the first national effort to aggregate existing records in state and regional digital libraries so that they are searchable from a single portal and available free of charge to all. The nationwide launch of the DPLA took place in April in Boston, Mass.

Millions of digitized maps, books, newspapers, photographs, oral histories and manuscripts will be made accessible via DPLA's combined collection. The platform on which the DPLA is based is open source and allows developers to build tools, applications, and services using the data contributed by the partners. Libraries will be able to integrate DPLA data and services into their own sites.

Funded for two years by grants totaling \$350,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Knight Foundation and the Arcadia Fund, the scope of work of the KDL service hub will include the digitization of new content from Ken-

tucky's libraries, as well as the sponsorship of community engagement activities. This will include scanning events and opportunities for community members to share and record their stories. UK Libraries will partner with the Lexington Public Library to hold events for the public to help shape aspects of digital content creation in subject areas of community interest.

Digital holdings from four other state digital libraries and one regional library collective will act as the initial set of DPLA service hubs and combine resources to form the basis of the DPLA. These are the Digital Library of Georgia, Minnesota Digital Library, Mountain West Digital Library (Utah, Nevada and Arizona), South Carolina Digital Library and the Digital Commonwealth (Massachusetts). Harvard University will also initially provide select digitized special collections to the DPLA.

The initial April launch included digital exhibitions developed by each hub about topics as varied as the Great Depression to the New Deal, Prohibition, civil rights and activism, and national parks. Additionally, there will be a joint online exhibition done in conjunction with the European digital library, Europeana, on immigration in America. ■

## Important discovery on insecticide resistance in bed bugs

Researchers in the UK College of Agriculture have identified 14 molecular markers in bed bugs that allow the bugs to be resistant to pyrethroid insecticides. Pest control professionals commonly use pyrethroids to control bed bugs because of their safety, affordability, effectiveness and longevity.

UK entomology research associate Fang Zhu and Professor Subba Reddy Palli found the genes associated with pyrethroid resistance belong to diverse categories, and most of these genes are expressed in bed bugs' tough outer shell. These genes could serve as the first barrier for insecticides before

reaching target sites on nerve cells, where an additional layer of resistance is common. This resistance strategy has evolved in bed bugs and is based on their unique morphological, physiological and behavioral characteristics. It has not been reported in any other insect species.

UK entomologists Ken Haynes and Mike Potter and doctoral students Hemant Gujar and Jennifer Gordon also contributed to the research.

Their results recently appeared in Nature Publishing Group's research journal, Scientific Reports. ■

## UK gets grant to study equine arteritis virus

Udeni Balasuriya, a professor at UK Maxwell H. Gluck Equine Research Center, has received \$2.9 million to identify the genetic factors responsible for establishment of the equine arteritis virus (EAV) carrier state in stallions. The five-year grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Agriculture and Food Research Initiative.

Outbreaks result in significant economic losses to the equine industry due to high rates of foal loss in pregnant mares, death in young foals and establishment of the carrier state in stallions.

The project stems from research by a graduate student, Yun Young Go, who worked in Balasuriya's laboratory at the Gluck Center. Genome studies were done in collaboration with Ernie Bailey and James N. MacLeod, both researchers at the Gluck Center. Co-principal investigators of the study include seven Gluck Center faculty members. ■

## Video series tells of importance of clinical trials

UK researchers say clinical trials play an integral role in the work they're doing to discover new ways to treat, prevent and cure a wide variety of diseases. Now a special video series examines clinical research at UK through the eyes of clinicians and scientists, as well as Kentuckians who volunteer as participants in trials. Watch videos at [uknow.uky.edu/research](http://uknow.uky.edu/research):

- UK Researchers Dispel Myths of Clinical Trials
- The Importance of Clinical Trials at the University of Kentucky
- Kentuckians Give Back, Fight Disease by Participating in Clinical Trials
- Research at the University of Kentucky Thrives Because of Clinical Trials
- Clinical Trials at UK Help the Entire State of Kentucky ■



**Compiled from news reports about research at UK.**

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





## Howard L. Lewis '70 Seeing blue and making a difference...

*UK grad triumphs over adversity,  
attains extraordinary success and helps  
young people realize their potential*

"Howard Lewis epitomizes the American success story," observes Mike Richey '73 '79 AG, UK vice president for Development. "Considering the economic, family, educational and other challenges he faced in early life, it's incredible that Howard was able to escape the bonds of poverty into which he was born in rural Kentucky in the 1940s.

"But in the midst of adversity," Richey continues, "the door of opportunity opened just a crack for Howard. And through courage, hard work and perseverance, a crack was enough for him to carve out a chance for a life and a career."

Lewis now presides over a major national insurance company which he began — Family Heritage Life Insurance Company of America — and it is second only to Aflac in the supplemental insurance market.

At the same time he was developing a life, a career and a major business venture, Lewis was also giving his time, expertise and personal resources to help children and young people in the same sort of humble circumstances that he, himself, had experienced.

Richey notes further, "Howard's lifelong personal commitment to helping others has made him a selfless community leader, an inspiring role model for youth and a marvelous example of the indomitable human spirit. And his generosity and commitment to his alma mater have made him one of the University of Kentucky's most loyal and distinguished alumni."

### Humble beginnings

Howard L. Lewis is the tenth child of a tobacco sharecropper family from north central Kentucky. His illiterate, alcoholic father was age 43 at the time of Lewis' birth. His mother was 45 when he was born and had only a third-grade education. She spent about three months each year confined to a state hospital where she received psychiatric treatment. During these periods, Lewis was relocated to stay with extended family members, and these annual episodes resulted in stress and physical abuse from the time Lewis was age four through age 16.

The family subsisted in poverty, moving frequently during the early formative years of Lewis' life. They lived in tenant houses with no electricity, running water or heat. There was no source of income other than the annual sale of the tobacco crop. There was very little medical care and no dental care. And there were no holiday celebrations or traditions.

In 1958, when Lewis was 10 years old, his father was killed in an accident. By this time, Lewis was the only child still at home, and he and his mother had to relocate to a two-room flat without indoor plumbing in an inner city neighborhood in Covington. For income, his mother cleaned hotel rooms when she was able. She eventually received public assistance through U.S. government welfare aid and relief food supplies until Lewis was old enough to



provide household income through part-time work.

In this environment of poor housing, poverty and living with an aging mother in fragile health, Lewis became engulfed in a delinquent lifestyle. Providentially, his mother enrolled him in the Boy Scouts of America, and Lewis credits this as one of the critical turning points of his life. He says that instead of stealing or loitering in the streets, the Boy Scouts focused him on such things as honesty, responsibility and working for a better life.

## Critical education

Lewis was a good student with excellent school attendance and attitude despite the economic disadvantage and emotional issues caused by the dysfunction of his family and their frequent relocations. He attended five different elementary schools in six years.

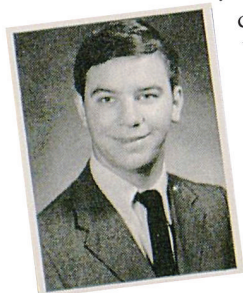
When he was in the third and fourth grades, Lewis worked in the school lunchroom to earn a free lunch each day. During his junior high and high school years in inner city public schools, he worked both before school and during the lunch hour to earn free lunches.

Another critical turning point in his life came when a recruiter for the University of Kentucky came to his high school. Lewis had never thought about going to college because he was focused on working and making enough money to support himself and his mother. However, he couldn't dismiss from his mind what the recruiter had said to him: *"We will take the potential within you and develop it."*

Lewis recalls, "This man from UK believed in me when I couldn't believe in myself."

Somehow, this gave Lewis the courage to enroll at the University of Kentucky community college in Covington. He thought that attending classes close to home would allow him to continue providing for both his mother and himself. Not knowing of the existence of scholarships or student financial aid, he worked 40 to 50 hours per week while attending classes full-time.

After successfully completing two years of community college work, Lewis transferred to the University of Kentucky main campus in Lexington and continued working his way through school in a variety of jobs. He graduated in 1970 with a



**Lewis as pictured in the 1970 Kentuckian yearbook.**



**Lewis supports the Boy Scouts of America and several other agencies assisting youth and their families.**

Bachelor of Business Administration degree. Subsequently, he obtained an M.B.A. degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, by attending night and weekend classes while working full time.

## Career foundations

As he graduated from college, Lewis was drafted into the U.S. Army. He was among the last draftees in the Vietnam War era, and by the time he completed his basic training, troops were no longer being sent to Vietnam.

He was able to fulfill his military obligation by serving in the Army Reserve for an extended period. This enabled him to begin his professional career in the financial services industry with Central Trust Co., headquartered in Cincinnati across the river from his hometown of Covington.

In 1975, Lewis joined Picker International Corp., a worldwide leader in diagnostic imaging, computed technology and magnetic resonance imaging. At Picker,

he directed and managed the Cincinnati district's growing business operations, and he was promoted to become the corporation's national business manager.

In 1981, he returned to the financial services industry with the rapidly growing Progressive Insurance Co. where, as regional manager for the Northeast and Southwest, he was responsible for increasing sales results. He moved to head the company's newly-developed Canadian initiative, and sales and profits grew rapidly.

In 1983, Lewis joined another fast-growing insurance company, Capitol American Life, of Cleveland, Ohio. His initial responsibilities as senior vice president were to head the company's administration and business operations. In 1984, he took over the reins of Capitol American's direct sales division, and in 1987, he was promoted to president of Capitol Consumer Marketing where he became responsible for more than one third of the company's overall sales.

## Risky venture

In 1989, Lewis decided to take a huge risk and start his own insurance company. He borrowed \$3 million and obtained a credit line of \$14 million. He and his wife Ruth Ann, both in their 40s, pledged everything they owned at that point — including their home — to begin the company. Lewis remembers thinking that if things didn't turn out well, he and his wife could always live in a small apartment, yet they were concerned for their two children.



## New Developments



**Lewis began his insurance company from this Springfield, Ohio, house in 1989.**

He very carefully chose the name, Family Heritage Life Insurance Company of America, for his new business venture. He says he selected the word “family” to stress the importance of familial

relationships in life. He used the word “heritage” because regardless of a person’s background, that individual’s character and depth stem from his or her heritage. And he used “America” out of patriotism for his country where someone with his humble beginnings can aspire to a better life.

Lewis designed the company products to assist families in special times of need. He focused on life insurance and supplemental health insurance policies for cancer, heart disease, stroke and accident to provide benefits beyond traditional health insurance.

### Extraordinary success

Lewis says he built Family Heritage Life Insurance Company of America with hard work and an unwavering belief in people. Its growth has been phenomenal, even during tumultuous economic times. From one small office in Ohio to a sales force that extends throughout the country, Family Heritage has grown by 30 percent or more annually since its beginning.

The company has won dozens of industry and other commendations for exceptional customer service, outstanding business practices and remarkable growth. Lewis is perhaps most proud that Family Heritage was voted one of the best places to work in northern Ohio.

He emphasizes that helping families is the company’s top priority, and making a difference in the lives of others

is the driving motivation behind the daily work of Family Heritage’s 100-plus employees. Today, the company serves over 250,000 American families. Revenues in 2012 surpassed \$200 million.

Lewis positioned Family Heritage for continued growth into the future by expanding territory, broadening the company’s product portfolio and constantly attracting new talent to the home office operation in Cleveland. In November 2012, Torchmark Corp., a publicly-traded, Fortune 500 corporation which owns five other insurance companies, became the principal owner of Family Heritage. Lewis continues as chairman, chief executive officer and president of the company he founded.

### Lifelong service

Lewis began helping others early in his career, and it has become a lifelong practice. “Sometimes there are people who cross your path who do things for you, and it changes your whole life,” he reflects. “That certainly was the case for me with the Boy Scouts, and with the recruiter from the University of Kentucky who made me realize for the first time that maybe I had potential within me.”

From personal experience, Lewis understands the transformative impact that a helping hand can make in a young person’s life. That’s why he began serving as a mentor in the Big Brothers of Cincinnati organization as soon as he returned from military service after his college graduation. He participated in several inner city outreach programs in Cincinnati as a young man beginning a career. And when his employment took him to Cleveland, he continued inner city volunteer work there.

When he founded his insurance company, he built it around helping American families. He also encourages all his employees to volunteer with nonprofit agencies, granting them paid leave for every hour they contribute.

He is giving generously from company profits and personal assets to health and human service agencies in Cleveland and elsewhere, and to educational institutions in other

**Family Heritage Life Insurance Company of America headquarters in Broadview Heights, Ohio**





areas of the United States. Lewis is likewise contributing his own personal time and counsel as a board member or special advisor to multiple nonprofits whose purpose is to assist children, young people and their families.

These agencies and institutions include: Wigs for Kids, a Cleveland-based outreach program in pediatrics providing custom hairpieces for children who have lost their hair through injury or illness; Karamu House, a century-old, inner city program for school age children in Cleveland; Harvest for Hunger, whose purpose is to feed the homeless in Cleveland; Boy Scouts of America - Greater Cleveland Council; St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital; Heart to Heart Christian Academy, an inner city school in Jacksonville, Fla., for children who have been dismissed from the public school system; and the University of Kentucky Gatton College of Business & Economics.

In all his outreach, Lewis says his motivation has been to help others overcome adversity such as he faced, with the hope that they, too, can achieve better lives, pursue education, build strong families and contribute to their communities in positive and productive ways.

He relates, "Without the grace of God, the Boy Scouts and the University of Kentucky, I can't even begin to imagine where I might be today, given my family background." He continues, "I want to help children and young people in similar situations see another way of life. I want to create hope in their lives."

## Loyal alumnus

Lewis has been supporting the University of Kentucky in a number of ways, and he is making a major gift for the renovation and expansion of the UK Gatton College of Business & Economics building. This project — and the corresponding \$65 million capital campaign to fund it — was formally announced in March 2013. Commitments from Lewis and other lead donors totaling nearly \$34 million were also announced at that time.

Lewis is serving as the volunteer chairman of the campaign which is making philanthropic history at the University of Kentucky — no funds will be requested from the state for the improvement of the Gatton College facility; rather, the construction is being undertaken with reliance upon

private gifts for the entire cost of the project.

"We are excited about what an expanded Gatton College of Business & Economics can do to advance the University and the Commonwealth," observes Richey. "And we are deeply grateful for Howard's generous gift and for his leadership as campaign chairman. His extraordinary

business skills, his example in giving and his personal commitment to young people and higher education make him a wonderful force for good as we launch this unprecedented campaign."

Lewis shares, "UK President Eli Capilouto often mentions the university's Promise to Kentucky. This goes back to the founding of the school as a land-grant institution to provide education and opportunity for the citizens of the Commonwealth.

"In the late 1960s," he continues, "I came to UK with a humble background and no financial means. I was a child raised on public assistance, yet I had the opportunity to attend a world-class university, develop my potential and obtain an education which enabled me to enter the business world and contribute to society. The Kentucky Promise was there for me then, and it's as relevant and needed today as it was at our university's founding nearly 150 years ago.

"All UK alumni have been recipients of the Kentucky Promise. We all came to the university and benefited. We went out with an education and built a career. And I believe we have a responsibility to future generations to leave the university better than when we came. We can all give back from what's been given to us." ■



**Lewis, left, speaks with UK President Eli Capilouto and fellow Gatton College of Business & Economics lead donor Don Jacobs.**

**Lewis, left, enjoys a day at Keeneland with two business associates. Lewis and his wife have owned and raced Thoroughbreds for a number of years.**



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# UK By The Numbers

By Linda Perry

Think you know the University of Kentucky? We've rounded up *(no pun intended)* some key statistics about our beloved alma mater.

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The area code for Lexington spells "UKY" on the phone keypad

**28,928**

Students enrolled at UK in fall 2012

**190**


Students enrolled in October 1866 at A&M University (UK) located at Ashland, the Henry Clay estate, and the adjoining Woodlands estate

UK alumni addressable records maintained by the UK Alumni Association as of June 30, 2012

**239,921**

Instructional faculty in fall 2012

**1,683**



**\$17,781,586**

Cost of electricity for UK campus in the calendar year 2012



Number of contacts made by  
UK Cooperative Extension Service  
in fiscal year 2012

**7.1 million**

**35**

Club sports offered to UK students,  
including water polo and hockey

**1,961**

On-campus job interviews held  
at the Stuckert Career Center  
in the 2011-2012 academic year

Interviews  
archived at  
the Louie B.  
Nunn Center  
for Oral History  
representing  
more than  
100 national  
or Kentucky-  
related projects  
(as of April 9,  
2013)

Teaching, research and graduate  
assistantships for the 2012-13  
academic year

**2,190**

Gallons of  
water saved  
each year by  
upgrading  
campus  
plumbing  
fixtures via  
the UK  
Energy  
Savings  
Project



**37,673,020**

**8,415**

**2,860,660**



Number of full-text article  
downloads from UK Libraries'  
resources in fiscal year 2011-12

UK students who studied abroad  
for credit during the 2011-12  
academic year

**884**

**\$5,148,811**

Total amount raised since 2006 during DanceBlue  
by UK students in support of the DanceBlue Kentucky  
Children's Hospital Pediatric Hematology Oncology  
Clinic and for cancer research at the  
Markey Cancer Center



Total value of Army and Air Force ROTC scholarships  
awarded to 96 UK cadets

**\$1,106,444**



**349**

Total number of free and ticketed  
events at the UK Singletary Center  
for the Arts in fiscal year 2011-12

Percentage of undergraduate  
students who lived off campus or  
commuted in fall 2012

**74.4%**

Alumni in fiscal  
year 2011-12  
who participated  
in UK Alumni  
Association  
Career Services  
career counseling  
appointments,  
events and  
programs  
(workshops,  
webinars,  
networking  
events, etc.)

**46**

Wildcats on the 2012 Fall SEC  
Academic Honor Roll (20 from  
football, six from men's soccer,  
14 from women's soccer and six  
from volleyball)

**33.1%**

Percentage of first-time, first-year  
females who joined sororities at UK  
in fall 2012; 9.9 percent of first-time,  
first-year men joined fraternities

**66** UK Alumni Clubs  
around the world

**1** UK's rank in creation  
of startup companies  
among its benchmark  
institutions in 2011

**5,314**

Number of illegally parked vehicles  
on campus that got the "boot" in  
fiscal year 2011-12

**564**



Parking spaces on the  
Lexington campus  
(as of April 2012)

**22,310**



Veterans and their dependents studying at UK through the GI Bill

422

Works of art housed within the UK Art Museum comes to a total value of over \$40 million

4,600

908

The number of current students making gifts to UK in fiscal year 2011-12

Rides per year provided to the UK community by the campus bus system, including campus Lextran service

645,000

\$5

Prize given to lyricist Troy Perkins in 1923 for writing the words for the fight song, "On, On, U of K"

102,875

Total number of gifts UK received in its 2011-12 fiscal year

11

UK rank among 123 public universities in the number of National Merit/National Achievement Scholars in the fall 2012 first-year class

18%



Percentage of minority and international students that comprised the overall student headcount in fall 2012

25.5

Average ACT composite score of the freshman class in 2012-13

\$274.1 million

Research grant and contract awards for fiscal year 2011-12



# LEADING BY EXAMPLE

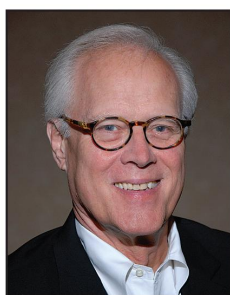
It takes a strong group of dedicated individuals to guide the mission of the UK Alumni Association. In previous issues of Kentucky Alumni magazine, short bios of elected board members were included. Now read about our previous past presidents and current president.

1972



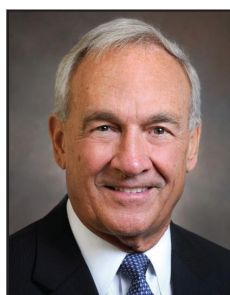
**John R. Crockett II**, Louisville, graduated with distinction in 1949 with a degree in political science from the College of Arts and Sciences. He was president of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, president of the Student Government Association, a member of Keys, Lances and Omicron Delta Kappa, and on the UK basketball team. Crockett had a 40-year career in the banking industry in Louisville, where he was active in many community and civic organizations. From 1974 to 1978 he served on the UK Board of Trustees. Crockett, along with others, formed the original Louisville-Jefferson County UK Alumni Club, where he served as the president, and he received the All American Award for contributions to his community and university in 1986.

1975



**George L. Atkins Jr.**, Hopkinsville and Columbus, Ga., graduated in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in business administration and in 1986 from Yale University's Executive Leadership Program. He attended UK on a full four-year basketball scholarship. Atkins served as mayor of Hopkinsville, auditor of public accounts and Kentucky secretary of finance. He was also a senior vice president at Humana for 10 years. In 1991 Atkins founded Health Reform Strategies, a health care consulting firm. He was a charter member and president of the Hopkinsville-Christian County UK Alumni Club and a member of the President's Club and K-Fund. Atkins is active in his local community, including as a member of the Columbus Rotary Club.

1976

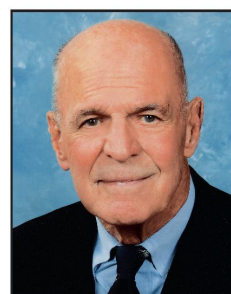


**James W. Stuckert**, Prospect, earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 1960 from the College of Engineering, an M.B.A. from Gatton College of Business and Economics in 1961 and an honorary doctorate in 2004 from UK. He served as president of Kappa Sigma fraternity for two terms. Stuckert started at Cummins Engine Co., but spent most of his career at Hilliard Lyons, later assuming the roles of chairman and CEO in 1995, and serving on the board of directors at Hilliard Lyons from 1972 until his retirement in 2003. He is on the UK Board of Trustees and was chairman of the UK Capital Campaign, which raised over \$1 billion. Stuckert was inducted into the UK Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 2000, as well as the School of Engineering Hall of Fame in 2002. He also serves on the board of directors of Royal Gold Inc.

1977

**Henry R. Wilhoit Jr.**, Ashland, earned a law degree from the College of Law in 1960. He is a federal district judge for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. Wilhoit joined the court in 1981 after being nominated by President Ronald Reagan. Previously, he was in private practice from 1960 to 1981 as an attorney in Grayson, then served as a city attorney for Grayson from 1962 to 1966. Wilhoit was also a county attorney for Carter County from 1966 to 1970. He was president of the Kentucky Bar Association in 1981, a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and listed in Who's Who in American Law in 1990. Wilhoit also served for many years on the UK Board of Trustees.

1978

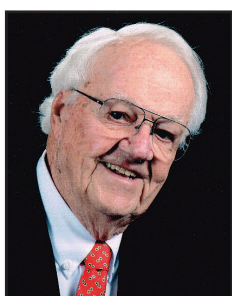


**Ted Bates**, Lexington, received a bachelor's degree in agriculture from the University of Kentucky College of



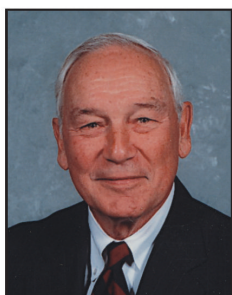
Agriculture in 1952, having previously been a student at Louisville Male High School. He has been the owner of the Bates Farm in Lexington and was also named Farm Manager of the Year by the Kentucky Thoroughbred Farm Manager's Club in 1993. Bates developed and managed BKY Farm before starting Bates Farm in 1986. He is also a former general manager of Fasig-Tipton Co. in Kentucky. In addition, he has managed Wimbledon Farm, Pine Grove Farm and was a member of the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees for two terms.

1980



**John C. Nichols II**, Oro Valley, Ariz., graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1953 with a bachelor's degree in commerce from the Gatton College of Business and Economics. His graduate education includes Rutgers University School of Banking and Indiana University Executive Management School. In Louisville, Nichols pursued business careers with Citizens Fidelity Bank and CONNA Corp. He is also the former chairman of the board of Methodist Evangelical Hospital in Louisville. Interested in civic affairs, Nichols is an ardent supporter of the Oro Valley Public Library.

1981



**Richard M. Womack**, Birmingham, Ala., received a bachelor's degree in agriculture from the College of Agriculture in 1953, after having previously served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He was a member of SAE social fraternity. Womack worked for Travelers insurance for 16 years. He later became president of McGriff & Seibels Inc. in Birmingham, an insurance agency which ultimately grew into the third largest insurance agency in the United States. In 1990 he joined St. Paul Insurance Co. as a consultant, and later became an independent insurance consultant until retirement.

1983



**Dr. Paul Fenwick**, Louisville, earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture from the College of Agriculture in 1952, after having graduated from St. Augustine High School in Lebanon. He also received a D.V.M. degree from Auburn University in 1956. He owned Fenwick Animal

Clinic, a successful animal clinic in Louisville, for many years before retiring. Fenwick was also the official vet with the Rock Creek Saddlebred Horse Show, as well as other shows. He served for several years on the Advisory Committee for the Department of Veterinary Science in the College of Agriculture. In 1994, Fenwick received the College of Agriculture Distinguished Alumni Award.

1984



**William G. Francis**, Prestonsburg, graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science from the College of Arts and Sciences in 1968 and then received a law degree from the College of Law in 1973. He is an attorney at Francis Kendrick and Francis in Prestonsburg and is a member of the Big Sandy UK Alumni Club. Francis received the 2012 Milner Award, the most prestigious Governor's Award in the Arts given by the Kentucky Arts Council. He has served on the boards of South Arts, the Kentucky Arts Council, the Kentucky Humanities Council, the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, the Kentucky Education Foundation, Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education and Alice Lloyd College, among others.

1985



**Julia Kurtz Tackett**, Lexington, received a bachelor's degree in economics in 1968 from the College of Arts and Sciences and a law degree in 1971 from the College of Law. While attending UK, Tackett, an independent, served in student government and was chosen outstanding junior woman, Mortar Board and ODK. In 1973, she was appointed Kentucky's first woman prosecutor when named assistant Commonwealth's attorney for Fayette County. She served as Fayette district judge for six terms before election to the Kentucky Court of Appeals. Tackett served on the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors for three terms, as president and later as UK Alumni Trustee. She is also a member of the UK President's Club and was inducted into the College of Law Hall of Fame in 2006.

1986

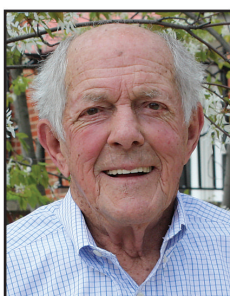


**David Ravencraft**, Reston, Va., graduated in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in business administration from the Gat-



ron College of Business and Economics. At UK, he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and Lamp and Cross honorary society. Ravencraft was president of the UK Troupers, served as chairman of the Judiciary Committee while vice president of the Student Government Association (SGA), and became president of SGA. A long-term employee of Ashland Inc., he became a Washington lobbyist and consultant, formulating energy policy and legislation for ethanol and synthetic fuels. Ravencraft has been president of the Kentucky Society, secretary/treasurer of the Society of State Societies, treasurer of the Synthetic Fuels Council and president of Aqua Terra.

1987



**J. Thomas Tucker**, Louisville, received a bachelor's degree in commerce from the Gatton College of Business and Economics in 1956 following two years service in the military. He retired as a manager at Bell South. He is also a former president of Cynthiana Lions Club and Shelbyville Rotary Club and served in the Louisville, Owensboro and Danville Jaycees. Tucker has been a director of the Metro United Way of Shelbyville and a Steering Committee member of the Shelby County Vocational School. He has been in-

involved with the Greater Louisville UK Alumni Club, but was also one of the organizers and the first president of the Shelby County UK Alumni Club.

1988



**Jack Guthrie**, Louisville, received a bachelor's degree in journalism from the College of Communication and Information (CI) in 1963. He was editor of *The Kentucky Kernel* and a member of Sigma Chi. Guthrie is the founder of Guthrie/Mayes Public Relations. He served a six-year term on the UK Board of Trustees from 1996-02 and has been president of the Greater Louisville UK Alumni Club. Guthrie has served eight years as president of the UK School of Journalism and Telecommunications Alumni Association, chairman of the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame, and established a scholarship for the editor of *The Kentucky Kernel*. He received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from CI and was presented with a Lifetime Achievement for Public Relations Award from the School of Journalism and Telecommunications.

1989-90

**Bruce K. Davis**, Lexington, graduated from the College of Law in 1971 after receiving his undergraduate degree from Transylvania University and two years of service in the U.S. Army. His professional work life includes serving 24 years, from 1983 to 2007, as executive director of the Kentucky Bar Association (KBA). Davis has also served as a volunteer on the KBA Board of Governors and as KBA president in 2010-11. He is active in his local community, serving on the boards of Hospice of the Bluegrass and God's Pantry Food Bank, as well as currently volunteering on the Lexington Salvation Army Advisory Board. He is a member of the Franklin County UK Alumni Club and previously served as club president.

1990-91



**Richard A. Bean**, Louisville, graduated from the Gatton College of Business and Economics in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in business. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and the Junior Inter-Fraternity Council. Bean retired from a 35-year banking career with Liberty National Bank and BB&T. He also served in the U.S. Army with duty in Germany and Vietnam. Bean is active in the Greater Louisville UK Alumni Club and was a previous president. He also serves

on a number of Home Builders Association boards. He is a member of, and has been chairman of, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System Board of Directors.

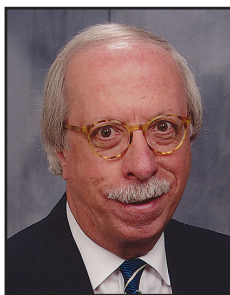
1991-92



**Myra Tobin**, New York, N.Y., received a bachelor's degree in home economics in 1962 from the College of Agriculture. She also has a master's degree in counseling psychology from Ohio State University and an M.B.A. in corporate finance from New York University. Tobin retired as managing director of Marsh & McLennan Companies Inc. in 1998, and later from the insurance industry in 2000. Before that, she was with General Electric Co., the office of U.S. Rep. William Natcher, the Kentucky Department of Commerce and Goldman Sachs. Tobin has held positions on boards, including the UK Board of Trustees and the Frazier History Museum in Louisville. She has also received numerous honors, such as being inducted into the UK Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni and the UK School of Human Environmental Sciences Hall of Fame.



1992-93



**Danny J. "Dan" Gipson**, Villa Hills, graduated in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the College of Engineering. He earned an M.B.A. in management from Marshall University in 1975. In 2003 he retired after 34 years with Ashland Inc. Gipson was active for 20 years with the Greater Ashland UK Alumni Club, serving three terms as president. Since 1999, he has been a member of the board of the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati UK Alumni Club. He joined the UK Alumni Association board in 1982 and received its Distinguished Service Award in 1989. Gipson has also been a member of the UK Development Council. He served on the board and as president of Tri-State Fair and Regatta, and was co-chairman of the Summer Motion festival in Ashland for 10 years.

1994-95



**Michael A. Burleson**, Lexington, graduated from the College of Pharmacy in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in pharmacy and was treasurer

of the Phi Delta Chi pharmacy fraternity. His practice as a pharmacist from 1974 to 2004 includes five years working for two community chain pharmacies, five years working for two community hospitals, and 20 years as a co-owner of an independent pharmacy in Henderson. Since 2004, Burleson has been the executive director of the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy. In addition to serving as president of the Henderson County UK Alumni Club, he has also been on various committees within the UK College of Pharmacy. Burleson is currently the president of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

1996-97



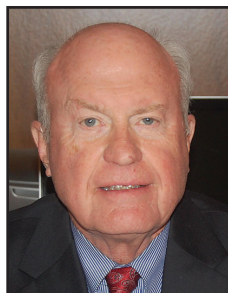
**Hank Thompson**, Louisville, graduated from the College of Communication and Information in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in telecommunications. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa and was co-founder of TOBO Sandwich Enterprises. Thompson currently is executive vice president of business development for BSG Financial in Louisville. On the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors since 1991, he is also a member of the UK Advocacy Network and is active in the Greater Louisville UK Alumni Club. He is also a K-Fund member.

1997-98



**Marianne Smith Edge**, Owensboro, received a bachelor's degree in dietetics from the School of Human Environmental Sciences in the College of Agriculture in 1977 and a master's in public health nutrition at Western Kentucky University. She is the senior vice president, nutrition and food safety communications, of the International Food Information Council in Washington, D.C., and previously owned MSE & Associates LLC. Edge was president of the Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics in 2003-04. She was president of the Owensboro/Daviess County UK Alumni Club in 1986 and 1987, received the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award in 1994 and was on the UK Board of Trustees (2000-06).

1998-99



**Robert Pickard**, Brentwood, Tenn., graduated with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 1957. He was a member of Tau Beta Pi and Pi Tau Sigma engineering honor societies. After work-

ing a short time in the aircraft industry, he returned to UK to obtain a master's degree in mechanical engineering while teaching in the College of Engineering. After receiving his master's degree, Pickard worked as a research engineer for several years on the Saturn Space Program in Huntsville, Ala. He retired from Genesco Corp. in Nashville, where he served as chief engineer and director of quality assurance and environmental compliance. He served as president of the Greater Nashville UK Alumni Club and as a member of the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors since 1993.

1999-00



**Robert E. Miller**, Winchester, attended the University of Kentucky and has served on the UK Alumni Association board since 1993. His career included radio journalism, U.S. Jaycees national staff, Kentucky's Rural Electric Association and vice president of East Kentucky Power Cooperative. He also served as consultant to the national brand Touchstone Energy. Miller was president of the Clark County UK Alumni Club, Winchester Chamber and United Way of Clark County. In 2001, he received the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award.



2000-01



**David L. Shelton**, Johns Creek, Ga., graduated in 1966 with a bachelor's degree in commerce from the Gatton College of Business and Economics. He served as treasurer and president of the Nashville UK Alumni Club. Shelton was also treasurer of the Franklin Road Jaycees and the Jaycee chairman of the year in 1972. He moved to Atlanta, Ga., in 1976 and served as treasurer and president of the Greater Atlanta UK Alumni Club. He also was chairman of the American Apparel Manufacturer's Association's Finance Committee. Shelton is a 1990 recipient of the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award.

2001-02



**Sandy Bugie Patterson**, Fort Thomas, graduated in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in public relations from the College of Arts and Sciences. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta and Theta Sigma Pi honorary. Patterson is president of the Robert W. Bugie Sales Co. in Cincinnati,

Ohio. She served as president of the Northern Kentucky UK Alumni Club in 1992, and she received the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award in 1997. Patterson was appointed to a six-year term on the UK Board of Trustees in 2006. In 2009, she received the Beta Gamma Sigma Outstanding Business Leader of the Year award.

2003-04



**Franklin H. Farris Jr.**, Louisville, graduated from the Gatton College of Business and Economics in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in accounting and has been a CPA at Mountjoy Chilton Medley LLP since 2010. He previously worked for what is now KPMG LLP in its Louisville office, retiring as the managing partner of that office in 2009. At UK, Farris was president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity. He is a member of the advisory board of UK's School of Accountancy and a board member and treasurer of Christian Care Communities Inc. He was also on the board of the Greater Louisville Fund for the Arts, among others.

2004-05



**Ann Brand Haney**, Nancy, graduated in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in education from the College of Arts and Sciences. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi. Haney is the community relations specialist at the Pulaski County Public Library and serves as director of the library's foundation. She is also on the board of the Imagination Library. A founding member of the Lake Cumberland UK Alumni Club, she was club president and served on its board since its inception. Haney is a 1996 recipient of the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award. She also served on the UK Board of Trustees as an Alumni Trustee from 2004-10.

2005-06



**J. Tim Skinner**, Henderson, graduated from the College of Design in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in architecture. He was inducted into Tau Sigma Delta, the honor society in architecture and allied arts. He is a practicing architect and is currently president of Skinner

Design Associates in Henderson. Skinner is active in working with the College of Design, and in 2011 he received the College of Design Friend of the College Award. He is a member of the Henderson County UK Alumni Club and also received the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award in 1996.

2005-06



**William P. "Pete" Friedrich**, Shelbyville, graduated in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the College of Engineering and also received an M.B.A. in 1974 from the University of Louisville. He retired from BellSouth Corp. after 26 years in marketing, internal systems and data center management. Friedrich also retired from Electronic Data Systems in 2006 as senior director-business relations. Previously, he was in the Greater Birmingham UK Alumni Club from the mid-1980s, holding the positions of president, president-elect and treasurer. He also served as treasurer of the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors in 2004-05 and received the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award in 2008.



2007-08



**Paula Leach Pope**, Lexington, is a 1973 and 1975 graduate of the College of Education, with a master's in the area of higher education. She was a teacher in the Fayette County Public Schools and has been employed as a fundraiser at UK since 1983, first for the UK Libraries, and since 2000 in the Office of Development. Pope is a member of the Fayette County UK Alumni Club. She has been on the board of directors for several terms, serving as secretary, president-elect and president. She is a 1999 recipient of the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award.

2008-09



**William Schuetze**, Augusta, Ga., received a bachelor's degree in American institutions in 1969 from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and then enrolled at the UK College of Law from which he graduated in 1972. He was a staff attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Louisville for five years. In 1978, Schuetze co-founded Hawley-Cooke Book-

sellers in Louisville. He served as president of the Jefferson County UK Alumni Club and was a member of its board for over 20 years. Schuetze was instrumental in bringing the UK Advocacy Network to the university and bringing UK faculty speakers to Louisville. Previously, he was elected to two terms on the association's board of directors.

2009-10



**Scott E. Davis**, Ft. Thomas, earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the Gatton College of Business and Economics in 1973, an M.B.A. in finance from Xavier University in 1978, and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He is a partner with B2B CFO, and has over 30 years of financial management experience, serving as an executive vice president, chief financial officer and controller for companies in manufacturing, distribution, service and retail industries. He is a member of the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati UK Alumni Club and served as president and treasurer. Davis received the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award in 2008. He is also a past president of the Lions Club of Ft. Thomas.

2010-11



**Diane Massie**, Chicago, Ill., graduated in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in journalism/advertising from the College of Communication and Information and later earned an M.B.A. at the University of Louisville. She was historian of the Delta Gamma sorority and worked for the Cooperative Extension Service in the College of Agriculture. Massie has more than 20 years of experience in integrated marketing positions with companies such as Calumet Photographic, Cars.com, United Airlines and CCH. She has served the UK Alumni Association and the Chicago UK Alumni Club for more than 15 years. Massie also serves on the Advisory Board of the College of Communication and Information.

2011-12



**Cammie DeShields Grant**, Winchester, received an associate degree in human services technology in 1977, and a bachelor's degree in speech pathology and audiology in 1979 from the College of Education. She earned 5th year

certification in elementary education K-8. Grant was a member of Kappa Delta sorority. During her 31-year career in education in Clark County, Ky., and Coweta County, Ga., she worked as a speech-language pathologist, middle school language arts teacher, and special education resource specialist. She served three terms on the Site Based Decision Making Council at Clark Middle School, and was on the District Certified Appeals Panel. She also served as president of the Clark County UK Alumni Club.

2012-13



**Dr. George Ochs**, Louisville, attended the University of Kentucky from 1967 through 1970 majoring in chemistry and biology, then entered the UK College of Dentistry and graduated with a doctor of dental medicine degree in 1974. As an undergraduate, he was a member of Keys, Lances and Alpha Epsilon Delta honor societies, as well as Sigma Chi social fraternity. Ochs has practiced dentistry for over 30 years and is a member of the American Dental Association. He has also been a small investor in a Thoroughbred horse racing syndicate since 1999. Ochs, who served the Greater Louisville UK Alumni Club in various capacities, was a recipient of the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award in 2007. ■



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## A sea of blue!

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New graduates: Welcome to the UK alumni family!



# Storytime with Loren Long

*Children's book author and illustrator paints  
and writes his way into the hearts of children and adults*

By Molly Clark

There was once a small boy who grew up in a very ordinary house on a very ordinary street in Lexington. He loved to do all the things little boys love to do. He played Wiffle ball, watched baseball and drew pictures of Snoopy for fun. He had a happy life with a loving family. One of his favorite times was bedtime when his mother would read him beloved books to lull him to sleep.

So begins the story of Loren Long '87 FA, a New York Times bestselling author and illustrator whose illustrations have graced books written by President Barack Obama and Madonna and whose own books have topped bestseller lists around the world. Not unlike a cherished children's book hero, Long's life has been full of unexpected surprises, great accomplishments and lessons learned.

## A Blank Canvas

Long is the first to admit that his childhood growing up in Lexington was blissfully conventional. Neither of his parents were artists, and he was never exposed to art of any kind out-

side of his public schooling. Like most young boys, Long confesses to being more captivated by sports than the paintbrush. However, there were moments in his younger life when raw artistic talent shone through.

"My mom says I was drawing Snoopy out of the newspaper when I was around four years old," says Long. "I was no prodigy. It was just something I was interested in doing, like playing Wiffle ball in the back yard. I was such a normal kid."

Like most "normal" kids, Long adored the experience of reading story books with his mother. "The Poky Little Puppy" was a particular favorite along with books like "Curious George," "The Story of Ferdinand" and "Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel."

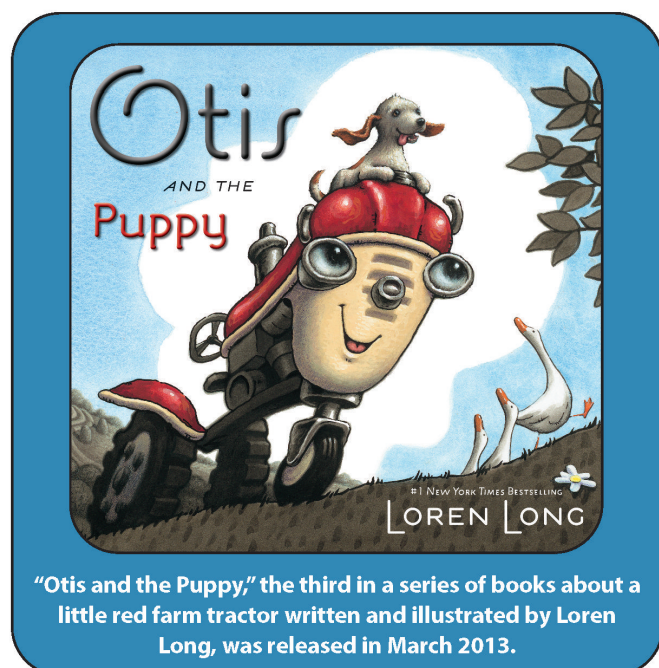
Another book that had a profound impact on Long is "The Little Engine That Could," a beloved classic published in 1930 by Platt & Munk under the pseudonym Watty Piper. Long says he can still hear his mother's voice reading him the reassuring words of the small, determined engine. In 2005 Long had the honor of re-illustrating this timeless tale, a feat that has only been done a handful of times since the book's initial publication.

"These books, all these years later, are doing me a great service because they are the kind of books that I am trying to make right now as a 48-year-old professional author," he says. "Here's the cool thing about the work that I happen to be in to. I'm not curing cancer or a scientist altering galactic spin, but what I love about where I find myself is, if you ask someone on the street what their favorite picture book was growing up, almost everyone has an answer. It is something you carry with you your whole life."

It was not until Long entered Jessie Clark Middle School that he started to realize this was a true talent and made a point to take any art elective available.

His constant craving for more art instruction continued at Lafayette High School where Long says he enjoyed playing soccer and "goofing around." But by his high school graduation, Long realized he needed to get down to business and decided to stay in Lexington to attend the University of Kentucky.

"I loved Lexington. I still do," he says. "And I love the University of Kentucky. I decided to go there because it just made sense to me. At the time, I still didn't know I was going to try and be an artist. I didn't even know that you could make a living as an artist or illustrator until I got to the University of Kentucky."







At UK, Long says he gained a great college experience and, like any typical college student, had plenty of “major” changes.

“I majored in communications, then arts and sciences, then business and then architecture, which lasted maybe three months,” he laughs. “Then I said ‘Okay, I’m going to throw in the white flag, follow my heart and major in art.’”

From then on, Long had a goal and a vision to make art his life’s work.

“At UK, I got into a graphic design class with Jim Foose (former chairman of the Department of Art) and he started calling me an illustrator,” says Long. “Then I went to a design symposium that he organized, and I heard all these illustrators talk, and all of a sudden I knew what I was going to do.”

Though this was a eureka moment for Long, breaking into the highly competitive world of professional illustrators took a mix of hard work and luck. After graduating from UK, he attended the American Academy of Art in Chicago, then landed a full-time job with Gibson Greeting Cards based in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he still resides today. It was 1988, and the young illustrator had bigger plans ahead of him.

### A New Chapter

After a few years working at Gibson Greeting Cards, Long decided to take a leap of faith and become a freelance illustrator. At the time he had a representative in New York who would drop off his portfolio of work at national publications. Long also entered juried exhibits in trade publications, resulting in art direc-

tors all over the country starting to recognize his work.

Publications like Time magazine, The Wall Street Journal, Forbes magazine, Reader’s Digest and Sports Illustrated, to name a few, came calling, and Long became an in-demand illustrator.

“In part, I think my success was because I started developing a style that had a bit of a different look to it,” he says. “My style is inspired by the American Regionalist painters like Thomas Hart Benton, Grant Wood and other American scene painters from the early 20th century. These influences started seeping into my work, and it fit a niche for a lot of stories these publications were doing in which they wanted to have an Americana feel.”

Long’s illustrations appeared alongside high profile Time magazine feature stories on Bob Dole’s presidential run, the Oklahoma City bombers and in Sports Illustrated when Cal Ripken Jr. broke the record for consecutive games played.

Although Long loved his work as a freelance illustrator for magazines, he felt something was missing. That something was a connection to his audience, a way to garner feedback and develop a relationship with the readers. So, he started transitioning to illustrating book covers for young adult genre stories. He enjoyed the visual challenge of becoming a storyteller by having to create the face of a novel.

Over the next few years, Long’s cover work started to be requested by book publishers. In 2000 Long landed his first role as a children’s book illustrator with “My Dog, My Hero,” written by Betsy Byars, Betsy Duffey and Laurie Myers. Since then,





**Loren Long spends his days sketching, painting and writing in a light-filled studio that was recently built at his home near Cincinnati, Ohio. Long says that up until two years ago, he had always worked in the basement of his home and humorously wondered if he “could even draw above ground.”**

Photo: Helen Adams

Long has illustrated 18 children’s books and is quite selective, only making about two books a year.

“I turn down 98 percent of everything I get,” he says. “The book has to hit me in the heart and, since I’m writing my own stuff now, somebody has to give me a story that I feel like I can’t live without doing.”

Two authors that he definitely did not turn down were Madonna and President Barack Obama. Long beat out illustrators around the world to illustrate children’s books for both of these iconic individuals.

“Madonna’s publisher had seen my artwork and saw the American Regionalist style that he thought would fit well with her book, ‘Mr. Peabody’s Apples,’” he says.

“What I understand with President Obama is that his daughters, Malia and Sasha, had a lot to do with me being chosen for his book ‘Of Thee I Sing, A Letter to My Daughters.’ When I heard I was selected, I was freaked out, very nervous to begin with. And then I just had to tell myself, ‘Okay, there’s a reason that I was chosen, and I don’t have to do anything I

haven’t already done. I don’t have to create masterpieces — I just have to keep doing what I’m doing.’ When I got in my studio by myself, I had to say, ‘I am doing this story because I love it.’ It is a deeply American book. I loved that text so much that it didn’t matter who wrote it, I was excited to do it. I just said ‘I am here. I am going to own this.’ That’s all you can do.”

The president and his family loved the book, and Long and his family were able to have a “dream-like” day meeting President Obama in the Oval Office.

### In his own words

Long’s biggest moment of pride came not from the president’s book or Madonna’s book, it came from a little red tractor named Otis. “Otis” is a book that Long both wrote and illustrated in 2009 about a noble little farm tractor.

The idea of Otis the tractor was inspired from his college years working on a horse farm in Lexington. He spent the summer driving a rickety old tractor that was not big or fancy but still contributed to the running of the farm. That sentiment,



along with a story that his wife and sons made up about a tractor and farm, were what helped Long come up with the original premise for the book.

"Otis" became a New York Times bestseller for four months. It was such a hit that Long has created a series from the original "Otis" book. "Otis and the Tornado" was released in 2011; "Otis and the Puppy" was released in March 2013; and "An Otis Christmas" will be released in October 2013. Besides the Otis series, Long has also written and illustrated a holiday children's book called "Drummer Boy."

Although Long started out as an illustrator, relishing the challenge of visual, emotional storytelling, he loves the impact that words, along with his images, have on readers.

"It's such a joy to write, to create a character that has all the nobility and virtues and attributes that I would want to have myself; that I would want my sons to have," he says. "The 'Otis' stories are not heavy-handed, but there is such nobility that comes through this tractor's character and personality."

These days, Long continues to illustrate selected books ([www.lorenlong.com](http://www.lorenlong.com)), but he is mostly devoted to writing and illustrating his own works and the whirlwind of activity that comes with releasing a book. To promote "Otis and the Puppy," Long recently embarked on an eight city, two-week book tour. During the tour, he visited schools and book stores, interacting with his readers and those who sell his books. Although the schedule was rigorous, Long says it is a blessing to be able to make his living in this way.

"At the end of the day, I would love for my readers, those little children, to feel like they have visited an old friend," he says. "I want them to remember the feeling that they had with the person that loved them and read that story to them, somebody who cares about them. I would love for them to feel love from

my books. When you read a story like 'Otis,' you shut the book and you visited an old friend, a tractor who always does the right thing. It ends the same way every time. He doesn't always do the easy thing, but he does the right thing."

While not promoting his books on the road, Long spends his days in a light-filled studio at his home surrounded by the things that mean the most to him. His wife, Tracy, his teenage sons, Griffith and Graham, who he calls his sounding boards for story ideas, his two Weimaraners Ellie and Moon, and his paints and canvases which bring to life the beloved characters he hopes impact children for the rest of their lives.

From an unassuming young artist to a New York Times best-seller, Long's life has been the stuff of which stories are made — the rest is still to be written. ■



Loren Long says he sees himself as a filmmaker when choosing the right moments to display in his books. To begin the process, he draws sketches of the pacing of the story, like the one on top, while collaborating with the book's art director and editor. After that he arranges these sketches with the book's words on a story board. Then he makes the final paintings, like the image directly above, using acrylic or gouache as his preferred mediums, which will appear in the book.



## Season ends in Elite Eight for UK women; Mathies selected 10th in WNBA Draft

The UK women's basketball team's season ended in a familiar place — a loss to Connecticut in the NCAA Tournament's Elite Eight. For the second straight year, UK fell to UConn, this time 83-53 in the Bridgeport regional final. It was UK's fourth Elite Eight appearance in school history, including a second consecutive and third in the last four years.

Despite falling one game short of the program's first Final Four, it was a record-setting season. The 2012-13 season was the most successful in program history with a school record of 30 wins and eight victories over top-25 opponents. The Wildcats tied a school-record with 13 Southeastern Conference wins. UK has won 25 or more games in a school-record four straight seasons.

Senior A'dia Mathies, the two-time Southeastern Conference Player of the Year, led the Wildcats with 14 points against the Lady Huskies. Mathies, along with fellow senior Brittany Henderson, finished as the winningest class in school history with 111 victories.

Mathies ends her career as UK's all-time leader in steals (320), games played (140) and started (139), while ranking second in scoring (2,014), three-point field goals made (177) and field goals attempts (1,687). She was named to the Associated Press All-America team. Other accolades include being named SEC Player of the Year by the AP and Co-Player of the Year league coaches. She was also named to the All-SEC first team (coaches and AP) and was a finalist for numerous national awards.

"It looks a lot different when she's walking out the door than when she's walking in the door," UK coach Matthew Mitchell said of Mathies.

Mathies continued to make school history when she was selected as the 10th overall selection in the 2013 Women's National Basketball Association Draft by the Los Angeles Sparks. The Louisville native is UK's highest draft pick in program history. She is the third player in school history to be chosen in the draft and the second Wildcat in the last three seasons to be selected in the first round.

"All of us are thrilled for A'dia," Mitchell said. "She did so much for the Kentucky program while she was here." ■



Photo: UK Athletics

**Mathies was selected 10th in the WNBA draft, the highest in UK history.**

## Nerlens Noel hauls in postseason awards

Even though his season ended early due to a knee injury, Nerlens Noel earned numerous postseason honors, including Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year as voted by league coaches. Additionally, he was named the league's top defensive player. Noel also earned All-SEC first team, All-Defensive team and All-Freshman team honors. He was joined on the All-Freshman team by Willie Cauley-Stein, Archie Goodwin and Alex Poythress. Kyle Wiltjer earned the league's Sixth Man of the Year award.

Noel was tabbed by U.S. Basketball Writers Association as a Freshman All-America selection and first team All-SEC selection by the Associated Press. He averaged 10.5 points and 9.5 rebounds in 24 games played. He logged 106 blocked shots and 50 steals to become just the second player in school history to amass 100 or more blocked shots in a season. His 50 steals were the fifth-most by a Kentucky freshman in a single season.

The season-ending injury to the freshman sensation was among the disappointments of the season for the defending na-

tional champions. After Noel's injury, Kentucky lost six of its final 10 games and failed to make the NCAA Tournament. The Wildcats earned a top seed in the National Invitational Tournament, but the season came to an end with a 59-57 loss at Robert Morris.

Looking ahead to the 2013-14 season, coach John Calipari brings what is being touted as possibly the greatest recruiting class ever to campus to join several returners. Noel, projected as a top five pick, and Goodwin both declared for the NBA Draft. Sophomore Ryan Harrow transferred to Georgia State. ■



Photo: UK Athletics

**Nerlens Noel**



## UK finishes second at 2013 NCAA Rifle Championships

UK wrapped up an impressive season with a second place finish at the NCAA Rifle Championships. This is the Wildcats' second consecutive runner-up finish since winning the title in 2011. The season included a Great America Rifle Conference regular season championship and a second-place finish at the GARC Championship. It also included a record-setting win over Army, a match in which Kentucky set program records for total aggregate score (4716) and aggregate smallbore (2348).

"I'm proud of our team this year," said UK coach Harry Mullins. "I thought we had a great body of work. We only had one regular season loss."

Six members of the team received All-America honors. Connor Davis was selected to the first team in air rifle, while also named to second team in smallbore. The freshman finished fourth individually in air rifle in the NCAA Championships. Junior Emily Holsopple was honored as second team in air rifle and first team in smallbore, an honor she also received in 2012. Senior Heather Greathouse was selected to the first team in air rifle and second team in smallbore, and fellow seniors Ed Ryznar and Stacy Wheatley were named honorable mention in air rifle. Sophomore Elijah Ellis named honorable mention in air rifle. ■



Photo: Chet White/UK Athletics

### The Stoops Era begins!

First year coach Mark Stoops asked fans to fill Commonwealth Stadium for UK's Blue/White Spring Game and Big Blue Nation certainly responded. The estimated attendance of 50,081 is the second highest in UK football history. The crowd saw the Blue squad beat the White team 24-23 in the annual scrimmage.



## Megan Moir earns prestigious award

UK women's golfer Megan Moir was named the 2012-13 Brad Davis Southeastern Conference Female Community Leader of the Year. Moir becomes the second Wildcat to win the award, joining former football player Antoine Huffman who earned the male award in 2006. Moir will receive a \$10,000 post-graduate scholarship, provided by the SEC.

Moir graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in accounting and marketing in May 2012 and is working toward a master's degree in sports leadership. She is team cap-

tain, two-time Academic All-American and member of both the SEC Academic Honor Roll and the UK Athletics Director's Honor Roll. A member of the SEC Community Service Team, Moir has been inducted into Kentucky's prestigious Frank G. Ham Society of Character.

President of Kentucky's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and very involved in Athletes in Action, Moir has performed more than 700 hours of community service in the Lexington area during her time as a student athlete. ■

## Oswald named SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year

Chelsea Oswald was named the 2012-13 Southeastern Conference H. Boyd McWhorter Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Oswald is the first-ever women's recipient from Kentucky. Honorees were chosen by a committee of Faculty Athletics Representatives from SEC universities and will receive a \$15,000 post-graduate scholarship.

Oswald was the recipient of the 2013 NCAA Elite 89 Award for NCAA Indoor Track and Field, which is awarded to the student athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for the 2013 NCAA Walter Byers Scholarship. She has been honored as a 2012 U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Ameri-

can in cross country and was also a first-team All-SEC recipient after a third-place finish at the 2012 SEC Cross Country Championships. She also earned 2013 USTFCCCA Indoor Track and Field All-America honors in the 3,000 meters and the distance medley relay.

She is a 2013 inductee into the prestigious Frank G. Ham Society of Character, a UK Student-Athlete Advisory Committee officer and very active in community service. A member of the UK Pre-Physical Therapy Student Association and the UK Pre-Dental Student Association, she graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology in May and is expected to earn a bachelor's in psychology in June 2014. Oswald holds a perfect 4.0 grade point average. ■



Photo: Chet White/UK Athletics

### UK softball complex dedicated; Wildcats win regional title

The new \$9.5 million UK softball complex has been named John Cropp Stadium in honor of the long-time administrator. Cropp, pictured above with Mitch Barnhart, left, UK Athletics director, and Rachel Lawson, right, UK softball coach, spent more than half a century in athletics, including the last 20-plus years as an administrator at UK. He has worked directly with the Wildcat softball program since its inception in 1997. In May, Kentucky was selected as one of 16 regional host locations for the NCAA Softball Tournament for the first time in program history. After winning the regional title, UK advanced to the school's second NCAA Super Regional.



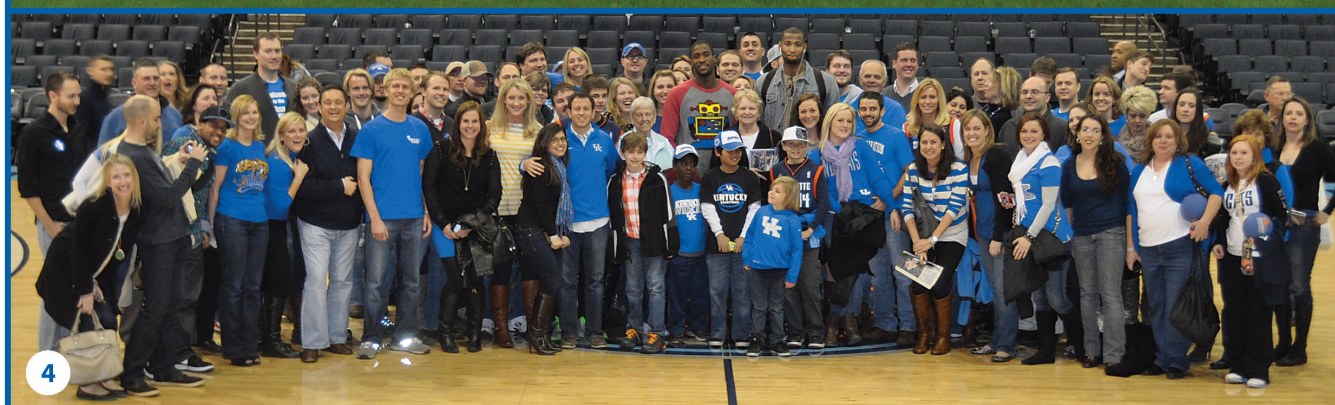
## Alumni Clubs

1) UK President Eli Capilouto enjoyed a Game Watch Party against Tennessee with members of the **Houston UK Alumni Club**.

2) Members of the **Nation's Capital Region UK Alumni Club** got up close and personal with former UK basketball players John Wall and DeMarcus Cousins after a Washington Wizards/Sacramento Kings game.

3) The **Tampa Bay UK Alumni Club** participated in a golf scramble with the UK women's golf team at the Tampa Palms Golf and Country Club.

4) The **Charlotte UK Alumni Club** enjoyed a meet and greet event with the Charlotte Bobcats. Two familiar Wildcats were also in attendance: former UK basketball players Michael Kidd-Gilchrist and DeMarcus Cousins.





## Alumni Clubs

**1)** The **Fayette County UK Alumni Club** honored Gov. Steve Beshear '66 AS, '68 LAW and first lady Jane Beshear '69 ED with the 2013 Hometown Hero Award during the club's annual meeting at the Hilary J. Boone Center. From left to right: Jane Beshear, Marian Moore Sims '72 '76 ED and Gov. Steve Beshear.

**2)** Life's a beach for members of the **Jacksonville UK Alumni Club**. This photo was taken as the club shot an inspirational video supporting DanceBlue 2013.

**3)** The **Daviess County UK Alumni Club** celebrated Mardi Gras with a decidedly Bluegrass twist!

**4)** Members of the **McCracken County UK Alumni Club** take in the excitement at Rupp Arena during the Texas A&M vs. UK game.







The **College of Agriculture** inducted five individuals into the inaugural class of the Hall of Distinguished Alumni. From left to right: Joe Wright '62 AG, David Switzer '67 AG, Louis Boyd '50 '51 AG, Harold Workman and Maurice Cook '57 '59 AG.



The **College of Nursing** held an alumni and student reception in Washington, D.C., during a student policy summit held by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. From left to right: Interim Dean Patricia B. Howard '80 '92 NUR, student Sarah Lester and Trisha Kurtz '79 NUR, '91 GS.



Three generations attended the annual Engineering Alumni Breakfast during the **College of Engineering** E-Day. From left to right: Savannah Patton (future Wildcat), Brian Patton '90 EN and Dexter "DJ" Patton '66 EN.



May 2013 **College of Medicine** graduates pose for a photo during the 2013 Match Day celebration at the Keeneland Entertainment Center at Keeneland Race Course. During Match Day, medical students learned where they will complete their postgraduate residencies.



# CLASSNOTES

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# Good Vibes:

AJ Hochhalter composes music for noteworthy documentary

By Linda Perry

Not every 24-year-old can find his name listed as part of a movie's full cast and crew at the Internet Movie Database online — but Andrew "AJ" Hochhalter '10 BE can. That's because he is one of five composers who contributed music for the 2013 documentary, "Blood Brother." The movie focuses on the life of Rocky Braat, who moved to India to help HIV-positive children. The film won the Grand Jury Prize and the Audience Award for best documentary at the 2013 Sundance Film Festival.

Hochhalter, of Lexington, attended the Utah event accompanied by his wife Cara Maple Hochhalter '09, and young son. The trip provided further inspiration for him.

"I met a lot of people, really talented directors and composers, who inspired and encouraged me. It puts you in contact with a group of people that you can see yourself continuing to work with down the road," Hochhalter says.

A native of Louisville, he never formally trained as a musician, except for some piano lessons. He is a film composer, fleshing out the bones of a movie by creating the background music for scenes.

"Being a musician is a way to creatively express yourself. And there is creative expression in being a film composer, too, but I see film composing more as helping a film and director, more like a tool . . . It is a part of helping a film get somewhere that it couldn't by itself.

It's one of the cogs in the entire production process."

Hochhalter combines high tech with low tech through a compilation of multi-level sounds using anything from a synthesizer, strings, piano and vocals. "For 'Blood Brother' I primarily used an acoustic piano with real string players at the Colburn School of Music in Los Angeles. I wrote the music on the computer, notating it and getting my inspiration from a synthesizer," he says. "Then I took those leads, lines and notes and gave them to a cello and violin player. I recorded them playing it and then put it all together."

A big Wildcat fan, Hochhalter says he looked forward to attending UK after graduating from Christian Academy. It was a calculated decision to get a marketing degree from the Gatton College of Business and Economics. "Film composing is a business," he says. "I can be the best musician in the world, but I might not get a job anywhere."

The lessons he learned in Hollie Hapke's marketing classes help him when he is looking for possible new assignments. "It taught me about knowing the environment you are going into and solving a problem for someone," he says. "I ask, 'What is your project about? What are your needs? How can I help you?' After that, my product and service becomes the solution to their problems." This also helps Hochhalter develop personal relationships with his

clients, leading to further networking, referrals and new clients.

He just finished working on an energy drink commercial, as well as a promo (hear it at [listendesignstudio.com](http://listendesignstudio.com)) for a reality show about Cam Hanes, an Under Armour athlete, that will be pitched to the Discovery Channel next year. He also has two scores in the works for documentaries, one again in India and another in Pittsburgh, Pa. And he recently returned from the Justice Film Festival in Philadelphia where "3801 Lancaster," a movie he wrote all the music for, won Best Short Form Documentary.

Looking ahead, Hochhalter wants to continue blending the arts with business. "My five-year plan is to take on a couple of feature length projects a year, while continuing to develop relationships in the agency world as a composer for large corporate ad campaigns. I also see myself developing a relationship with the University of Kentucky School of Music to find local musicians who want to get real world experience by playing their instruments in a real movie score."

Hochhalter recently became partner in the marketing agency Harris & Ward and will act as the firm's creative director. "I want to help develop an environment where creative work builds this city's reputation as a place where the arts significantly define our identity," he says. ■



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# WILDCATS FOREVER

## Before 1960

**Susan Jackson Keig '40 FA** is a graphic designer who most recently designed the 2014 calendar for the Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill. This is her 44th year designing the calendar. She resides in Chicago, Ill.

**Patricia Paxton Brockenborough '50 AS** is a writer for Posh magazine, published bi-monthly by the Paducah Sun. She resides in Paducah.

**Jack A. Kain '51 AS** is owner and dealer at Jack Kain Ford in Versailles. He is also on the board of directors for the Kentucky National Automobile Dealers Association. He was recently named a 2013 Ford Salute to Dealers honoree.

**Max P. Kreitman '51 PHA** is a staff pharmacist floater for CVS Caremark and has worked for CVS for 25 years. He was recognized at the 2012 Ability Is Ageless Award Luncheon in Dearborn, Mich. Kreitman resides in West Bloomfield, Mich.

## 1960s

**James E. Pitts '64 AS, '65 '68 BE** is director of international programs at Florida State University. He was honored with the Florida State Bernard F. Sliger Award, which recognizes a member of the university community who has made a major contribution toward the fulfillment of its mission. He lives in Tallahassee, Fla.

**John A. O'Neill '65 AG** is a designer at Lutz Flowers in Cincinnati, Ohio. He has been employed by the shop for 38 years.

**Donald A. Vizi '65 BE** is the executive director of the Woodford County Chamber of Commerce in Versailles. He was previously the executive director of the Paso Fino Horse Association at the Kentucky Horse Park. Vizi has been in chamber work for 11 years after retiring as a lieutenant colonel from the U.S. Air Force.

**Janie Olmstead '66 PH, '68 ED** is the founder of Images Model & Talent Agency LLC in Lexington and recently celebrated 36 successful years in business. She was the Kentucky Mountain Laurel Queen and Miss Kentucky in 1966. Olmstead currently resides in Frankfort.

**Beverly Eaves Perdue '69 AS** is the former governor of North Carolina. She was recently a spring Fellow teaching at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

## 1970s

**Thomas James '72 MED** is corporate medical director of medical policy at Ameri-Health Mercy Family of Companies. He also serves as the chairman of the organization's Corporate Medical Policy Committee. He lives in Philadelphia, Pa.

**Sally Kay Mason '72 AS** is president of the University of Iowa. She recently assumed the post of board chairwoman of the Association of Public Land-grant Universities during its 125th annual meeting in Denver, Colo.

**W. Lawrence Patrick '72 CI** owns Patrick Communications, a media brokerage firm in Maryland. He was named the Outstanding Alumnus of the University of Tennessee where he completed his master's degree.



**Susan Rose Tomasky '74 AS** is director of Tesoro Corp. and Public Service Enterprise Group. She was previously a senior executive for 13 years at American Electric Power, one of the nation's largest electric utilities. Tomasky was recently named to the board of directors of Summit Midstream Partners.

**Ronald J. Ebelhar '75 '76 EN** is a senior principal with Terracon, a multidisciplinary engineering firm, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was appointed as the 2013 chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee for the ASTM International Board of Directors.

**Gary T. Henry '75 '78 AS** is the Patricia and Rodes Hart Professor of Public Policy and Higher Education at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. He is an expert in evaluation and has focused his work over the past 10 years on the evaluation of key educational policies and teacher quality research.

**Kent C. Trachte '75 AS** is dean of Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. As of July 1, 2013, he will be president of Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pa.

**Phillip H. Barnard '76 AS** is a professor in the University



of Kansas Department of English. He was named a Chancellors Club Teaching Professor by the university. Recipients of this award are selected based on outstanding teaching performance as acknowledged by students and colleagues.

**Gregory R. Carmichael '76 '79 EN** is the Karl Kammermeyer Professor of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, associate dean for graduate programs and research, and co-director of the University of Iowa Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research. He received the Lawrence K. Cecil Award in Environmental Chemical Engineering from the American Institute of Chemical Engineers at the organization's annual conference in Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Kathryn Webb Jordan '76 HS** is a physical therapist in the education, home health and pediatric venues in the Dayton, Ohio area.



**Michael D. Malone '76 AS** is on the board and audit committee of Nationstar Mortgage Holdings Inc., a nonbank residential mortgage servicer. He also is a member of the board of Morgans Hotel Group Co. and Walker & Dunlop Inc. He resides in Charlotte, N.C.

**Gregory P. Wanger '76 AS** is the medical examiner in the Madisonville office of the Kentucky State Medical Examiner. He was previously a medical examiner in the Northern Kentucky Medical Examiner's

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**James E. Siler '77 AG** is the garden manager for the Whitley County Detention Center. He has more than 30 years of farming experience.

**Dale E. Fell '78 MED** is system chief medical officer and senior vice president of Mission Health in Asheville, N.C. In these roles, he is responsible for ensuring a consistency in medical staff and clinical processes across the organization.

**James W. Gardner '78 LAW** is vice chairman of the Kentucky Public Service Commission. He was appointed chairman of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Subcommittee on Education and Research. Prior to these appointments, Gardner was a member of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council and the Fayette County Board of Education. He lives in Lexington.

**Michael W. Hancock '78 EN** is secretary of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. He was named vice president of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Board of Directors for 2013. He resides in Frankfort.

**Wayne Onkst '78 AS, '79 CI** is the state librarian and Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives commissioner. He was recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Kentucky Library Association. Onkst lives in Erlanger.

**Vickie Yates Brown '79 LAW** is a health care lawyer with Frost Brown Todd LLC in Louisville. She is also the president/CEO of Nucleus, an organization that connects the University of Louisville to the community.

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## 1980s

**Jeffrey N. Quinn '81 EN, '84 LAW** is chairman and chief executive officer of The Quinn Group LLC, a diversified holding company with investments in the industrial, active lifestyle and entertainment sectors, and Quinpario Partners LLC, an investment and operating firm in the performance materials and specialty chemical sectors. Quinn was named to the board of directors of MEMC Electronic Materials. He resides in Saint Louis, Mo.

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**Timothy B. Hudson '82 '83 BE** is chief financial officer of CoreRx Pharma in Clearwater, Fla.

**Keith Limbach '82 '83 EN** is director of program management in the Cincinnati, Ohio, office of dunhumbyUSA. Prior to this, he was a client delivery executive at Davis & Henderson and spent 25 years at Convergys Corp. He resides in Edgewood.



**Gregory A. Burton '83 BE** is president and chief executive officer of BrickStreet Mutual Insurance Co. He oversees policy direction, leadership, strategic plan implementation and budget development for the company. He was previously the city manager of Charleston, W.Va., where he resides.

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**Rao S. Govindaraju '85 EN** is the Bowen Engineering Head of Civil Engineering and Christopher B. and Susan S. Burke Professor of Civil Engineering at Purdue University. He resides in West Lafayette, Ind.

**Deborah Harbison Wilkins '86 LAW** is chief of staff and general counsel of Western Kentucky University. She was named the treasurer of the Bowling Green-Warren County Bar Association.

**Melody Kelley Trimble '87 NUR** is group president of the Southern and Western division of Health Management Associates, parent company of Sparks Health System and Summit Medical Center. She was previously the vice president and market chief executive for the two health systems. She lives in Naples, Fla.

**Frank C. Kopas '88 EN** is general manager of North America for Aconex, provider of online project collaboration solutions for the construction, infrastructure, power, mining, oil and gas industries. Kopas had been senior vice president of sales at Trilogy. He resides in Belmont, Calif.

**Michael A. Flannery '89 CI** is an author or co-editor of eight books. He is also the book review editor for the *Journal of Medicine and Allied Sciences*. He serves as a professor and associate director for historical collections at the Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences at the University of Alabama – Birmingham.

### 1990s

**Jennifer Lynn Yunt '90 AG** is the Jack Daniel's associate sales promotion manager for the Brown-Forman Corp. In this role, she coordinates the execution of the processes related to development and delivery of consumer promotional materials for the Jack Daniel's family of brands. She lives in Louisville.

**Brent M. Cooper '91 AS** is president/owner of C-Forward Information Technologies. He was selected as the 2012 recipient of the Kenton Public Library Foundation Mary Ann Mongan Literacy Award. This award is given to an individual who has shown outstanding service to literacy in Northern Kentucky. Cooper lives in Fort Thomas.



**Elizabeth Ann Johnson '91 AS** is an attorney at Stites & Harbison PLLC in Lexington. She is a member of the firm's Health Care Service Group. Immediately prior to joining the firm, she was the Medicaid commissioner for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



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**Linda Johnson Vitale '91 BE** is a managing partner at Manchester Capital, a private equity investment firm in Bowling Green. She was elected to serve on the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

**Woodford Webb '91 BE** is president of The Webb Companies, where he oversees the legal and financial management of a large portfolio of residential and commercial investment properties. He was recently named chairman of the 2013 board for Hospice of the Bluegrass. He resides in Lexington.



**George "Chip" Atkins '92 CI** is chief executive officer at RH Clarkson Insurance Group. He has been with the company for 19 years and recently served as the chief operating officer. He lives in Prospect.

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visionaries welcome.

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**David E. Schroeder '97 CI** is the director of the Kenton County Public Library. He recently received the James A. Nelson Advocacy Award from the Kentucky Library Association. This award honors an individual who has been a strong advocate for libraries on a local, regional, state or national level. He resides in Ludlow.

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**Kimberly Fiss McIntosh '04 '05 BE** is the Jack Daniel's branded events specialist at Brown-Forman in Louisville. She has worked for the company since 2008.

**Anne Abell Payne '04 AS** is an orthodontist at Braces Braces Braces in Jeffersonville, Ind.

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## Rhonda Hicks Rucker: From medicine to music

Rhonda Hicks Rucker '87 MED is not one to take the conventional, expected path in life. Although she is a licensed internal medicine physician, she no longer practices but is a touring American folk musician along with her husband, Sparky. Together, the duo has traveled all around the globe, playing in venues such as the Kennedy Center, sharing stories from long ago through song.

Rucker grew up in the St. Matthews area of Louisville and later moved to Jeffersontown. She started her undergraduate years at the University of Louisville originally thinking she wanted to be an engineer. But she decided medicine would be a better route. An excellent student, she was able to enter the UK College of Medicine just a few hours short of obtaining her undergraduate degree.

At UK, Rucker says she especially enjoyed the teaching of Dr. Barbara Phillips, Dr. Rolando Berger and Dr. Peter Sapin for their bedside manner with patients and enthusiastic manner of teaching.

"Upon graduating from medical school, I was uncertain I had chosen the right career," she says. "I decided to take some time off and ended up performing with my husband. We had a child in 1992, and I decided to quit traveling and performing the next year. Then, I decided to do an internal medicine residency at UK, thinking I had just been 'burned out' on

school previously. However, after doing a three-year residency and practicing for five years, I really missed performing. I went back into music."

Today, the Maryville, Tenn., resident and her husband continue to pursue their passions for storytelling and music ([www.sparkyandrhonda.com](http://www.sparkyandrhonda.com)) by performing for audiences all over the world.

From music to medicine and back again, Rucker has always followed her heart.

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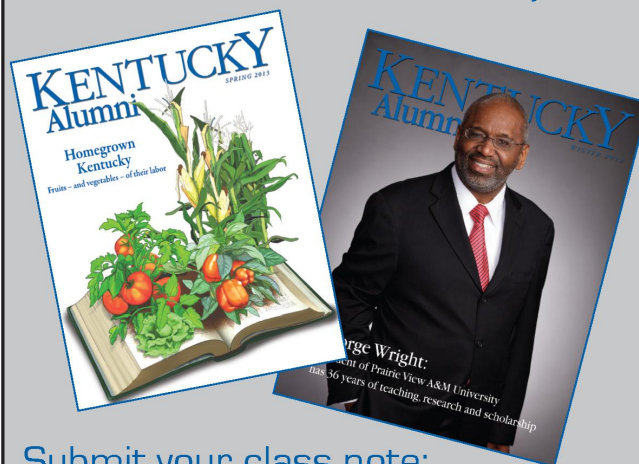
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**Brandon N. Craswell '10 FA** is an assistant professor of trumpet at the University of Georgia. He played at Carnegie Hall with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and also has played with symphonies in Charleston, S.C., Indianapolis, Ind., Jacksonville, Fla., and Honolulu, Hawaii.

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**Christina Lee Lawton '10 AG** is general manager of Swifty Farms in Seymour, Ind. She took over operation of the 600-acre farm for her grandparents, Don and Dana Myers, shortly after graduating from UK.

**Paul W. Roberts '10 CI** is dean of library services at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla.

### Ace your next interview

Employers often initiate contact with job candidates through a preliminary phone screen. After advancing past the phone interview, you are typically faced with a series of one-on-one in person interviews, a panel interview or a combination of the two. Ask the employer about the format of your upcoming interview and the name(s) of your interviewers. It helps you know what to expect and prepare.



Caroline Francis

Before the interview, be sure to do your homework!

**Know yourself:** Confidently convey your value proposition. What sets you apart from other candidates?

**Know the company and interview team:** Research the company and your interviewers. Visit the company website, study their products and services, research current news and trends, look at the company LinkedIn page and profiles of your interviewers.

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**What to bring:** Arrive with copies of your resume, references, a list of questions to ask in the interview and your business portfolio. Portfolio items: samples of your work, sales charts/statistics, testimonials or thank you letters from former clients or vendors, CEU certificates, performance evaluations, writing samples. Be prepared to do an on-the-spot exercise or demonstrate a skill.

**Practice, practice, practice:** Review common interview questions and practice your response. Participate in mock interviews and master the art of answering behavior-based interview questions. Think about how to respond to tough interview questions. (Why did you leave your last job? What is your greatest weakness?)

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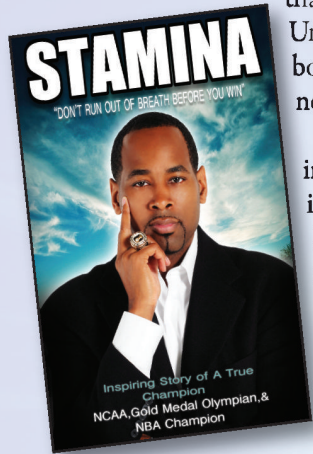
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# Creative Juices

**Derek Anderson**, UK alumnus, has written “Stamina,” which chronicles his life before the basketball championships that sports fans know him for. The former University of Kentucky and NBA star’s book is about how his inspiring life journey can mold and motivate most everyone.



He tells of how at age 11 he lived alone in a rundown apartment with no electricity and no food for three straight days. At 12 he lived in a shelter home and at 14, after having a child, he worked two jobs to take care of his son. His sister was killed by their father’s best friend, Anderson saw his mother lose her fight with substance abuse and he endured his father walking out of his life for

more than 17 years. His final awakening was surviving a brutal stabbing from a neighborhood street fight.

Anderson’s opponents in life consisted of poverty, loneliness, disappointment, jealousy, and the lack of equal educational opportunities. Just as he learned in sports, life is about how badly you want to win, how much time you’re willing to put into making your dreams become a reality and how much you are willing to sacrifice now for your success later.

[www.DerekAndersonWorks.com](http://www.DerekAndersonWorks.com)

**John Burch ’92 CI, ’03 ’05 AS; Tim Hooper ’05 CI; and Joseph DeSpain ’72 AS** have written “Green County” as part of Arcadia Press Images American Series about the history of Green County, Ky.

Arcadia Publishing  
[www.arcadiapublishing.com](http://www.arcadiapublishing.com)

**Judy W. Halasek ’80 ED, Nicholas Reeves ’07 BE and Peggy Cullen, UK alumna**, have written and illustrated “Built Blue,” an interactive children’s book about the rich tradition of UK basketball.

Athlegacy Publishing LLC  
[athlegacypublishing.com](http://athlegacypublishing.com)

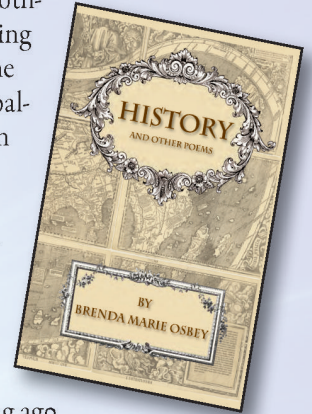
**Kathryn Webb Jordan ’76 HS** is the author of “We Carried the Mat: My Faith Journey as a Primary Caregiver,” about how communities can support those caring for the sick and dying at home.

WestBowPress  
[www.westbowpress.com](http://www.westbowpress.com)

**James Lee ’78 AS** is the author of “A Great Life,” in which the former UK Wildcat (1974-78) and Lexington native writes about the valuable life lessons he’s learned through competitive basketball.

[www.jameslee1978.com](http://www.jameslee1978.com)

**Brenda Marie Osbey ’86 AS** has written “History and Other Poems,” which takes as its task nothing less than an examination and mapping of the never-ending evil of history of the Transatlantic Slave Trade and the still-palpable effects of European and American colonialism some seven centuries after the making of the New World.



Making, breaking and rebuilding languages to suit the needs of her characters and the worlds they struggle to survive in, Osbey created a study of human will and the determination to wrest life and liberty from destinies long ago written out of history. Readers encounter a series of gruesome journeys across the Americas, from the first encounter Columbus had with the Guanahani Indians to the author’s native New Orleans, trailing violence, destruction and oppression with every step, marking the geography of evil on the map of the New World.

“History and Other Poems” moves from present to past and back again to reveal the trauma of hearts and lives broken even as it underscores the heroic endurance, resilience and agency of the enslaved and their descendants.

Time Being Books  
[www.timebeing.com](http://www.timebeing.com)

**Patricia Leigh ’97 HS** recently released her debut album called “The L.I.F.E. Project,” which features 16 songs about love, inspiration, faith and experience intended to help with the healing process.

[iampatricialeigh.com](http://iampatricialeigh.com)

**Russell Rice ’51 CI** is the author of “Kentucky Basketball’s Native Sons & Daughters,” which includes a treasure trove of facts, dates, stories and details that surround the UK basketball program.

Still Publications  
[stillpublications.com](http://stillpublications.com)



## 58 years ago...

Members of the Kentuckian yearbook staff have a good laugh as they joke around with a paper cutter.



Photo: 1955 Kentuckian

## 27 years ago...

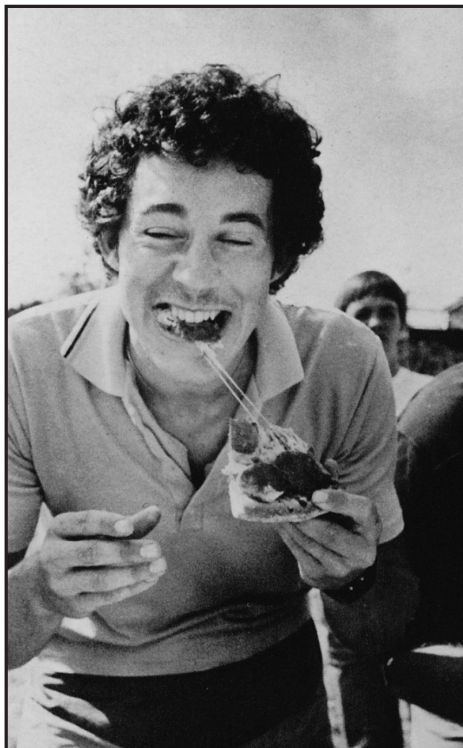


Photo: 1987 Kentuckian

Sam Hughes '89 BE participates in a pizza eating contest during the 1986 Free-For-All event held at Stoll Field.

## 44 years ago...

Members of Alpha Gamma Delta take a walk through campus with a surprising visitor — a sheep!



Photo: 1969 Kentuckian

## 39 years ago...

Students enjoy a meal outside of Ollie's Trolley, a popular burger joint.



Photo: 1974 Kentuckian





Photo: Courtesy Michael Reaves and the Kentucky Kernel

### That's the way the ball bounces!

The annual Ping Pong Ball Drop has become a UK tradition. Thousands of ping pong balls drop from the 18th floor of Patterson Office Tower to the students waiting below. Excitement is generated because some balls are marked and are redeemable for awesome prizes from the Student Activities Board (SAB).

This past April, the Ping Pong Ball Drop became one of the many events held during the first-ever Legacy Week. "Legacy Week provides an opportunity for students to enjoy themselves while also making memories at UK that will last a lifetime," said Micaha Dean, SAB director of traditions. "These events are a great way for seniors to end their time here and a great way for other students to finish out the semester." ■





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