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## **Relocation, Getting Together and Other Matters**

This is the time of year that many new grads and families move about the country for one reason or another. The UK Alumni Association and the Stuckert Career Center present a relocation seminar for graduating seniors each semester to share tips about setting yourself up in a new place by using the Web to explore an area and then visiting before you move; knowing your housing priorities so you can evaluate the advantages of renting and buying before making a commitment; and making a budget that keeps savings and spending in balance.

One more thing you can do no matter how young or old you are is stay connected and utilize networking opportunities available through the UK Alumni Association. Alumni club activities in 50 areas around the country offer a chance to build friendships as you did as a student with people who share the UK experience. There's no better source of information than someone who's been in your shoes and can pass on knowledge of the best restaurants, best gym, best road shortcuts, and best place to watch UK football and basketball games.

You can use the UK Alumni Association Web site to find other UK alumni living where you do, a calendar of events for clubs located around the country and soon in several other countries, or find a service you need, provided by a UK alum, in the Alumni Business Connection (ABC Directory). This works when you are on vacation, too. And then there is the entire WIRED+CATS network where you can set up your own personal profile "my page," with your circle of friends of friends of friends, and a growing number of discussion groups.

Another avenue of connection is *Kentucky Alumni* magazine delivered to your mailbox as part of your membership in the association. When you move, it's easier than ever to let us know about your address change — call us at 1-800-269-ALUM or update your information online anytime of the day or night at [www.ukalumni.net](http://www.ukalumni.net).

In this issue you will discover Liz Comish, an author and adventure traveler. The 2007 Great Teachers will make you proud. Meet Paula Pope who becomes president of the UK Alumni Association July 1. Explore the color and detail in Dan Barnes' artistry with glass. (I wish I had 3-D glasses for you to get a really good look.) And, the class notes... read about fellow alumni including Gov. Ted Strickland and first lady Frances Strickland, to my knowledge the first alumni couple to lead a state other than Kentucky

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## Today Is a Day To Celebrate *Capital Campaign Surpasses \$1 Billion*

UK met with tremendous success in April when we announced that the university has surpassed its goal for the Dream, Challenge, Succeed Capital Campaign. With about six months left in 2007, the tally was \$1.02 billion. UK is one of 26 universities in the U.S. engaged in a fund-raising campaign of \$1 billion or more.

I commend the deans of the colleges and their development staffs for their commitment and Provost Kumble Subbaswamy who read the business plan while a candidate for the job and said "I'm in." Also, a thank you to Vice President Terry Mobley and Associate Vice President for Development Mike Richey and the staff of the Office of Development for grabbing hold of this dream, taking on the challenge and leading it to success. It is with special gratitude that I express my profound appreciation to James W. Stuckert who has invested so much of himself in this university and in his colleges — Engineering and Gatton Business and Economics — and in the Career Center and UK Alumni Association for his leadership throughout this campaign.

I want to gratefully recognize the more than 122,000 donors who gave 640,000 gifts, 56,000 of them are alumni, 45,000 non-alumni, 8,600 corporations, 2,200 organizations, and many parents of students and students themselves.

I cannot recognize the legislature enough for its passage of the Bucks for Brains program that has been vitally important to us in support for intellectual property, not once, but three times. It's helped us significantly close the endowment gap between us and the Top 20 universities.

Before I was president I was asked "what are some of the measures that would make a difference?" Here they are: 85 endowed chairs, 190 endowed professorships, and 280 fellowships/scholarships/endowments for research. We supported 771 graduate research fellowships, 1,681 full-tuition research assistantships and summer research experiences for undergraduates to see and feel research inquiry.

The academic reputation of your university is on the rise in higher education across the country as others come to check out how to emulate our success or join in the journey we have chosen. We are seeing more of our students going head-to-head with students at our benchmarks and walking away with honors.

It's hard work to get where we want to be, but now whenever I mention being Top 20 there is an attitude it can be done.

This is a spectacular time to be at the University of Kentucky to be a UK alum.

In closing, I express UK's heartfelt sympathy to Virginia Tech (VT) in the wake of the horrific shootings that took place there in April that claimed the lives of 32 students and faculty. In higher education, connections between universities are everywhere. My first thoughts were of alumnus T. Marshall Hahn Jr. who was president of VT from 1962 – 1975 and of alumna Peggy Meszaros, a former dean at UK and VT and former provost and senior vice president who remains there as a professor and was on campus during the lock down. Later I learned of professors here at UK who knew VT professors through their work and as friends. A special condolence to Bryan Cloyd, a UK alum of the Gatton College of Business and Economics, and his wife, who lost their daughter Austin Michelle, a Virginia Tech sophomore in the honors program, international studies. We continue to stand by Virginia Tech as that institution continues to heal and move forward.

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## *Dream Challenge Succeed*

### Winter College 2007 Covers Range of Topics

UK's Winter College returned in February to the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club, featuring an exciting course syllabus taught by some of the university's top faculty and staff.

Graduates were enthusiastic about the spectrum of topics covered in the sessions, as well as the opportunity to mingle with other UK alumni and friends. Regarding his experience at UK Winter College 2007, attendee Alan Bloomfield said, "I can't tell you when I have had a more enjoyable day."

After an initial welcome session, attendees were treated to sessions with Dr. Michael Karpf, executive vice president for health affairs, discussing "UK HealthCare: Defining the Medical Center of the Future," and an enlightening presentation by Donald Mullineaux, DuPont Endowed Chair in Banking and Financial Services and director of the School of Management, entitled "Managing Your Portfolio in Retirement." After lunch and keynote speaker President Lee T. Todd Jr., participants enjoyed listening to Carey Cavanaugh, director of the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce and a former ambassador, who gave an illuminating presentation called "Talk's Cheap: the High Value of Diplomatic Dialogue." Mitch Barnhart, director of UK Athletics, addressed attendees with "The Myths and Truths of College Athletics."



UK Winter College attendees listen to Dr. Michael Karpf discuss the future of the Medical Center.

### Campaign Exceeds \$1 Billion

Overwhelming support and generosity displayed by UK alumni and friends has enabled the university to exceed its \$1 billion campaign goal. Currently surpassing \$1,020,000,000, the campaign will continue through the end of 2007, and celebration plans for this fall are underway. Mike Richey, associate vice president for development and chief development officer remarks, "Reaching and surpassing the \$1 billion goal several months in advance of the scheduled end of the campaign is a tribute to the alumni and friends whose gifts have made this achievement possible. It also is a wonderful reflection on the excellence of this institution."

### Development Unveils New Interactive Web Site



Do you have questions about estate planning? Bequests? Would you simply like to know more about options for giving to UK? Whether you would like to create a charitable annuity or donate online, the new Office of Development Web site can help. With an inviting new look and intuitive navigation, the Web site is available to help you understand the Office of Development's role in the university's mission and how you can participate.

According to Kristin Crusier, development communications manager, "Our goal was to make an informative, interactive, and easy-to-use site which will encourage visitors to learn more about their opportunities for giving and share the stories of donors and students who are making a difference at UK."

If you have questions about the development Web site, contact Kristin Crusier at [ksrus2@email.uky.edu](mailto:ksrus2@email.uky.edu) or 859-257-1384.

# RESEARCH NOTES

## COLLABORATIVE EFFORT: QUALITY OF LIFE

### Background Buzz

This series highlights 23 projects aimed at solving the “Kentucky Ugliers” by improving Kentucky’s schools, business climate, environment, health care and lifestyles. These projects are the “Commonwealth Collaboratives,” a term that portrays the partnership binding UK’s researchers, K-12 educators, independent health care providers, entrepreneurs, industries, local government officials and private citizens who will participate in — and benefit from — these projects.

The five main categories of collaboratives are:

- environment
- health care
- economic development
- education
- quality of life

Many of the things we cherish most at first appear unrelated to health, education, or economic development — clean air and water; fertile soil; views of secluded valleys and furrowed, timber-covered mountains; sights of rolling hills, board fences, and galloping Thoroughbreds; strong families and communities; our Kentucky heritage; and access to culture. Ultimately, all connect, and UK researchers are committed to raising Kentucky’s quality of life in all areas.

UK historians are creating an extended, documented history of Kentucky, teaching materials and a book to raise the level of historical literacy from middle school social studies classes to the educated public. The documentary and related materials will demonstrate that Kentucky’s past is central to, and sheds light upon, the American experience.

Access to the fine arts for Kentucky is important. It begins in elementary school by exposing young children to the arts and encouraging them to make the arts part of their lives.

### *Kentucky History*

“*Kentucky – An American Story*,” was written by Daniel Blake Smith in the UK College of Arts and Sciences Department of History. He also is the executive-producer and director of the project, as it unfolds into three one-hour programs aimed at increasing Kentuckians’ historical literacy. The series will be broadcast on Kentucky Educational Television and be supported by teacher-training workshops designed to help stimulate student interest in history in general and Kentucky’s past in particular. The programs will be accompanied by a book published by the University Press of Kentucky, lavishly illustrated with photos and stills from the film series as well as many other surprising images from Kentucky’s rich past.

The series, hosted and narrated by film star and Kentucky native Ashley Judd, will dramatize how Kentucky’s past, far from being an odd ‘stepchild’ of the American experience, in fact symbolizes much of the nation’s journey.

From its frontier origins to its global present, Kentucky offers a revealing window into a wide range of distinctly American issues. Offering a treasure-trove of unforgettable people and transforming events, each episode will tell vivid Kentucky stories that are indelibly linked with the nation at large.

The series is expected to be finished in time to air in the spring or fall of 2008.

### *Cultural Enhancement*

The UK Opera Theatre/Lexington Opera Society Opera Outreach Program takes opera to K - 6 schools and communities across Kentucky, particularly Eastern Kentucky, that may not otherwise have opportunities to experience it. Led by Everett McCorvey of the UK College of Fine Arts, the program’s ultimate goal is to increase the impact of the fine arts and art in general within the Commonwealth, providing improvements to the quality of life across the state.

This opera education outreach program introduces children to operatic story-telling by using beloved and popular children’s stories as a backdrop, making the audience comfortable and at ease with this new learning experience. After weeks of rehearsal at UK, the one-act opera performances with full costumes and sets tour school auditoriums and gyms throughout the state.



For details, visit [www.uky.edu/UE/CC/life.htm](http://www.uky.edu/UE/CC/life.htm)

## New Supercomputer Thrusts UK Into Top Ranks

UK has a new IBM supercomputer that places the university's research capability among the top echelon for public and private university research computing. The state-of-the-art IBM System Cluster 1350 can handle up to 16.3 trillion calculations per second. UK acquired the new machine under a two-year lease totaling \$2.6 million.

Research areas that will benefit from the new supercomputer include biochemistry, pharmacy, medicine, mechanical engineering, physics and astronomy, and others. As part of a network of research supercomputers, UK also will allow researchers from other universities to use the new supercomputer in their work.

## Toyota Gives \$1 Million for Tech Development Institute

Toyota Motor Engineering and Manufacturing North America Inc. (TEMA) has given \$1 million to the UK College of Engineering to support a new Institute of Research for Technology Development (IR4TD) in the college. The gift qualifies for matching funds from the state's Research Challenge Trust Fund.

The IR4TD will operate labs both on campus and in the former Loxel Building at the Coldstream Research Campus. The labs will focus on laser diagnostics, paint inspection, wet spray paint, computational fluid dynamics simulation, conceptual design and nanomaterial synthesis. The facility will include a prototype testing unit for automobile surface coating and other applications.



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)

## Study To Investigate Smoking Cessation Aid

If you are a daily smoker between the ages of 18 and 45 and in generally good health, you might qualify to be part of a clinical trial that investigates the use of Modafinil to help individuals stop smoking.

Most cigarette smokers trying to quit often fail because of nicotine cravings, increased appetite and weight gain, and problems with inattention. Previously, in a laboratory setting, smokers underwent multiple measures of performance on tasks and feelings after not smoking for 24 hours. All smokers received Modafinil and a placebo on different laboratory days. Researchers discovered that smokers had decreased cravings, hunger, and improved attention span on days when they took Modafinil as compared to laboratory days when they received only a placebo. This study suggests that Modafinil may help smokers quit.

A new study at UK will further investigate Modafinil. For more information, please call 859-257-9341 or 859-230-3220.



## UK, MIT To Study Increased Use of Aluminum in Cars and Fuel Efficiency

Researchers at UK and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) are joining together to study how the increased use of aluminum in automobiles could increase fuel efficiency and reduce emissions.

The project, funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, aims to help sustain the viability of the automobile manufacturing industry at a time when it faces increasing challenges. It is of particular importance to Kentucky, a state that ranks fourth in the nation in automobile manufacturing.

The grant was awarded to UK's Sloan Center for a Sustainable Aluminum Industry and MIT's Materials System Laboratory. Also participating in the research is the International Motor Vehicle Program at MIT, the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, the Aluminum Association in Arlington, Va., and Secat Inc., a for-profit company located at the Coldstream Research Campus.

## Arousal System Disturbances May Predispose Brain to Out-of-body Experiences

Having an out-of-body experience may seem far-fetched to some, but for those with arousal system disturbances in their brains, it may not be so far-fetched that they could sense they were outside their own body watching themselves.

Dr. Kevin Nelson and a research team at UK have studied the link between out-of-body experiences, the sleep-wake transition and near death experiences, and published their findings in the March 6 issue of the journal *Neurology*.

The results show that some people's brains already may be predisposed to these sorts of experiences. They found that an out-of-body experience is statistically as likely to occur during a near death experience as it is to occur during the transition between wakefulness and sleep. Nelson suggests that phenomena in the brain's arousal system, which regulates different states of consciousness including REM sleep and wakefulness, may be the cause for these types of out-of-body displays.

## Patrons Taste Food From Around the World

One of the most anticipated campus-wide dining events of the year is Taste of Our World, a luncheon held in the Grand Ballroom of the Student Center that is part of the annual UK Cultural Diversity Festival. Faculty, staff, students, and the public sampled authentic delicacies representing dozens of cultures around the world, prepared from recipes by UK's executive chef, Scott Kohn.

The event also included a Ten Thousand Villages sale of jewelry, home decor and gifts. Ten Thousand Villages works with over 100 artisan groups in more than 30 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America to bring handmade items to the United States. Fair trade enables artisans to earn a fair wage and the opportunity for a better quality of life.

## SBDC Granted National Accreditation

The Kentucky Small Business Development Center (KSBDC), headquartered at the UK Gatton College of Business and Economics, joins an elite group of Small Business Development Centers after receiving full accreditation from the Association of Small Business Development Centers. Only 20 percent of SBDC programs nationwide receive full accreditation without conditions.

The accreditation review process, mandated by Congress, is based on standards influenced by Malcolm Baldrige, U.S. Secretary of Commerce from 1981 until 1987. He was a proponent of quality management as a key to this country's prosperity and long-term strength.

The KSBDC is a network of 15 service centers located throughout the Commonwealth that help start-up and existing businesses succeed by offering one-on-one management consultations, expert-led training workshops and a variety of resources.

## East Meets West at UK Libraries

The University of Kentucky Libraries welcomed a delegation from Kyoto University, one of Japan's largest universities, as its staff took part in a week of training and information exchange on the UK campus. Conservation treatments for library collections, collection condition surveys, preservation management, including disaster planning and recovery, and microfilming and digitization were topics of discussion.

Kazuko Hioki, a conservation librarian at UK, organized the international exchange with the librarians. The exchange program serves as a learning tool for the Japanese library on American research libraries' practices and procedures.



Photo courtesy UK Libraries

Left to right, Eriko Amano, Yuko Yamada, Chie Yamamoto and Michiko Tsutsumi, all of Kyoto University, listen as Kazuko Hioki, a conservation librarian at UK, describes the practices UK Libraries uses in its conservation efforts as an academic research library.

## Grant Establishes Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Lexington adults age 60 and over, and others in selected communities across Kentucky, will soon be able to enroll in enrichment programs that promote lifelong learning through a grant from The Bernard Osher Foundation awarded to the UK Council on Aging.

The Osher Foundation supports a growing national network of lifelong learning institutes for older adults. The development of The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UK responds to the overwhelming growth of Kentucky's aging population and of the Donovan Scholars program.

Special Donovan classes began in 1970 and now provide over 1,000 students each year with noncredit instruction in visual and performing arts, computers, fitness, foreign affairs, languages, and autobiography. The new institute will expand activities in the Lexington area and develop sites in other selected Kentucky towns.

## UK Is Among Nation's Top 100 Hospitals

UK HealthCare's Chandler Hospital is the only Lexington hospital and the only major academic medical center in Kentucky to be ranked in the top 100 by Solucient, an organization that has been identifying America's top performing hospitals since 1993. Chandler Hospital also was recognized as one of the top 15 major academic medical centers in performance improvement in 2005.

The study determined how well patients fared by comparing patient safety, financial performance, efficiency, growth in patient volume and clinical outcomes. The top hospitals have higher survival rates, keep more patients complication-free and attract more patients, while maintaining efficiency.



Photo courtesy UK HealthCare

## Education Dean and Faculty Member Elected to National Positions

James G. Cibulka, dean of the University of Kentucky College of Education, and Tricia Browne-Ferrigno, assistant professor of educational leadership studies, have been elected to leadership positions within the American Educational Research Association (AERA).

Cibulka was named chair of the Organization of Institutional Affiliates (OIA) executive committee for AERA. OIA membership is comprised of schools of education, research institutions, and professional associations that have an interest in federal education research policy.

Browne-Ferrigno became chair of the Learning and Teaching in Education Special Interest Group. It encourages and provides a forum for research, evaluation, and scholarship in educational leadership preparation and development, and the impact of preparation on leadership practice.

## Cooperative Extension Program Strengthens Arts in Rural Area

Pike County Extension for the Arts, the nation's only Cooperative Extension Service program focusing on the fine arts, has achieved many firsts including recently receiving one of the 2006 Governor's Awards in the Arts.

Pike Arts, as it has come to be known, is a cooperative program of the UK College of Agriculture, the UK College of Fine Arts and the Pike County District Board of Cooperative Extension. It was implemented to strengthen the arts in rural areas by addressing the quality of life through the arts.

Among its list of accomplishments, Pike Arts has collaborated with local schools to implement an arts curriculum, developed an arts marketing plan for the community, and advanced the arts through partnerships with such arts groups as Artists Collaborative Theater, among others.

## UK Professor Vance Named Kentucky Poet Laureate



Photo: Jim Collins

The Poet Laureate Selection Committee coordinated by the Kentucky Arts Council has selected Jane Gentry Vance, UK professor of English, as the new poet laureate for Kentucky. Vance has more than 40 years of college teaching experience. She also is the author of *Portrait of the Artist as a White Pig*, *A Year in Kentucky: A Garland of Poems*, and *A Garden in Kentucky*. Her poems have also been published in anthologies and journals including the *Sewanee Review*, *Harvard Magazine*, *Southern Poetry Review*, the *American Voice*, and *Humanities in the South*.

The Kentucky poet laureate is appointed for a two-year term to promote and lead the literary endeavors of the state. Past Kentucky Poets Laureate include Jesse Stuart, James Still, Joy Bale Boone, Richard Taylor, James Baker Hall, Joe Survant, and Sena Jeter Naslund. Vance received the UK Alumni Association Great Teacher Award in 1986.

# Liz Cornish:

## Blazing a Trail to Career Success

By Robin Roenker



Liz Cornish is part of a very rare subset of people who could compete equally well on “*The Apprentice*” or “*The Amazing Race*” should the notion of joining a reality TV show ever arise.

Cornish, half savvy businesswoman, half outdoor adventure enthusiast, is as at home facilitating corporate leadership training seminars for Fortune 500 executives as she is canoeing alone in the Arctic Circle.

Since earning her general studies degree from UK in 1975, the former honors program student and UK cheerleader has literally trotted the globe hiking, kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing, and even dogsledding her way through some of the Earth’s most extreme environments. As CEO of her own consulting firm and a divorced mother of two children, Carolyn, 15, and Kenneth, 12, she’s also honed her skills at navigating the often tricky seas of being a working mom in the corporate world.

These days, Cornish also finds herself crisscrossing the country sharing the message of her leadership book, “*Hit the Ground Running: A Woman’s Guide to Success for the First 100 Days on the Job*,” published by

McGraw-Hill. In it, Cornish offers success strategies from interviews with over 200 women executives who’ve managed to find ways to chip through the glass ceiling on their way to high-power leadership roles.

With a life like hers, who needs reality TV?

### Going for Extremes

Before enrolling at UK in the 1970s, Liz Cornish lived what she describes as a “pretty traditional life” in her native Lexington. Since graduating, though, her life’s been anything but traditional — and she wouldn’t have it any other way.

While Cornish enjoyed the fact that her general studies program at UK allowed her to “see about a

variety of different approaches to learning” because she was “able to take classes in a variety of subject areas and be exposed to a wide range of thought,” perhaps the most lasting educational experience of Cornish’s UK career came outside the classroom when she encountered adventure travel.

It was through a then newly-formed UK outdoor group called Sage, which offered outdoor, extended educational opportunities, that Cornish discovered her “real love.”

“I took whitewater canoeing and a couple of other programs that absolutely changed my life,” she says. “Once I got introduced to outdoor adventure travel, that was it. I found my passion.”

After college, Cornish worked for a short while as a professional skier at Cyprus Gardens in Florida (where her doubles stunts from her one year on the UK cheerleading squad came in handy, she says) and then for several years as an instructor with Outward Bound and other adventure companies.

By that time Cornish was already an experienced canoer and kayaker, and companies were willing to train her in other adventure sports, like rock climbing and caving, she says, in order to meet their growing demand for female instructors.

Since then, Cornish has tried it all: rafting the Mekong River in China and Omo River in Ethiopia, climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro, kayaking the Colorado River, mountain biking in Idaho, diving in Barbados and Belize, and even solo canoeing the Arctic Circle. And that just scratches the surface.

A weeklong dogsledding odyssey was one of her most difficult journeys, says Cornish, who took that trip with a group of former adventure travel guides.

“It was minus 20 and we were sleeping in tarps and cooking over fires and things like that. That was

### Top Three Things Every Good Leader Knows:

1. They can’t do it alone.
2. They’ve got to be able to make quick decisions on insufficient data.
3. They have to be able to listen for the whole message.

— Liz Cornish

difficult,” laughs Cornish. “It was hard to stay warm. My mom couldn’t believe it, because I always get cold really easily, and there I was in minus 20 degree weather, hiking through five feet of snow trying to find wood so we could have a fire. . . . It was only a week, but it was a long week.”

Her most extreme trips? That award goes to canoeing 90 miles above the Arctic Circle and her 30-day voyage on the Omo River, where she says she met isolated ethnic tribes and had to cautiously navigate through waters that were home to very territorial hippos.

### Business Challenges

Professionally, Cornish has not shied away from challenges, either. During her time as an instructor and manager with Outward Bound, when she found herself routinely leading business men and women — often from companies that had merged or undergone other leadership transitions — on weeklong adventure trips as a bonding tool, Cornish realized something that surprised her: she liked business.

“I realized that I had had misconceptions about what business is . . . I really enjoyed many of the bright, committed and caring professionals who attended our programs,” she says.

That realization led her to seek an MBA, which she earned from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1985. Since 1986, Cornish has lived and based her work out of California, except for the two and a half years that she and her ex-husband, a physician, ran a rural health clinic in a small village in Kenya, itself an adventure. At the time, malaria was claiming the lives of many infants there.

“It’s exciting. It’s depressing. It’s rewarding. It’s frustrating. Working in a situation like that is the personification of every emotion. . . .



Photo: Courtesy Liz Cornish

On a trip to Lapland in 2005, Liz Cornish, center, is flanked by her friends and former adventure guides Betsy Dalglish, left, and Judy Futch, at the Tjaktja Pass on the Kungleden Trail about 200 miles above the Arctic Circle in northern Sweden.

Working with the children was the most rewarding part,” Cornish says of her time in Kenya. “We got the vaccination rate from way less than 50 percent to over 90 percent, which is better than this country. It was very rewarding.”

For some, skirting volatile hippos, kayaking the Arctic, and surviving subzero weather on a dogsled may sound risky, but not to Cornish.

“I don’t think of it as risky, because once you know the rules, and once you understand how to do things, then you just play by those rules,” she says. “In the natural world, I think risk is often what you perceive it to be.”

It’s a message that she shares for women in the business world as well.

### Sharing Secrets of Their Success

If there’s one thing Cornish has learned in her work with women in business, it’s that being afraid to take

risks can be the single biggest roadblock to a burgeoning career.

In researching the book, “One of the things I noticed about the women who were very successful versus the ones who plateaued more prematurely was that the women who were wildly successful always made the braver decision,” she says. “Women usually have an internal debate team saying, ‘Well, should I do this, should I not?’ ‘Should I ask for the promotion, take the raise, take the risky assignment?’ Those women who were the most successful always chose the braver decision.”

After years of working as a leadership and organizational consultant and seminar facilitator, Cornish — who has worked for clients such as Birkenstock, Apple, the U.S. Navy and PricewaterhouseCoopers — got the idea to write a book about helping people “stick a landing within their new jobs,” she says.

While Cornish’s plan was originally to write a general book about the first 100 days of a new leadership position, she quickly changed her agenda to focus on women’s first 100 days after noticing key differences during her interviews with men and women corporate executives regarding how they tackled their jobs.

### Keys to Success in Your First 100 Days on the Job:

1. Recognize the opportunity to negotiate.
2. Don’t let naysayers detract you from your focus.
3. Tame your inner critic. If you take a hit, don’t take it personally. Don’t allow yourself to get cynical or whiny.
4. And keep your sense of humor.

— Liz Cornish



“About one-third of the way through my interviews, I noticed this pattern . . . that the men were very focused on what to do: ‘Here are the tasks you do in your first 100 days.’ The women were focused on both what to do and how to do what you do. How to be,” she says.

The concept of the “first 100 days,” Cornish explains, is really more of a metaphorical one. Some people’s transitions into their new leadership roles may take only 30 days; others who are new to a company or who have more territory to cover, may require six months. “It’s really more about a series of activities and things that you’ve accomplished, as opposed to a numerical number,” she says.

Cornish’s book is full of checklists and bulleted points to help women executives stay on track as they find their own leadership niche. Tips like understand your abilities and limitations, develop an entry plan, or manage your message offer specific suggestions for helping women take advantage of those crucial first days in a new job, a time Cornish describes as “the pause between the flash of lightning and the clap of thunder.”

It’s a time, she says, when you’ve got everybody’s attention and you

can use it to either make or break yourself. During those first couple of months, you’re seeing the organization but you’re not of the organization. So you can really be objective about what’s going on and what questions to ask, she says, to move the company in the right direction.

Corporations are beginning to foster female executives within their ranks, Cornish says. It’s a change she attributes partly to the need to replace retiring baby boomers and partly to research that underscores the advantage of having female minds in the boardroom, since the majority of purchasing decisions in America are made by women. Yet women still have to work to subdue their own self-doubts if they want to break through the glass ceiling, she says.

Women have “so many tugs on their timing and psyche. We want to be good parents. We want to be good daughters, mothers, etc. . . . We’re always going ‘Oh, I should be a better mother. I should be more productive.’ So we have all these tugs.

### Want to Know More?

To find out more about Liz Cornish and her work, see her Web site at [100days.com](http://100days.com).

But the women who are successful really know what they want. They’re absolutely committed to the next step. They have the will to lead. And they’ve banished the inner-critic, meaning they were willing to say, ‘You know what, I may not be perfect, but I’m good enough. And this is what I want, and this is how I’m going to go about getting it.’”

Another stumbling block for women is their fear that if they negotiate hard, people will think they’re not being nice or that they’re not being a team player, Cornish says. Also, she says, women allow themselves to be interrupted or they limit their communication patterns to hide their own opinions. Cornish says she believes the corporate climate is changing, though, especially as a new generation of female workers — women who have grown up in an age of Title IX — rise in the ranks.

“Putting women out there on the field playing team sports helps them recognize that you can be competitive on the field and be friends outside — that’s making a huge difference,” Cornish says.

For her part, Cornish enjoys knowing that she’s helped so many women find their own keys to success. “I love it when people come up and tell me that I really inspired them. That means a lot to me,” she says.

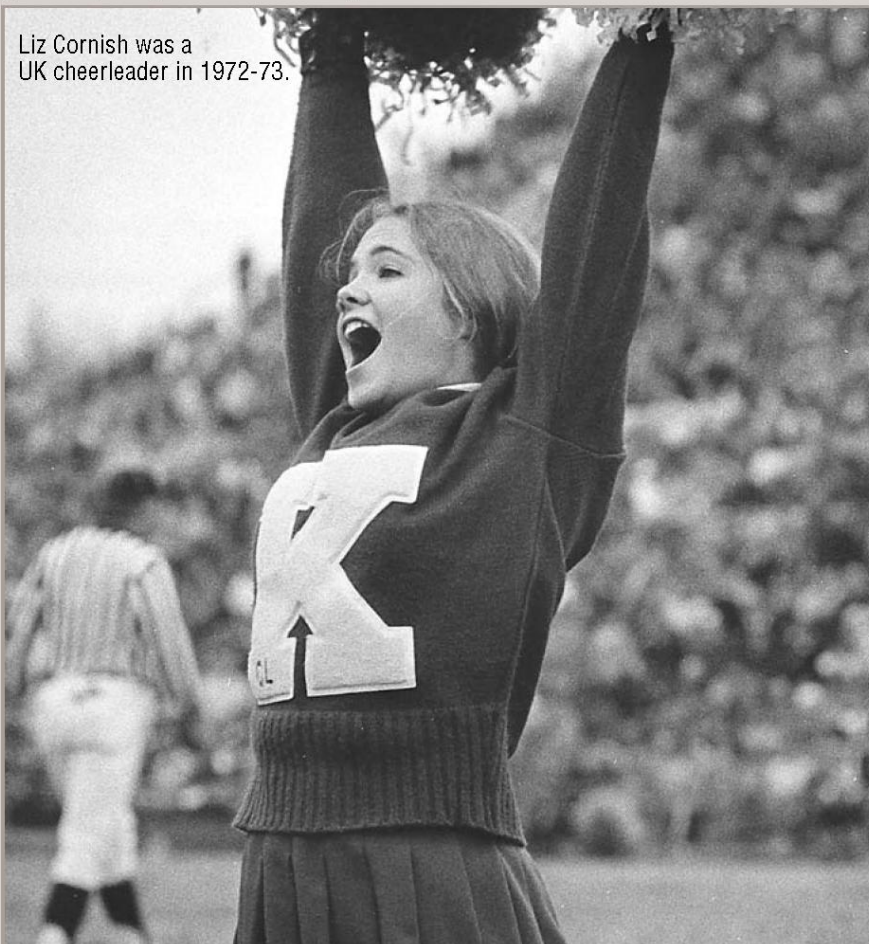
And while she’s loving her voyage on the corporate seas, still always in the back of her mind is her checklist of outdoor places to see and adventures to explore. Someday she hopes life will find her climbing Mt. Aspiring in New Zealand, swimming with whale sharks off the coast of Australia, and running this certain river in Pakistan that she’s got her heart set on.

“Now is not the time,” she says. “My kids come first.” But, like the successful women she writes about, Cornish knows what she wants. She has her mind set on it. So it’s a safe bet, she’ll get there.

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Liz Cornish was a UK cheerleader in 1972-73.



# Through Rose Colored Glass:

## Dan Barnes Creates Elegant Artwork

by Candace Chaney

Dan Barnes designed the Kentucky Governor's Awards for the Arts, unique mixed-media glass sculptures presented to award winners in nine arts categories in 2006. Barnes' elegantly crafted awards, entitled "*Kentucky Ablaze*," have increased public awareness of his artwork, which he regularly shows in galleries across the nation. He also is a frequent vendor in regional and national professional arts fairs, where he steadily continues to receive numerous accolades and awards.

But perhaps most vital to a working artist, Barnes' work has no trouble selling itself. At one of Barnes' earliest showings of his work at a fair in West Palm Beach, Fla., an art collector walked into Barnes' booth and bought the entire collection.

While Barnes is currently riding a wave of artistic success, it has been a process years in the making, occasionally nudged along by chance encounters, relationships forged in his undergraduate career, and Barnes' own why-not attitude and solid work ethic.

Before becoming a glass artist, Barnes launched his own furniture design and upholstery business, a successful venture that began, like his art career, by accident.

Having just graduated from UK Human Environmental Sciences in 1984, Barnes was working in a furniture store and offered to repair a damaged chair that the store management planned on throwing away. "Let me take it home and see if I can recover it," Barnes remembers volunteering. He proved to have a knack for reupholstery and soon was getting plenty of clients. "One month to the day I walked out on my own."

After many years of working in his own furniture and upholstery business, Barnes began to explore other creative media.

"Ever since I was a little kid I was fascinated by glass. There's something about it, when you look at it, it mesmerizes," Barnes recalls.

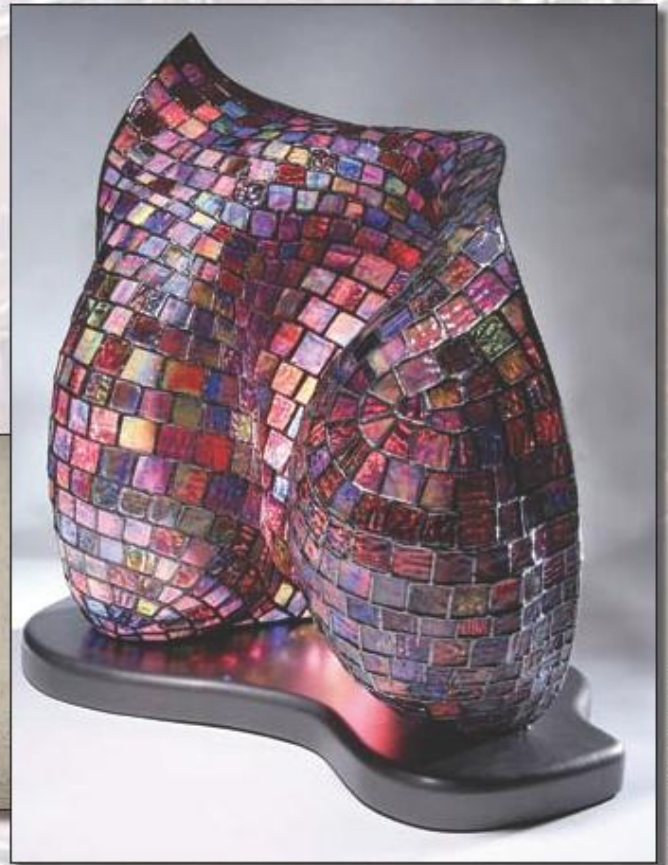
He began taking classes at Hallock Stained Glass, where he studied for over nine years, quickly mastering the basics of glasswork before exploring and refining his signature mixed-media designs. "The fun thing is mixing all different materials together and making it look like they belong," Barnes says of his work.

But few may have ever seen Barnes' celebrated work had he not been encouraged by a chance encounter with UK professor and nationally-acclaimed artist, Arturo Sandoval. Sandoval happened to drive by Barnes' home, stopped to visit, and upon seeing Barnes' glass sculptures, offered to trade work.

This run-in with his former professor gave him the boost of confidence he needed to take himself seriously



Photo: Tim Collins



Photos: Courtesy Dan Barnes

as a visual artist — much like fixing the broken chair began his furniture design career.

Within six months of Sandoval’s encouragement, Barnes had his first art show in a gallery.

A string of other significant “firsts” followed. During his first year attending the Kentucky Craft Fair, a juried show to which artists must apply for selection on the merit of their work, Barnes recalls, “My only goal was to make an impression.”

And make an impression he did. Barnes walked away with two awards from his very first juried show. He has earned many such awards since and participated in large, highly-selective national juried shows, such as the American Craft Council in Atlanta, Ga.

While Barnes is enjoying his artistic success, he is quick to acknowledge he had help along the way. He particularly cites his design training at UK and the relationships he forged there as key to his development as a successful artist.

When proposing his design for the Governor’s Awards for the Arts, Barnes says, “I went back to my design schooling. I created presentation boards and used skills I learned in the design department to pitch my idea for the award.”

Barnes’ design training further supports his art career by visually enhancing the atmosphere of his vending booths when he travels to professional fairs. “There is a lot more to the design and arrangement of the space than many consider. Presentation is just as important... there is layout, lighting, etc.,” Barnes says of a skill that serves to set him apart from other artists.

Barnes also remains connected to influential mentors from his undergraduate career at UK. “All the connec-

tions made at UK are, and have been, a strong force with what’s happened in my life,” Barnes says. In addition to Sandoval, Barnes has maintained a working relationship with Terry Rothgeb, only in this case, the tables have turned. Barnes now teaches his former professor the art of stained glass. “Things have come full circle in a way,” he says.

But there is much more ahead for Barnes’ art career. Barnes’ next big venture is Francisco Farm Arts Festival in Midway, where he will be the featured artist. This free, juried art show in June showcases the work of 140 artists from 14 states.

Despite his considerable creative success, Barnes keeps a humble attitude.

“I’ve got a long way to go and much more to learn. I’m excited every day with the prospects the future holds. It’s almost like I’ve had this rebirth in my life,” Barnes says of his blooming career change.

He admits that for him, a career in the arts is best suited for this stage in his life. “If this had happened straight out of college,” Barnes says, “I wouldn’t have been ready. I needed to grow inside first.”

His advice to students or young alumni is to the point. “Work hard, make a reputation for yourself. Do the grunt work and don’t think you’re ever too good for anything. If you’ve got the basic talent and the right attitude, you can make it in this world.”

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# ~~Good, Better,~~ BEST:

*Presenting UK's 2007 Great Teachers*

By Linda Perry

**Jerry Skees**, the H.B. Price Professor of Agricultural Policy and Risk in the Department of Agricultural Economics in the UK College of Agriculture, travels often in conjunction with his job, recently returning from China. He frequently uses role playing in the classroom to illustrate a point, like when he has students pose as World Bank consultants and he acts as a country's finance minister. "This is one way to make the linkage between theory and real applications. . .they get some perception on how real policy makers respond to what an economist presents in a real policy setting," he says.

Skees has worked in over 20 lower income countries for many global development agencies such as the United States Agency for International Development and the Asian Development Bank. He sprinkles his lessons with tales

from his own travels "I was in an accident in Mongolia as our 4-runner flipped over two times. The hospital was three hours away. When we arrived all of the medical personnel were intoxicated. The facilities were very basic and we were eight hours from any adequate medical care. I had to examine my assistant while I talked on the cell phone with a doctor in Beijing. Luckily we both suffered only minor injuries," he says. "I use the story to give perspective on how difficult things are in a developing country and to remind the students of how lucky they are to have been born in a country with advanced medical care and many opportunities for them to lead productive and meaningful lives."

Skees is president of GlobalAgRisk Inc. and also is the co-author of the award-winning book *"Sacred Cow and Hot Potatoes: Agrarian Myths in Agricultural Policy"*



Photos: Tim Collins

#### On Top 20 Status:

"Achieving that goal would enhance our opportunity to recruit excellent students, faculty and staff. Success feeds more success."

— Jerry Skees

**Six new names were engraved on the list of over 200 UK professors who have received the UK Alumni Association Great Teacher Award since it was first presented in 1961. This prestigious honor is the oldest continuous award to recognize teaching at UK and the nominations are submitted by the students. The award recipients are selected by the UK Alumni Association Great Teacher Awards Committee, in cooperation with student organizations Omicron Delta Kappa and Mortar Board.**

**The 2007 recipients were honored at a reception and dinner in March and each received a citation, engraved plaque and a \$2,000 cash award. These six individuals also were recognized that evening during the UK men's basketball game in Rupp Arena.**

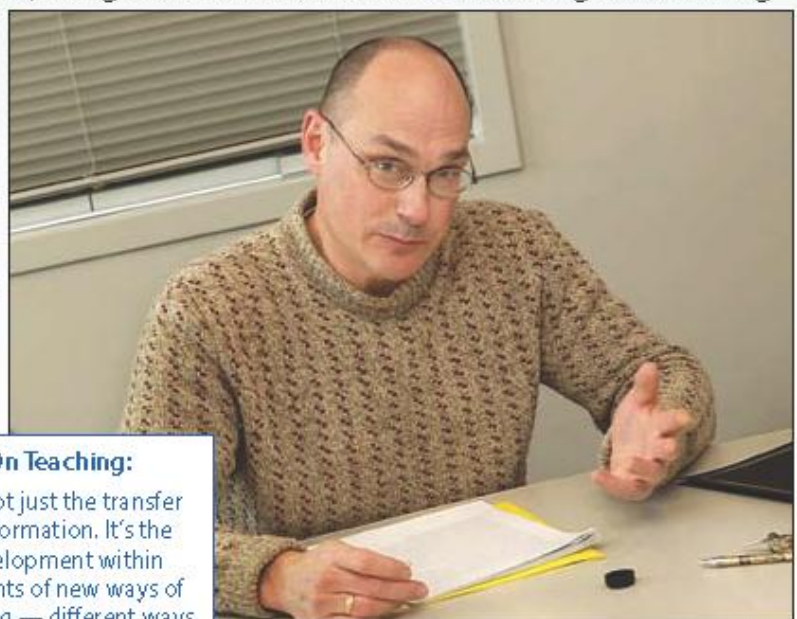


**John Watkins** is director of graduate studies in gerontology in the UK College of Public Health. He also is associate professor of geography in the UK College of Arts & Sciences. His primary research interests include population aging, life course dynamics, mobility, and theoretical and mathematical demography.

Watkins says he never envisioned himself becoming a teacher, preacher or politician because he didn't want to talk in front of a group of people. That changed when he was a senior in college and was asked to be a teacher's assistant. He felt driven by the need to help the students who still needed that "light bulb" moment to understand a concept. Since then, Watkins has been honored many times, having received such awards as the 2003 Distinguished Teaching Recognition from the Association of American Geographers and the UK Department of Geography Outstanding Faculty Instructor Award several times. For someone who never wanted to be a teacher, this is quite an accomplishment!

He tries to stay motivated and fresh for his classes, he says, by putting himself in the students' place. "I try to think like the students. . . . I remember what it was like when I was a student. I wanted something fresh and I wanted to be inspired," he says. "It's a welcomed challenge and it's my passion for teaching that seems to inspire them now."

But some of his most rewarding moments have come not specifically from the lessons he teaches but his personal interaction with the students. "A new major in geography was not doing well," Watkins says. "I insisted he be tested for learning difficulties. With the proper medications, his classroom performance went straight up to be an A level in every single one of his classes."



**On Teaching:**

"It's not just the transfer of information. It's the development within students of new ways of thinking — different ways of thinking."

— John Watkins



**Kim Woodrum**, director of general chemistry in the UK College of Arts & Sciences, has taught chemistry at UK for 17 years, mostly in large lecture classes full of freshmen. By now she knows a trick or two about communication with students, one of which is her use of four different color index cards representing answers A, B, C or D. Students pick up the cards on the way into class. As the lecture progresses, she engages the students by asking them to hold up a card representing the correct answer. “If I see a whole rainbow of colors I know they’re not ‘getting it’ and then I spend more time showing them how to think and work through the problem,” she says.

It’s for classroom practices like this that she was invited to speak at the American Chemical Society national meeting in 2006.



Woodrum tells students only a small percentage of learning happens in the classroom; most takes place after they leave and apply the lesson. “So many students try to wait until test time to start studying, but great students don’t do that,” she says. “Great students take what they’ve learned that day and apply it as soon as possible.”

She’d like freshmen to make use of all the resources that are available to them on campus, starting with speaking up when they don’t understand something.

**On Interacting with Students Outside of Class:**

“Once they start seeing that you are real — that you learn just as they do — they are more willing to come and ask for help when they need it.”

— Kim Woodrum



“Secondly, I’d like them to consider this a full-time job, not a part-time job. It’s easy to think ‘I’m only in class 16 or 18 hours a week, boy, look at all the free time I have,’” she says. “But they need to schedule a 40- to 50-hour week around those classes to study and not allow other things to take over that time. You’re a full-time student, which is a full-time job.”

**Jeffrey Osborn**, professor of biology in the UK College of Arts & Sciences, changed his approach to teaching a decade ago. “As a medical school professor, I existed as the typical ‘stand and deliver the knowledge’ lecturer. In the early 1990s the concept of ‘problem-based learning’ came along ... I now fully embrace the ‘inquiry’ approach to teaching and find that ‘teaching for understanding’ is far superior to simply delivering information,” he says. “Despite the fact that this method of instruction is more difficult, the outcomes of engaging students to retain knowledge make it worth the effort.”

Osborn has published 158 abstracts, journal articles and book chapters and is a noted lecturer in his specialty of physiology and science education. His research focuses on hypertension in rural and urban communities. Osborn also believes that it is important for undergraduates to become engaged in research. “This provides students at a large university with a sense of belonging on a smaller scale and helps them understand applications of classroom knowledge to solving real world problems,” he says. “It also provides students with an improved understanding of scientific discovery. If we are to become a national Top 20 university, we must engage the entire community in all that we do, including research.”

Osborn is science outreach professor of the Appalachian Math Science Partnership, a \$23 million National Science Foundation grant that builds partnerships among the K-12 communities and institutes of higher education. Osborn also is principal investigator of a \$2 million grant entitled “Newton’s Universe” that engages over 10,000 rural middle school students and evaluates the impact of providing hands-on science to Appalachian teachers with distance learning. “If successful, this could lead to new methods of teacher professional development in inquiry based science that reaches isolated schools using 21st century technology,” Osborn says.



**On Teaching:**

“I tell students every day that I’m the luckiest person in the world because I never have to go to ‘work.’”

— Jeffrey Osborn

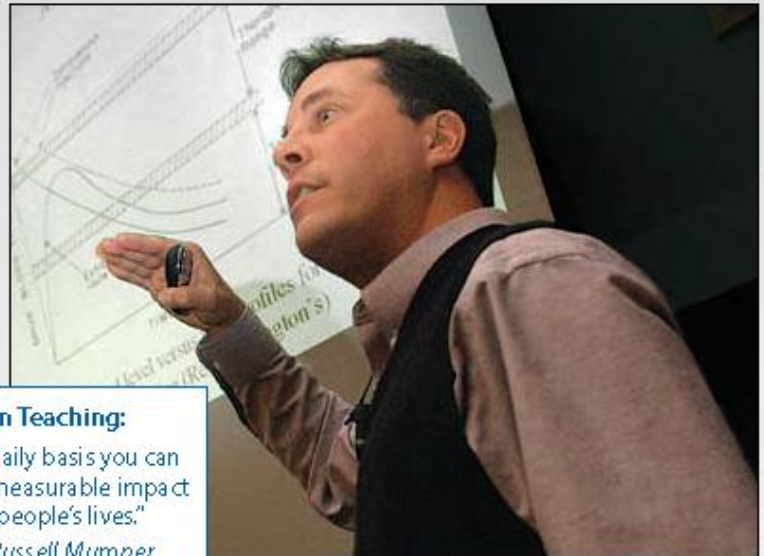


**Russell Mumper**, an associate professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in the UK College of Pharmacy, says it's easy for him to maintain his fresh approach in the classroom because of his overall passion for the topic he teaches and the feeling of accomplishment he receives while instructing students who are typically having their first exposure to pharmaceutical formulations. "I want them to see the passion that I have for what I do and I hope that I can instill a fraction of that passion into what they are going to do for their own careers," he says.

Mumper's research program at UK focuses on the creation and investigation of nanotechnology-based drug delivery systems for vaccines and cancer therapy. Since 1999, Mumper has received over \$5.9 million in research grants/contracts as principal investigator and over \$8 million total. Since 2002, he has been the coordinator and primary lecturer of a pharmaceuticals and dosage form course taught to first year pharmacy students. He also is co-founder of NanoMed Pharmaceuticals Inc., and Four Tigers LLC, two UK-based start-up companies.

He's had rewarding moments in the classroom, but overall he's especially pleased when undergraduate and pharmacy students realize they can become involved in research. "One student spent 10 weeks in my lab as part of our summer undergraduate research fellowship program and got a co-authored publication in a scientific journal . . . that was just incredibly rewarding for both the student and me," says Mumper.

"In looking at the list of past recipients, I count 12 Great Teachers that taught me," he says. "Each and every day I have an opportunity to make an impact on students' lives just as these great teachers had an impact on my life."



**On Teaching:**

"On a daily basis you can have a measurable impact on people's lives."  
— Russell Mumper



**Dr. Jeffrey P. Okeson** is professor, chairperson of the Department of Oral Health Science and director of the College of Dentistry Orofacial Pain Center. He says he realized early in his teaching career that a good laugh can have a positive impact on the teaching environment. He typically begins his classes with a short, humorous video clip to help grab the students' attention. "I think an important part of effective teaching is maintaining the student's attention. This may be accomplished in part with entertainment such as humor. My students are normally on time because they don't want to miss the opening video clip," he says. "Often I attempt to get the students' attention by presenting a clinical situation that they will personally encounter in the future. This puts significance and purpose into the lecture material."



Okeson travels extensively around the world lecturing on orofacial pain. "I usually lecture to clinicians who are managing pain patients in their practices. I learn to appreciate the common problems they face. This gives me a better understanding of the important concepts I need to teach my students," says Okeson. "My hope is to prepare my students for the challenges they will face in their practices so their patients will receive the best care possible."

An active member of many orofacial pain organizations, including past president of the American Academy of Orofacial Pain and a founding Diplomate and past president of the American Board of Orofacial Pain, he has more than 200 publications and three textbooks. The sixth edition of his *Management of Temporomandibular Disorders and Occlusion* is used in most dental schools in the United States as well as in many other countries, having been translated into 11 different languages and reaching beyond his own classroom.

**On the Great Teacher Award:**

"When recognition is from the students and your life is students, this award is as good as it gets."  
— Jeffrey P. Okeson





# KING ALUMNI THE THRESHOLD

Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, "The 'ornament' of a house is the friends who frequent it."

If she were alive today Helen G. King would agree, no doubt. A 1925 graduate of the UK School of Journalism, she went to work for the university a few years after graduation and later became the first permanent director of the UK Alumni Association, serving from 1947 to 1969.

King was pivotal in helping to engage UK alumni and connect them with their alma mater. She understood how important it was that UK graduates, faculty, staff and current students have a welcoming place to gather and recall one's happy college years with former classmates, meet for a special UK symposium, or greet freshmen at the beginning of the fall semester.

This stately building on the corner of Rose Street and Euclid Avenue was constructed in the early 1960s and named in her honor, several years before she retired from UK. The home of the UK Alumni Association, it greeted over 7,000 visitors through its doors in the 2005-2006 fiscal year. That included 151 events, enjoyed by alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends of the university and 154 nights of occupancy in the suites.

The Helen G. King Alumni House is a primary campus facility for hosting special events. The building has multiple, spacious rooms that can accommodate almost any campus gathering. It also has lodging for overnight guests.

It's played host to dignitaries, such as Bishop Desmond Tutu; student events like Senior Salute; alumni events like homecoming and reunion parties; as well as the funeral of Ray Betts, former history professor and director of the Gaines Center for the Humanities at the University of Kentucky.

Upon entering King Alumni House from its grand double doors that face Rose Street, visitors step into

Contact Jessica Dutzy, event coordinator, at 859-257-7162 or at [jessicadutzy@uky.edu](mailto:jessicadutzy@uky.edu) to book your next event or schedule a tour.

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# HOUSE TO FRIENDSHIP

the well-appointed Great Hall, whose floor is covered in rich Brazilian cherry wood, highlighted by the University of Kentucky logo in black walnut in the center of the room. A large chandelier casts an elegant warmth across this huge lobby area, inviting visitors to pause and enjoy a relaxing moment.

The original furniture in the public areas of the building was refurbished during a renovation in the late 1990s, preserving pieces of UK history. A grand twin-stairway to the Mezzanine provides visitors with another place to sit and chat. The Mezzanine frequently is the site for live music provided during events.

The Guest Suites on the second floor are probably the best-kept secret among members and people on campus. Visiting professors, consultants, or graduate students can maximize their time on campus by staying in one of the two suites, complete with TVs in the bedroom and living area and Internet access, as well as a coffee maker, microwave oven and compact refrigerator in each unit. Alumni can use the rooms when visiting the campus or Lexington.

The Library is adjacent to the Great Hall. It houses a collection of books written by UK alumni and donated to the association. It also contains an almost complete collection of the *Kentuckian*, the UK yearbook, dating back to the early 1900s. The room has a beautiful marble fireplace with a cast-iron grate and screen as a focal point. Above the fireplace hangs a print of the UK campus, showing how it appeared in the early 1900s. A large painting of Helen G. King, former director, adorns the wall on the north side of the room. The portrait was



commissioned for the 1963 opening of the house and was painted by William P. Welsh, an artist known for his illustration and portrait work.

The Library opens to a brick Patio, accessed by two sets of French doors. When the weather is right, it is a perfect place to enjoy an outdoor reception or cookout.

The Great Hall and Library can accommodate up to 200 people for catered receptions and open houses. The Library can be rented separately for receptions of up to 40 people.

In addition, our Board Room, on the south side of the Library, is a comfortable place to hold a private meeting for approximately 12 people. The room can be closed off for full privacy, and has Internet connections available.

The downstairs area of the King Alumni House holds several surprises. A large room, The Hall of Distinguished Alumni, seats up to 100 guests for a meal or 150 guests for a theatre-style meeting, or most other setup configurations. Historical photographs of the UK campus hang on the walls, some showing images dating back to 1882. Adjacent to the hall is the Lounge, a cozy place for a small, casual gathering of up to 20 people, equipped with a wide screen TV, bar area and bistro-style seating. A kitchen nearby is convenient for use by caterers.

Beyond the lounge area is the Past Presidents Room, which offers another private space for corporate-style meetings, with Internet access, accommodating up to 12 individuals.

These elegant facilities are available for your next gathering of alumni, faculty, staff, or students.

Russ Williams, a senior training specialist in UK Human Resource Development, has made use of the King Alumni House in the past. "I've had the pleasure to attend or host everything from formal dinners to weeklong workshops in the King Alumni House and found it to be one of the most comfortable facilities on campus," he says.



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## Profiles in Blue

# Paula Leach Pope



Photo: Dave LaBelle

Paula Leach Pope, director of campaign services and donor relations at the University of Kentucky, assumes the role of president of the UK Alumni Association July 1 for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. A native of Ironton, Ohio, Paula began her love affair with the university when she followed her new husband, Fred '68 BE, to Kentucky, transferring in her junior year from Ohio State. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree in 1973 and a master's in 1975, both from the UK College of Education.

Paula taught in the Fayette County public schools before becoming administrative assistant to Lexington Mayor Jim Amato. She later became assistant director of the Greater Lexington Chamber of Commerce. In 1983 she joined UK as development assistant for the UK Libraries. During her time there she was responsible for fund-raising, donor relations, special events and coordination of the UK Library Associates. Paula deserves much credit for helping the W. T. Young Library building project come to fruition, culminating with a grand opening April 3, 1998. Today that library houses about 1.2 million books that would stretch 300 miles, almost to Saint Louis, Mo., if placed end-to-end.

She also finds time to be involved in many civic organizations and has worked with Opportunity Workshop of Lexington and the Lexington Junior League, among others. On campus, she was co-chairperson of the United Way campaign in 1992.

Paula and her husband are Life Members of the UK Alumni Association and are UK Fellows. She has been active in the association for many years and led the committee that oversaw the Phase II renovation of the King Alumni House in the late 1990s. For her many successful projects, she received the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Service Award in 1999.

Looking forward to a challenging year ahead as president of the association, Paula says she wants to see all UK graduates join the association. "My mantra this year is going to be 'It's about membership!'" she says.

### Most sentimental gift

Homemade gifts like Mother's Day cards received from her children when they were small (Robert '98 UK, '03 Midwestern University and Alison '00 Ohio University) and things they made at school

### Favorite way to spend free time

"Fred and I are great movie buffs. We love to go to movies. I just saw "Fracture" with Anthony Hopkins and Ryan Gosling. Thumbs up!"

### Most important life lesson learned

"Never say never."

### Celebrity would like to meet over lunch

Oprah Winfrey

### Childhood nickname

"My dad called me Minnie and he called my sister Maude."

### First celebrity crush

Richard Chamberlain as Dr. Kildare

### First job as a teenager

Swimming instructor at the city pool in Ironton, Ohio  
"I only swim now if I can find water that's as warm as in a bathtub. That goes back to all those mornings I had to get into freezing water to teach swimming lessons."

### How she meet her husband

"I met him in a bar in Ironton during summer break from college (Ohio State). Ashland was dry then and he came across the river to Ohio. He tripped over my 'lunch bucket' purse. Remember when it was very trendy to paint and decoupage those large purses? He tripped over the purse — purely an accident. Then he asked me to dance. We've just celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary."

### Bookworm or slacker in college

Bookworm

### Biggest obstacle overcome in college

"I had to work a lot of hours, juggle classes and try to get good grades to keep my scholarships."

### Most memorable moment at UK as a student

Graduation in Memorial Coliseum  
"My family came down for the ceremony. For me to switch from Ohio State to Kentucky was a shock to my Ohio family, so to be at my graduation and on campus with me felt especially nice."

### Advice to college students today

"Don't make up your mind on what career you want to follow while you're still a freshman because you'll be exposed to so many new things that you've never heard of during the next few years in college. Don't lock yourself in so early."

### Favorite Web site

Google

"It can take you anywhere."

### Last thing bought online

"Happy" perfume by Clinique

### I'm embarrassed to admit I've attended a concert by ...

"Oh, who's that saxophone guy? With long flowing hair ... you always hear his "Silent Night" at Christmas time. Kenny G. He appeared with Whitney Houston and all his songs sound alike. After two or three you want to yell, 'Stop!'"

### Yardstick of success

"Keeping caught up at work and staying healthy while I'm doing it. It's a balancing act."

### Things won

"I won a Bentwood rocking chair in a drawing one time, but the dog chewed it up. I think it was from the Lexington Advertising Club."

### Broken bones

"Just a little toe. I was on a friend's boat at Kentucky Lake a few years ago. I was walking on the boat and caught my toe in one of those cleats that's used to tie the boat's ropes."

### Favorite vacation spot

"Paris. I've been three or four times. There's so much energy there; so much activity. I love the museums, the art, the food — and I love to

shop, although I can't afford it! But I also love warm island vacations, like going to the Hawaiian Islands."

### Mashed potatoes or fried

Fried

### Favorite "bad" food

Joe Bolonga's pizza with extra garlic butter followed by a Butterfinger Blizzard and Magee's birthday cake with buttercream frosting

### If starting a new career today ...

"I'd pick something in the health professions, probably a physical therapist."

### Toughest business decision

"The hardest period of time was when we had started the library campaign, raised money, and then the General Assembly did not give us the bonding authority they were supposed to. We struggled with what to do. Do we give people's money back, do we try to go forward — that was a really difficult time in my career. I call that my Snickers bar summer. I had to have a Snickers bar every day to cheer myself up, although I wasn't very happy with the result it produced by the end of the summer."

### Ahead in the next five years

"I think I'm going to have a busy time as president of the UK Alumni Association this year. After that, as part of my job at UK, I'll continue to build on the Office of Development campaign. We are ending UK's capital campaign, but in fundraising you're always in some stage of a campaign, so I'll be gearing up for the next one that comes along."

## Quick Fact

The UK Alumni Association traces its history to 1889 when Joseph H. "Little Joe" Kastle, a UK grad and UK professor, persuaded a few of his fellow faculty members/UK graduates to establish an Alumni Club.





**Save the Date!**

**Class of 1957 and  
Golden Wildcat Reunion  
October 25-27, 2007**

## Class of 1957 and Golden Wildcat Reunion

The University of Kentucky Alumni Association would like to welcome back Class of 1957 graduates and all Golden Wildcat Society members October 25-27, 2007. The Golden Wildcat Society recognizes alumni who graduated 50 years ago or more from the University of Kentucky.

Watch the mail, as more details will be coming soon. Please visit [www.ukalumni.net](http://www.ukalumni.net), keyword: **golden**, for updated information or call 859-257-8905 or 1-800-269-ALUM. Registration opens August 2007.

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## Louisville Practices Big Blue Loyalty



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The **UK Alumni Association** held a Big Blue Loyalty Networking event in Louisville at the Galt House in April. UK alums were able to mingle with other UK grads who are the business leaders of today and tomorrow and are currently doing business in the Louisville area. Enjoying the get-together are, left to right, Brandon Jagers '02 BE, Rayshawn Mitchell '02 BE, and Kevin Cowherd '03 EN.

## STAT Dances and Raises Marathon Money

Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) participated in DanceBlue, a 24-hour, no sleeping, no sitting dance marathon in March to raise funds for the UK Pediatric Oncology Clinic. STAT team members took third place in the Spirit Award for the Small Team Division.



Photo: Gretchen Bower

Student organizations were encouraged to Adopt-a-Family, which placed students with a family to provide emotional support and organize fun activities for the patients and siblings. STAT adopted Jamon Rudder and his parents James and Jennifer Rudder. He is a five-year-old boy from East Bernstadt who is fighting leukemia.

## Senior Salute

The University of Kentucky Alumni Association hosted the **2007 Senior Salute** in March at the King Alumni House for any August or December 2006 graduate or May 2007 graduate. Grads were able to take care of all their Commencement needs, such as ordering cap, gown and an official class ring, verifying degree application, investigating career opportunities, sitting for a portrait for the Kentuckian yearbook, and learning about the benefits of belonging to the UK Federal Credit Union.

## William Bass Shares Experiences In Forensic Anthropology

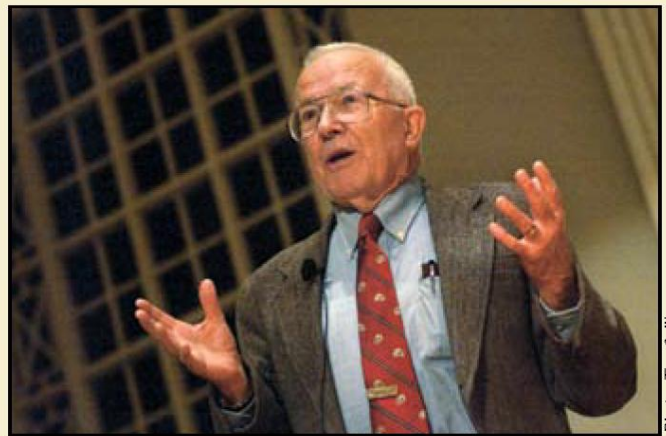


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William M. Bass III, world renowned forensic anthropologist, enthralled his audience as the featured speaker for the UK Alumni Association's "*How Do I Become...*" Lecture Series in Memorial Hall this spring.

A 1956 UK alumnus, Bass is professor emeritus at the University of Tennessee and founder of the UT Forensic Anthropology Research Center, popularly referred to as "the body farm." The three-acre farm serves as a valuable resource for law enforcement agencies as well as a training ground for forensic anthropologists. Considered the world's leading expert on forensic anthropology, Bass has trained most of the practicing forensic scientists in the United States.

He has written numerous publications, such as "*Death's Acre*," co-authored with filmmaker Jon Jefferson, "*Human Osteology: A Laboratory and Field Manual*," and "*The Leavenworth Site Cemetery: Archeology and Physical Anthropology*."

## Classes Enjoy 2007 Spring Reunion



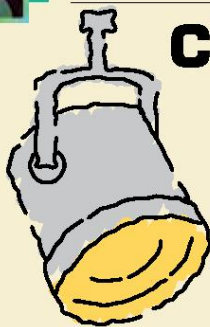
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The UK Alumni Association welcomed back to Lexington the Classes of 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987 and 1992 for the 2007 Spring Reunion in April. The event was a weekend designed to be family-friendly. It included an afternoon at Keeneland and the annual Little Kentucky Derby festivities with its hot air balloon races.





## CLUB HOPPING



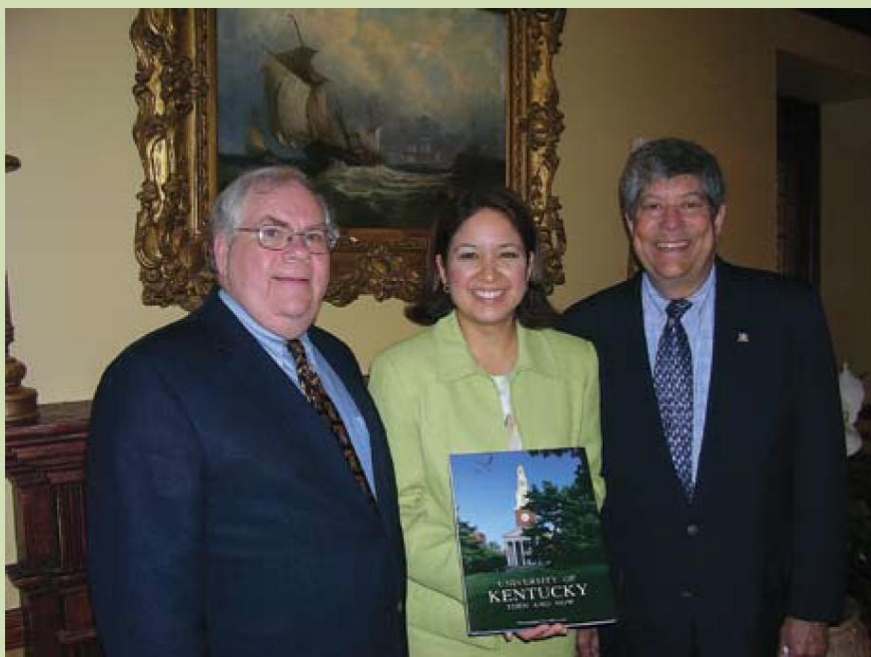
### Houston UK Alumni Club

The Houston UK Alumni Club began around 1990 as a result of the hard work of Greg and Amy Hall, Marylou Fry and Kim Sims, assisted by Garry Modrell, Kurt Adkins and Dan Sparks. The club grew and serves the needs of UK as well as more than 1,300 UK graduates living in the greater Houston area.

The Houston club gained momentum in the early '90s, partially due to the success of the UK basketball program and the contributions made by

Houston native Jeff Brassow to those teams. (The 1993 Maui Invitational certainly comes to mind!) "The success of UK's athletic programs really helps to increase the cohesiveness of clubs that are located a great distance from Lexington," says Sparks.

Club officers for 2006-07 are Chris Dykes, president; Gary Modrell, vice president; Tom Mathews, secretary; and Pam Kuhn, treasurer. The club is especially proud of Kuhn, who received the UK Alumni Association's 2006 Joseph T. Burch Young Alumni Award for her dedication and service to the university. The club also takes pride in annually providing funding for a scholarship to a deserving UK student from the Houston area.



Alumni board member Dan Sparks, left, was the catalyst for a UK recruiting event in Houston, Texas, where high school counselor Kris Salinas won the door prize from Pete Friedrich, president of the UK Alumni Association.

The club actively recruits students for UK, having served as liaisons for the university at college fairs. Building upon this success, local UK alumni are piloting a targeted recruitment effort to support the UK College of Engineering, including a future event with President Lee T. Todd Jr. attending.

Regularly scheduled events, including game watch parties, are held throughout the year as is the club's annual Derby Party at Sam Houston Race Park that draws about 100 people. Leading up to the party, members have fun creating simple syrup and bruising the mint used in traditional mint juleps.

Want to join the fun? For a complete list of all Houston UK Alumni Club events, visit <http://www.ukalumni.net/clubpages/houston>



Houston UK Alumni Club members enjoy a moment at the NCAA Basketball Regionals in Austin, Texas.

# THE OPEN DOOR CLUB HOPPING



Grace Northcutt, 2002 recipient of the **Fayette County UK Alumni Club** scholarship and now 2007 graduate, and Rich Brooks, UK football coach, were guests at the club's annual meeting.



UK President Lee T. Todd Jr., right, was on hand to help the **Mason County UK Alumni Club** celebrate its 30th anniversary. Joining Todd are Jim Stice, left, president of the club, and Joe Traxel, center, of Maysville.



Former UK All-American Keith Bogans and current member of the Orlando Magic visited with members of the **Tampa Bay and Sarasota UK Alumni Clubs** during the UK Alumni Night with the Orlando Magic.



**Chicago UK Alumni Club** members Micah Wheat, Kim Parks, Diane Massie and Ashley Lyles cheered on the Wildcats during the NCAA Tournament in Chicago.



Members of the **Pacific Northwest UK Alumni Club** hosted a game watch party for the UK/Florida game in February.






# THE OPEN DOOR COLLEGE VIEW



The **Gatton College of Business and Economics** Alumni Hall of Fame inducted two new members. Gerald R. Benjamin '79 BE, left, is the managing director and head of investment banking with Navigant Capital Advisors LLC. Marian F. Guinn '84 '86 BE, center, is the executive director of God's Pantry Food Bank in Lexington. The newest inductees are pictured with Devanathan Sudharshan, dean of the Gatton College of Business and Economics.




Alumni and friends of the **UK College of Dentistry** enjoyed a seven day cruise on the Caribbean Sea while earning continuing education credits. Left to right are Mary Burch, Gene Burch '75 DEN, Clay Stuart '72 DEN and Harriet Stuart. In February 2008 the college is sponsoring another continuing education program at sea.



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## College of Nursing

Of 354 programs, the College of Nursing ranks 18th among public universities or 26th when private universities are included, according to the *U.S. News & World Report's* 2008 edition of *"America's Best Graduate Schools."*

Jane Marie Kirschling became the college's fourth dean in August 2006. She was formerly dean of the University of Southern Maine College of Nursing and Health Professions.

"The importance of preparing top students at UK for nursing careers is paramount, as the need for health professionals continues to grow," said Kirschling. "We are working to chart the college's future growth and direction

to ensure that the university is doing its part to bolster the strength of Kentucky as a healthy place to live, learn and work."

Former Dean Carolyn A. Williams remains on the college's faculty.

Faculty scholarly activity in the college is the ninth most productive in the nation among both public and private universities, according to the 2005 Faculty Scholarly Activity Index, which ranked 7,300 doctoral programs. The index was published in the Jan. 12, 2007 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. Beginning in fall 2007, the college is

doubling enrollment in the undergraduate program and 160 students will be admitted each academic year.

Also of importance, the College of Nursing inducts its first five members into the Hall of Fame this year. They are:

- Nancy Dickenson-Hazard '68, chief executive officer, Sigma Theta Tau International
- Sue Thomas Hegyvary '65, dean emerita, University of Washington School of Nursing
- Alice Gertrude Herman '72, nursing pioneer in rural and frontier areas of America
- Cynda Hylton Rushton '78, associate professor, Johns Hopkins School of Nursing and program director, Harriet Lane Compassionate Care Program
- Elizabeth Elder Weiner '75, senior associate dean for educational informatics and professor of informatics, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing



Second Degree Option students Naketa Williams, left, and Tim Yantz are performing newborn assessments and giving routine injections during a clinical rotation in the newborn nursery at UK Chandler Hospital. These students, who already hold a bachelor's degree in another field, are now pursuing a bachelor's in nursing.





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## Career Corner with Caroline Francis



The James W. Stuckert Career Center honored four outstanding students with the Interns of the Year Award. The award is co-sponsored by the UK Alumni Association. Kumble Subbaswamy, UK provost, left, and James W. Stuckert, former chairperson and CEO of Hilliard-Lyons Inc., right, presented the awards to Catherine Dallas, Defense Finance and Accounting Inc. intern; Merna Habash, First Investors Corporation intern; Melissa Scott, UK College of Agriculture Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development intern; and Trey Sargent, Total Quality Logistics Inc. intern.

## EMPLOYERS

### Recruit New Employees on Campus

If your company has internships or job openings for students and alumni or you would like to conduct campus interviews or need more information on upcoming Career Fairs, contact the James W. Stuckert Career Center at [www.uky.edu/CareerCenter](http://www.uky.edu/CareerCenter) or 859-257-2746.

Scheduled career fairs include:

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## JOB SEEKERS

### Little Things Make a Difference

Hiring officials tell us that it often comes down to the little things when they are picking applicants for a final interview.

#### Tops on the 'good' list:

- A cover letter addressed to the right person (Be a detective and do your research.)
- Resumes and cover letters that clearly document skills that are a match for the job (Include specific examples.)
- Neat and error free resumes and cover letters

#### Tops on the 'bad' list:

- Inadequate research of the company
- Long answers to interview questions

### Seek Help for Job Loss Grief Cycle

Each year millions of workers are terminated. Living through the job loss grief cycle has many ups and downs and can be similar to experiencing a death of a loved one. It is natural to have an identity crisis. However, seek professional counseling if you experience prolonged periods of anger and depression.

#### Remember to:

- Establish positive coping strategies.
- Join a job loss support group
- Try to do something each day toward your job search.

### Grab Attention With Your Resume

Having trouble writing job descriptions that get noticed? Update your resume with variations of these action phrases:

- Recognized for excellent \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Managed \_\_\_ strategic accounts with sales of \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Trainer for a staff of \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Supervised customer service for \_\_\_ regional accounts.
- Implemented new \_\_\_ resulting in \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Met and exceeded all quarterly and annual sales goals.
- Analyzed emerging technology and made recommendations to senior management.





JRMA's west coast headquarters



Jim Miller and one of the firm's many design awards.



Don Perry & Jim Miller

## Jim Miller is bringing his business home. You should, too.

Kentucky basketball, UK President Lee Todd, Dean Tom Lester, and long-time friendships formed at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity House on UK's campus in the 1970s—all helped Jim Miller, CEO of J. R. Miller & Associates (JRMA), decide to open an engineering branch office in Lexington.

Miller, a native of Western Kentucky, attended UK in the 70s on a full 4-year Civil Engineering scholarship from Kentucky's Department of Transportation. While on campus, Jim became an avid basketball fan (think Grevey, Conner, Joe B. Hall) and formed what would become a long-term friendship with fellow engineering student and fraternity brother Don Perry.

Miller received his BS in Engineering from UK and went on to receive his Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from Stanford in '75. Seven years later, he founded JRMA, a west coast professional services firm specializing in industrial facility design. Today his company, headquartered in Brea, California, has 36 employees who together have won numerous engineering design awards, including the recent prestigious "Transfer Station Project of the Year" honor from the Solid Waste Association of North America. Miller commented, "For more than 15 years my company has been designing solid waste transfer and recovery facilities that significantly reduce environmental impacts, lower costs, and divert recyclables from our nation's landfills. We are nationally recognized because our designs are operationally excellent and of high aesthetic quality. Our projects, when brought to life, routinely achieve a 'triple bottom line' of profitability, environmental soundness, and social significance."

According to Miller, his company's growth created a need for a specialized civil engineering capability office to better meet the needs of existing and future clients. Four years ago, he met with UK President Lee Todd and Dr. Tom Lester, Dean of UK's College of Engineering. He recalls, "I was very impressed with Dr. Todd's goal of leading UK to become a top-20 research institution. I was especially pleased that the grand plan included increasing the College of Engineering enrollment and the school's focus on research—meaning that the University would be graduating more qualified engineering candidates than ever before." Additionally, Miller spent a significant amount of time with Commerce Lexington personnel who helped him "realize the enormous pro-business changes that have taken place in Lexington in recent years." They also gave him valuable information on successful 'town/gown' relationships, the quality of life in the Lexington area, and the quality of the workforce.

"Ultimately, it became clear to me that Lexington could be a perfect place to locate a design office. We began to seriously consider expanding eastward back to Kentucky, and two worlds, actually two great opportunities, just came together. Don Perry, my good friend from college, is a Civil Engineer in Lexington and is eminently qualified to head up such an office. He was unwilling to leave 'the horse capital of the world' and venture west, so VOILA! We decided to open 'JRMA East' in Lexington. Our East Reynolds Road office will serve as a base from which we can handle project opportunities we simply can't accommodate in California:

designing facilities for solid waste processing and recycling, aviation, manufacturing, and food processing." How often does Miller plan to be back in Kentucky? "Well, that depends," he explains with a smile. "Certainly I'll be here whenever I'm needed, but for sure I plan to 'be needed' during basketball season and Keeneland meets each year."



This 'True Blue' Kentuckian is married to the former Diana Miceli, and they are parents of 3 sons, Grant, Joel, and Ross. Miller's hobbies include skiing (annual trips with his UK buddies), gardening, and cheering for the

Los Angeles Angels baseball team—as well as watching UK football and basketball games each season on ESPN.

In a way, Jim Miller never completely left Kentucky—and now he's found a way to come back much more often. If you're a UK grad with business expansion or relocation plans, why not follow Jim Miller's example? Come back home to Lexington.

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### Before 1960

**Maurice Cook '57 '59 AG** has been awarded the 2006 Hugh Hammond Bennett Award by the Soil and Water Conservation Society in recognition of his national and international accomplishments in the conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources. A UK Fellow, he was inducted into the UK Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 2000. He lives in Raleigh, N.C. 

### 1960s

**John "Jack" Guthrie '63 CIS** was named Rotarian of the Year by the Rotary Club of Louisville for his 32 years of service with the organization. He is chairman of Guthrie/Mayes Public Relations and also is the president of the Main Street Association in Louisville, an organization that provides leadership and guidance to the businesses and residents of the area. Guthrie who is a former president of the UK Alumni Association, and currently is a member of its board of directors, holds an ABJ degree.



**Joseph B. Curry '64 CIS** is the chief operating officer of the Peterloon Foundation, a private family foundation for Peterloon, a landmark Georgian-style estate in Cincinnati, Ohio. He previously served as the director of global corporate communications for Convergys Corporation, as well as the head of fund-raising for the Taft Museum of Art. He lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**David Lawrence '66 MED** has joined the Dynavax Technologies Corporation Board of Directors. A retired chairman

and chief executive officer of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Inc. and Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, he is board certified in general preventive medicine. A member of Alpha Omega Alpha and the Institute of Medicine, he also serves on the boards of Agilent Technologies, Raffles Medical Group of Singapore, McKesson Corporation, and the RAND Health Advisory Board. He resides in Geyserville, Calif.

**Gordon R. Garner '68 '70 EN** has been appointed to the Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission by Gov. Ernie Fletcher. He also is a vice president for CH2M Hill as well as the vice chair of the Kentucky Waterways Alliance. Previously he has served as the commissioner of public works for Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and was the executive director of the Metropolitan Sewer District in Louisville. He lives in Prospect with his wife, **Joyce Craig Garner '68 AG**.

**James E. Knight '68 EN** is the president and chief executive officer of Caspian International Oil Corporation, headquartered in Houston, Texas. Knight previously served as president and chief executive officer of Caspian Gas Corporation in Almaty, Kazakhstan. He and his wife, **Stephanie L. Knight '69 AS**, live in Wellborn.

**V. Paulette Jones West '69 AS** recently became a certified medical practice executive in the American College of Medical Practice Executives of the Medical Group Management Association. She is a senior business consultant for Kaiser Permanente Health Plan Administration and lives in Vacaville, Calif. 

### 1970s

**James E. Rogers '70 BE, '74 LAW** is the chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Duke Energy Corporation of Charlotte, N.C., as well as a member of the board of directors of CIGNA Corporation. He also currently serves as a director of several non-profit organizations, including the National Coalition on Health Care, the Business Roundtable, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Coal Council and the Alliance to Save Energy. He resides in Charlotte, N.C.

**Donald R. Herd '71 '74 EN** recently retired from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet after more than 30 years of service. A former transportation engineer branch manager for bridge maintenance, his career included work in the research and planning divisions. He is currently enrolled in the master of divinity program at the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky. A resident of Georgetown, he serves as Sunday school director for Faith Baptist Church.


**John "Jack" Day '73 AS** is a partner at Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., one of the nation's largest creditors' rights law firms. He practices in the bankruptcy department and is a member of the Kentucky, Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and Cincinnati bar associations. Licensed in both Kentucky and Ohio, he is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. He also is a member of the American Bankruptcy Law Forum and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Ohio. He lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.

## CLASS NOTES

**Stephen Massie '73 ED, '74 AS** is a senior analyst at Camber Corporation in Newport News, Va. A retired Air Force officer, he served as a squadron commander in the 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., and as a deputy group commander with U.S. forces in the United Kingdom at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, Suffolk, England. While serving with the joint task forces in Italy and Senegal, he received the Humanitarian Service Medal for the evacuation of American citizens from Albania and Liberia during periods of civil unrest in those countries. He currently resides in Yorktown, Va., with his wife and two daughters.

**John T. Ahern Jr. '76 BE** is the executive director of the DePaul University Center for Global Accounting Education Benchmarking and Research. He also is on the board of directors for Hub International Ltd., a large insurance brokerage

in North America, where he serves as a member of the audit committee. He resides in Chicago, Ill.

**William E. Dorris '76 AS, '79 LAW** is managing partner in Kilpatrick Stockton LLP, an international law firm. His previous work for the firm includes several high profile cases, including the expansion of Hartsfield Jackson International Airport, the Georgia World Congress Center, the nationwide construction of new hospitals for Veterans Affairs, and the clean up of radioactive contamination at the government's Oak Ridge, Tenn., facilities. He lives in Marietta, Ga. 

**Wade C. McKnight '77 BE** is managing partner for the Nevada practice of Deloitte & Touche. He is a former presi-



dent of the Memphis UK Alumni Club and has resided in Las Vegas, Nev., since 2004.

**Timothy Burcham '79 ED** is the chair of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), an international organization working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education, and certification programs. A member of the organization's Bluegrass Chapter for over 20 years, Burcham previously served as secretary and vice chair of external relations. He currently lives in Lexington where, in addition to his work with AFP, he is vice president for institutional advancement for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

**James D. Kennedy '79 '81 EN** is the vice president of engineering for Digital Recorders Inc., a digital communications company specializing in the

transportation, law enforcement, and security industries. Prior to his work for Digital Recorders, he served as the director of engineering for QMD Inc. in Raleigh, N.C., where he currently resides. Kennedy is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and has received two patents for consumer and transit products.

### 1980s

**Christopher Lilly '81 LAW** has been appointed executive director of the Office of Alcoholic Beverage Control by Kentucky Gov. Ernie Fletcher. Prior to this appointment, he served as the commissioner of the Department of Public Protection and executive director of the Office of Charitable Gaming. He lives in Nicholasville.

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**Douglas McEldowney '81 BE** is the senior portfolio manager for Northern Trust Global Investments in West Palm Beach, Fla. He is responsible for fundamental equity research and portfolio management for the large cap value equity team. He lives in Pomona Beach, Fla.

**James W. Dinkle '82 CIS** is the chief executive officer of the Economic Development Corporation of Wayne County, Ind. Dinkle has 20 years of economic development experience, including five working as a site selector for corporate customers of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. A former UK student body president ('82-'83), he now lives in Richmond, Ind.

**Andrew S. Howell '83 BE** is the executive vice president of mission asset activity for the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati. His responsibilities include credit services, the mortgage purchase program, and housing and community investments. He is married to **Cynthia Krugel Howell '83 EN** and they live in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**David R. Proffitt '83 DES** is an associate with GBEN Architects where he routinely serves as project manager or project architect.



He is currently working on the University of Louisville's women's volleyball and men's basketball practice facility, as well as the Olympic weight training and field hockey stadium complex. Proffitt also is the secretary of the American Institute of Architects. He lives in Louisville with his wife and two children.

**Lini S. Kadaba '84 AS, '85 CIS** is a staff writer at the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. Along with a colleague, she recently won the American Society on Aging's top award for 2007 in the lo-

cal/regional category for a four-part series, "Aging in the Suburbs," which chronicled the challenges suburbs can expect to face as the population ages. She lives in Newtown Square, Pa.

**Scott D. Shapiro '86 EN** is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force and the commander of the 535th Airlift Squadron. He has served in the Air Force for over 20 years, including two deployments in the recent war in Iraq. He is currently assigned to Hickman Air Force Base, Honolulu, Hawaii.

**Rebecca Barker Vest '87 BE** is the general manager of purchasing for Toyota Engineering and Manufacturing North America. She is responsible for all procurement of powertrain and chassis parts and materials, production preparation and project management for North American operations. She also oversees all prototype, service, and export parts procurement. She lives with her husband and two children in Villa Hills.

**Nancy N. Ciocci '88 AS, '91 SW** has been appointed to the Historic Hillsborough Commission by North Carolina Gov. Mike Easley. A licensed clinical social worker, she is a member of Preservation North Carolina, the National Association of Social Workers, and the North Carolina Society for Clinical Social Workers. She lives in Hillsborough, N.C.

**Michael A. Haurert '88 AG** is the executive vice president of Sysco Food Services of Central Ohio, a foodservice distributor in Columbus, Ohio. He previously served as senior vice president of sales. Haurert lives in Dublin, Ohio, with his wife and three children.

**Edwin C. Hendrick '89 CIS** is the vice president of sales for the CorVel Corporation, an independent, nationwide provider of managed care services in the worker's compensation, accident, health, and auto insurance markets. Prior to joining CorVel, Hendrick served as vice president, sales and marketing for US-LABS/Esoterix, managing nationwide sales development. He and his wife, **Karen Whitehead Hendrick '90 FA**, live in Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.

### 1990s

**Darren S. Bilberry '90 CIS, '01 ED** is the assistant commissioner for the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. A former UK football player ('87-'89), he previously worked as a teacher and assistant football coach at Henry Clay High School in Lexington, where he lives.

**Changjin "CJ" Wang '90 PHA** is the vice president of business development for VIVUS Inc., a pharmaceutical company specializing in the development and commercialization of therapeutic products addressing obesity and sexual health. Wang has almost 17 years of experience in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry, most recently as vice president of business development of Abmaxis Inc. He resides in San Diego, Calif.

**David S. Hasler '91 BE** is the senior director of merchandise finance for Walmart Stores. He also is working with a faculty member at North Carolina State University on a series of articles on business ethics. He lives in Bentonville, Ark.



**Thomas A. Passafiume '91 CIS** has been the assistant editor on the Fox TV drama "The O.C." His previous television credits include "NCIS" for CBS, "The Bachelorette" for ABC, and "30 Days" for FX. He lives in West Hollywood, Calif.

**Kathleen "Kaki" Urch '91 AS, CIS; '97 AS** is the business editor for *The Desert Sun*, a newspaper in Palm Springs, Calif., where she resides. Her responsibilities include oversight of business coverage for both the print and Web editions of the paper, in addition to the *Business Review*, a monthly business publication. Urch was previously city editor.

**Carey G. Buxton '94 '96 EN** is one of 10 winners of the Director of National Intelligence Fellows Award for her work in the science and technology intelligence field. She received a \$200,000 research grant to perform government intelligence technology research. She is an electronics engineer at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, where she works on the development of antennae for communications systems. She lives in Fredericksburg, Va.

**Todd Fisher '96 BE** is a senior marketing manager for Fidelity Investments. He also is co-founder of the Bacchanalian Society, an organization that raises funds for local charities through wine-tasting events, serves on the board of trustees for the Tri-State Parkinson's Wellness Chapter, as well as the planning committee for Bold Fusion, a regional young professional summit. He lives in Bellevue.

**Karl W. Lambert '97 NUR** has opened a retail medical clinic in Wenatchee Valley, Wash., which will offer a variety of quick medical



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services at flat rates. Lambert, a nurse practitioner, previously worked with Wenatchee Valley Medical Center. He lives in East Wenatchee.

**Rachel Kehrt Hammond '99 '01 ED** was named the 2006 Kentucky School Psychologist of the Year. A consultant for Oldham County Schools where she works with students with disabilities, she also received the Regional School Psychologist of the Year award and the Organizational Development Best Practices Award. She is currently completing a doctoral degree in the UK College of Education School Psychology program with a focus on adolescents with autism spectrum disorders.

**Rebecca E. Woods '99 CIS** is an advertising specialist in the corporate communications department at Nationwide Insurance in Columbus, Ohio. She recently earned a master's degree in marketing and communication from Franklin University. She lives in Hillard, Ohio.

### 2000s

**Satya V. Reddy '00 MED** is a corneal surgeon with the Lexington office of Koffler Vision Group. In addition, he holds clinics in Hazard and Frankfort. Reddy completed a one-year fellowship in cornea and external disease at the University of Illinois - Chicago after his residency in New Orleans, La.

**Jamie L. Allen '01 BE** is a senior accountant at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) in Chicago, Ill., where she resides. Prior to joining CME, she was a financial analyst for Johnson Controls Inc. In addition, Allen is pursuing an MBA in international business and finance at DePaul University.

**Amanda Polley Brajuha '01 CIS** is the public relations coordinator for God's Pantry Food Bank in Lexington. Brajuha

previously served for five years as the assistant media relations director for UK Athletics. She is married to **David A. Brajuha '03 ED**.

**Brandon Martin '01 EN** is a civil engineer for the Louisville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers where his responsibilities include designing plumbing, lock and dam machinery, fire protection, and flood control pump stations. He recently passed the Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination to earn his professional engineer license. He lives in Louisville.

**Thomas George "Geny" Lyons '04 PHA** is the director of pharmacy for Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, where he is responsible for the hospital's inpatient and outpatient pharmacies. Lyons has 34 years of pharmacy experience. He lives in Ashland.

**Michele Vise-Brown '06 AG** is the chief executive officer for the National Institute for Animal Agriculture. Vise-Brown previously served the institute as its director of member relations and committee operations. She lives with her husband, **David P. Brown '06 AG**, in Woodburn.

## From Dickey Hall to the Governor's Mansion

Recently elected Governor of Ohio Ted Strickland '66 '80 ED and his wife Frances Smith Strickland '76 ED began their long journey to the Ohio governor's mansion in a tiny office in the UK College of Education while pursuing doctoral degrees in educational and counseling psychology.

"We met in Dickey Hall," Frances recalls, "We were in the same program and shared an office no bigger than a broom closet."

The two married 17 years after earning their degrees. Both worked in a variety of professions

before becoming governor and first lady of Ohio. Frances worked as a teacher and educational psychologist, designing a widely-used screening test for kindergarten-age children. She also wrote *"The Little Girl Who Grew Up To Be Governor,"* a children's book about former Kentucky governor Martha Lane Collins.

Ted's career spanned the fields of psychology, ministry work, higher education, and politics.

When asked about her experience at UK, Frances says, "I get a smile on my face just thinking about it." Both graduate assistants planned their classes together and went to many of the university's free social events together. "We were not in the position to spend money," she explains. "We were paying our own way through school."

The governor is quick to echo his wife's sentiments. "Some of the happiest years of my life were spent at the University of Kentucky. The professors who taught me, the friends that influenced and enriched my life, and the fellow student who eventually became my wife have enabled me to do the things I've done. I feel deeply indebted to the university, and it continues to hold a very special place in my heart."

— Candace Chaney



Frances and Ted Strickland

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**The UK Alumni Association extends its sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased.**

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**Russell C. Scott '33** of Seattle, Wash., August 12, 2006. Life Member

**Ralph H. Ratliff '34** of Wytheville, Va., November 3, 2006

**Carolyn Stewart Eustice '35** of Towson, Md., April 7, 2006

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**Sara Cundiff Merrill '37** of Louisville, May 7, 2006

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**Robert E. Gilmer '38** of Grand Junction, Colo., December 12, 2004. Life Member

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**Harold B. Baer '39** of Danville, November 10, 2006. Life Member

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**Joseph P. Hammond '41** of Knoxville, Tenn., January 13, 2006

**Esther Kalb Tollner '42** of Brooksville, June 18, 2006. Life Member

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**Harry B. Dyer '43** of Fort Worth, Texas, December 11, 2006

**Robert A. Parr '43** of Germantown, Ohio, September 28, 2006

**Betty Kington Gilfoil '43** of Skaneateles, N.Y., November 2, 2006. Life Member, Fellow

**Ann Cantrell Pickett '44** of Greensburg, June 23, 2006. Life Member

**Alice Anderson Long '44** of Burlington, March 29, 2006

**Elizabeth Dorsey Sullivan '45** of Henderson, September 10, 2006. Life Member, Fellow

**Martha Ringo Branaman '46** of Henderson, January 15, 2007

**Jean Morris Musgrove '46** of Roswell, Ga., November 6, 2006

**Dick W. Richardson '47** of Lakeland, Fla., March 2, 2007

**Frank K. Rush '47** of Versailles, February 26, 2007

**Reuben P. White '47** of Hopkinsville, May 10, 2006

**Thomas Johnson '47** of Marion, April 30, 2006

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**C. Vernon Cooper Jr. '49** of Hazard, February 6, 2007. Fellow

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**Bernard L. Meredith '49** of Temecula, Calif., January 12, 2007

**Davis L. Walker '49** of Henderson, October 15, 2006

**George C. Martin '49** of Anchorage, March 12, 2007. Life Member, Fellow

**John S. Roop Jr. '49** of Wilmington, N.C., September 7, 2006

**Leron M. Holt '49** of Indianhead Park, Ill., May 12, 2006

**McKinley Cornett Jr. '49** of Bluefield, W.Va., August 23, 2006

**Wally L. Morgan '49** of Dallas, Texas, December 17, 2006

**Chester C. Travelstead '50** of Albuquerque, N.M., December 27, 2006

**Herbert D. Jenkins '50** of Banning, Calif., January 3, 2007

**Hubert H. Dennis '50** of Union City, Tenn., March 5, 2006. Life Member

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**Edwin B. Kaplin '50** of Louisville, January 1, 2007

**Francis Steve Stapleton '50** of Flatgap, October 13, 2006

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**Wallace E. Siria '50** of Stevenson, Ala., January 6, 2006. Life Member

**William S. Birdsall '50** of El Segundo, Calif., March 23, 2006

**Allen A. Staples '51** of Lexington, February 2, 2007

**Helen Joyce Cooley '51** of Cincinnati, Ohio, December 13, 2006. Life Member

**Ben Taylor Bartlett '51** of Reno, Nev., November 16, 2006

**Benjamin K. Hays '51** of Morehead, July 8, 2006

**Claude M. Hinton '51** of Spring Hill, Fla., July 29, 2006

**Richard E. Macke '51** of Covington, July 17, 2006

**Robert D. Vaughn '51** of Corbin, December 27, 2006

**Wynn G. Moseley '51** of Eugene, Ore., December 27, 2006. Life Member, Fellow

**Ray W. Mignerey Jr. '51** of Highland Heights, December 27, 2006

**William J. Trent '51** of Louisville, March 20, 2006

**George A. Frazier '52** of Fernandina Beach, Fla., August 17, 2006

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- Marian Wells May '52** of Greenup, February 14, 2006
- Martha Hazel Geoghegan '52** of Bardstown, February 3, 2006
- Carl H. Combs '52** of Hilton Head Island, S.C., February 24, 2007. Life Member
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- Wilson Marshall Van Meter '52** of Tullahoma, Tenn., May 6, 2006
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- Jack Millikan '53** of Eddyville, March 27, 2006
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- Marlene Farmer Elder '53** of Jeffersonville, Ind., January 29, 2007
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- William C. Carter '53** of Nicholasville, February 3, 2007
- Floyd R. Hall '55** of Nicholasville, November 10, 2006
- James A. Fugate '55** of Saint Paul, Va., August 8, 2006
- Mary Kunkel Curtin '56** of Bluffton, S.C., January 1, 2007
- George B. Perry '56** of Mount Vernon, Ohio, October 18, 2006
- James D. Thomas '56** of Laurel, Md., April 9, 2006
- George J. Hays '56** of Elizabethtown, August 2, 2006
- Joseph S. Durnett '56** of Baton Rouge, La., December 8, 2006. Life Member
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- Charles R. McDowell '57** of Tucker, Ga., March 30, 2006
- Miller L. Doyle '57** of Thonotosassa, Fla., October 4, 2006
- Richard H. Jett '57** of Campton, August 25, 2006
- Robert L. Reed '57** of Owensboro, October 25, 2006
- Rodney G. Jeter '57** of Lexington, July 31, 2006
- William L. Gregory '57** of Carmi, Ill., December 19, 2006
- Darrell W. Moore '58** of Huntsville, Ala., February 25, 2007
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- Virginia Paul Van Meter Patterson '60** of Lexington, January 30, 2007
- Elizabeth Gragg Yates '60** of Lilburn, Ga., May 15, 2006
- Louis A. Westrick '62** of Austell, Ga., July 29, 2006
- Lionel Duff '62** of Lexington, March 10, 2007
- Mildred Clark Hughes '62** of Georgetown, January 2, 2007
- Bobby Jean Bell Looper '62** of Lexington, July 16, 2006
- Thomas N. Riley '63** of Auburn, Ala., April 13, 2005
- Kenneth M. Porter '63** of Gracey, July 3, 2006
- Susanna Parker Creek '63** of Lexington, January 4, 2007
- Barth H. Pemberton '64** of Lexington, February 12, 2007. Life Member
- George E. Shepherd '64** of Danville, October 7, 2006
- Priscilla Hauch Peters '64** of Glendale, Ariz., November 30, 2006
- Orhan H. Agaoglu '64** of Medford Lakes, N.J., July 25, 2006
- John S. McGaw '66** of Fairhope, Ala., December 14, 2006. Life Member
- Raymond A. Carey '66** of Santa Rosa, Calif., June 24, 2006. Life Member
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- Marian E. Kienholz '67** of Pittsburgh, Pa., June 17, 2006
- Billy R. Almond '68** of St. Louis, Mo., October 25, 2006
- Walker C. Cunningham Jr. '68** of St. Matthews, February 23, 2006
- Otto Hampton '68** of Beaver, Ohio, January 5, 2006
- Carolyn G. Kirkland '69** of Greenville, N.C., December 5, 2006
- Barry W. Reister '69** of Dallas, Texas, September 29, 2006
- Elaine Zacharko Hunt '69** of Lexington, October 14, 2006
- Phillip L. Rudolph '69** of Paducah, July 17, 2006
- Harry D. Varner '70** of Cynthiana, January 7, 2006
- Susan Esenbock Johns '70** of Franklin, Tenn., August 5, 2006
- Peggy Simmons Zoeller '71** of Louisville, August 30, 2006
- Martha D. Heaton '71** of Lexington, September 10, 2006
- Patricia Crawford Gaskin '71** of Lexington, January 10, 2007
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- Jerrylyn Jordan Lyons '73** of Lexington, February 13, 2007
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- Jane G. Muenzer '76** of Crossville, Tenn., August 30, 2006
- Edward P. Roberts Jr. '76** of Madisonville, January 2, 2006. Life Member
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- Christopher W. Johnson '77** of Georgetown, March 8, 2007
- Stephen E. Gaines '78** of Washington, Ind., September 26, 2006

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**Lloyd J. Forman '79** of Audubon, N.J., January 30, 2006

**Michael E. Graham '81** of Lexington, December 22, 2006

**Amy Hansee Spencer '81** of Cincinnati, Ohio, February 28, 2006

**Charlotte Zee Spencer '81** of Versailles, August 23, 2006

**Raymond T. Massey '81** of Allen, Texas, May 31, 2006

**L. Michael Smith '83** of Russellville, November 13, 2005. Life Member

**Jack R. Smalley '86** of Perryville, August 19, 2006

**David K. Richardson '87** of Raleigh, N.C., January 2, 2007

**Peggy Butler Sturgill '92** of Lexington, December 20, 2006

**Christopher J. Morgan '97** of Indiana, Pa., August 7, 2006

**Doncas L. Peters '98** of Lancaster, January 16, 2006

**James S. Elkins '02** of Georgetown, January 6, 2007

**Erwin K. Scott '04** of Catlettsburg, February 1, 2007

**Mason Stuart Allen '05** of Lexington, January 10, 2007

**Paulette Estill Martin '06** of Lexington, February 10, 2006

### Former Students

**Connie Young Clinkinbeard** of Lexington, January 8, 2007. Life Member

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**Frances Masterson Haddix** of Columbia, September 20, 2006

**Belinda Elswick Hawkins** of Anchorage, November 23, 2005. Life Member, Fellow

**Linda Cain Hiteman** of West Chester, Ohio, February 23, 2006

**Robert W. Hyland** of Cleveland, Tenn., March 2, 2007. Life Member, Fellow

**Wade H. Jefferson III** of Hilton Head Island, S.C., October 8, 2006. Life Member, Fellow

**James W. Matlack** of Lexington, January 5, 2007

**Robert G. McCollum** of Lexington, February 9, 2007. Life Member

**Mary Carney Nantz** of Frankfort, February 4, 2007. Life Member, Fellow

**Betty Williams Stigall** of Lexington, March 9, 2007

**Will H. Wasson** of Jacksonville, Fla., January 23, 2007. Life Member

### Associates

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**Jean Hamilton Long** of Georgetown, February 12, 2007

**Robert S. McMillin** of Lexington, October 13, 2007

**Nile D. Morse Jr.** of Frankfort, March 10, 2006

**Ray R. Ranta** of Lexington, January 4, 2007

**Wanda M. Thomas** of Nicholasville, February 13, 2007

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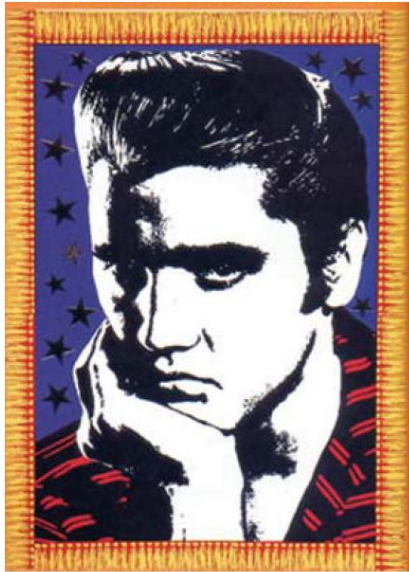
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## Gillispie Named Men's Basketball Coach at Kentucky



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It's a long way from Graford, Texas, to Lexington, Kentucky, but Billy Gillispie has made the journey at nearly meteoric speed. Gillispie was named the 21st men's basketball coach at the University of Kentucky April 6, just the sixth coach in the last 76 years. His rise to the pinnacle of college basketball comes after five years of head coaching experience that includes two of the most dramatic turnarounds in the history of college basketball, first at University of Texas El Paso, and then at Texas A&M. He signed a seven-year deal for \$2.3 million a year to replace Tubby Smith who led the Wildcats for 10 seasons before becoming the head coach at the University of Minnesota.

Fans greeted Gillispie with cheers and high expectations at a pep rally prior to the official press conference introducing him as the Wildcat's new head man.

Gillispie said he is honored to be at Kentucky and understands the tradition.

"It is mind boggling what you can accomplish here and what has been accomplished here. It is amazing to see what has been accomplished by every coach that has been here. It is all about everyone being committed — the fans being committed, unbelievably committed, and the administration being committed."

He called it a "very important day," and added that all he has ever wanted to do was coach basketball.

"You hear people talk about wanting to be a basketball coach, but you never think something like this is going to happen. Through hard work, dedication and luck, I am sitting here in the best position you can ever have as a basketball coach, and I am just glad, honored and proud and all the other good words you can say about being in this position. Thank you very much for having the confidence in me to entrust the best basketball program in the country," he said.

UK Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart said Gillispie was exactly the type of coach he was looking for in searching for Smith's replacement.

"When we started this process, we kind of had an MO of the coaches that we had gotten," Barnhart said during the press conference preceding the pep rally. "If you look at the hires that we've made, if you look at the coaches that we've got on our staff from top to bottom — they're people who are tireless workers; they're great recruiters; they're well-organized; they're passionate about their craft; they're dedicated to making Kentucky better and they're concerned for student-athletes. Those are the qualities we look for and sought when we went

out... Having said that, we met the guy that matches those qualities — work ethic, the recruiting and all of the things I mentioned — Billy Gillispie.”

University of Kentucky President Lee T. Todd Jr. echoed Barnhart’s sentiments regarding the new coach.

“It is a great day for the Big Blue Nation,” Todd said.

Gillispie comes to Kentucky from Texas A&M. In three seasons, the three-time Big 12 Coach of the Year engineered one of the most amazing turnarounds in college basketball history. In the 2006-07 season, Gillispie, who was a finalist for the 2007 Naismith National Coach of the Year and Jim Phelan Coach of the Year awards, led the Aggies to a school record 27-7 mark which included a school best No. 3 seed in the NCAA Tournament. The team advanced to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 1980. In addition to leading the Aggies to a final No. 9 ranking in 2007, he led A&M to a top 10 ranking in both polls for 11 straight weeks. In Gillispie’s first season in College Station in 2004-05, the Aggies were picked to finish last in the Big 12, but shot out to a perfect 11-0 start and went on to finish 21-10, earning accolades as the country’s most improved team. Gillispie became the only coach in history to lead the most improved team in consecutive seasons.

The following season in 2005-06, A&M finished 22-9 and placed fourth in the Big 12 with a 10-6 mark, its best finish in the league’s 10 year history. The Aggies advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 19 years. Gillispie was honored as Big 12 Coach of the Year and was selected Texas College Coach of the Year by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

Gillispie began his Division I coaching career as an as-

sistant coach at Baylor University in the mid-1990s. He also was an assistant coach at Tulsa and Illinois before becoming UTEP’s head coach in 2002, where he quickly turned around the Miner’s program. UTEP captured the 2004 Western Athletic Conference title, its first in 12 years, after being picked to finish ninth in the preseason poll. UTEP became only the third WAC team in history and the first in 35 years to win the league title after finishing last the previous year.

A 1983 graduate of Southwest Texas State with a bachelor’s degree in education, Gillispie got his start in coaching as a graduate assistant at his alma mater from 1982-85. From 1987-93, he served as head coach at three high schools in Texas. Gillispie joined the junior college ranks from 1993-94 as an assistant and recruiting coordinator at South Plains Junior College in Levelland, Texas.

“I never thought I would be anything more than a high school coach and to be able to be sitting here today is just a great honor,” he said. “I can’t wait to meet every one of the high school coaches in Kentucky. That has been very important to me everywhere I have been, to meet and develop relationships with those coaches. They put together some really good players and we want to produce as much home grown talent as we can, that can compete for national championships and cut down some nets I look forward to getting started.”

The 47-year-old Gillispie has built a reputation as one of the best recruiters in the country and a tireless worker. At A&M, Gillispie signed three straight top 25 recruiting classes. His prowess was reflected in his first recruiting class at UTEP, which featured a pair of first-team junior college All-Americans and earned a top 25 ranking.

“Our lifeblood is recruiting, I am going to spend as much time as I can recruiting and I think that people really respect a guy that has come from a high school background,” Gillispie said.

Born in Abilene, Texas, on Nov. 7, 1959, Gillispie was the middle of five children and the only boy. When he was in second grade, the family moved to Grafard, population 578. He played point guard at Grafard High School and was a two-sport athlete in basketball and baseball at Ranger Junior College from 1978-80. He attended Sam Houston State for one year, where he was a student assistant coach, then transferred to Texas State, where he served three years as a graduate assistant.



Photo: TeamCoyle

## The Book on the Tubby Smith Era

The Tubby Smith Era at Kentucky ended this spring after 10 years. His overall record at UK stands at 263-83 (76 percent). After arriving in Lexington in 1997, Smith led Kentucky to one national championship, five SEC regular season titles and five SEC Tournament championships, with three NCAA Elite Eight and six Sweet 16 finishes.

Over his 16 seasons as a head coach, Smith has had 14 consecutive 20-win seasons. At UK, Smith averaged nearly 27 wins per season. In 2005, he joined Roy Williams, Nolan Richardson, Denny Crum and Jim Boeheim as the fifth head coach to win 365 games in 15 seasons or less. Smith’s career record is now 387-145, and his .727 winning percentage is eighth among active coaches entering the 2007-08 season.

He totaled 100 wins quicker than any other Wildcat coach except Hall of Famer Adolph Rupp, reaching the plateau in 130 games. After taking over the UK program, he won 79 percent of his games despite playing a schedule that annually ranks among the nation’s best.

Smith continues his coaching career at the University of Minnesota.

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## Matthew Mitchell Named UK Hoops Head Coach

Matthew Mitchell has been named the UK women's basketball coach, replacing Mickie DeMoss who resigned this spring. Mitchell is a former assistant coach at Kentucky, Tennessee and Florida, and head coach at Morehead State University.



"I am extremely honored to be the coach at Kentucky," Mitchell said. "So many people have put so much work into this program and continue building a championship-caliber team. Every move I've made has been a mission to prepare myself for this moment. I've also followed my heart and it has led me to Kentucky."

Mitchell came to UK in April 2003 and spent two seasons with the Wildcats as DeMoss' top assistant and recruiting coordinator. In two seasons at Morehead State, he compiled an overall record of 30-29 (.508) — the third highest winning percentage in school history.

"Matthew Mitchell brings incredible passion and enthusiasm for the women's basketball program at Kentucky," said Mitch Bamhart, UK Athletics director. "He was here at the beginning of the transition of this program and helped lay the foundation for the growth that we've had. He aspires to continue the growth pattern that Mickie DeMoss put in place over the last four years, seeking to take Kentucky women's basketball to championship levels."

Mitchell is the seventh coach in UK Hoops history and is the first male head coach.

## DeMoss Resigns as UK Hoops Coach

Mickie DeMoss resigned this spring as the head coach of the Kentucky women's basketball team after four seasons. At UK, DeMoss had an overall record of 71-56, including a 20-14 mark this past season. Prior to UK, DeMoss was an assistant at Tennessee for 18 seasons. In eight seasons as a head coach, DeMoss has a career record of 116-124, including a 26-65 mark in the SEC.

Kentucky advanced to postseason play three consecutive seasons (once in the NCAA and twice in the WNIT) for the first time in school history and captured back-to-back 20-win seasons for the first time since the 1989-90 and 1990-91 teams accomplished that feat.

She was named the 2006 SEC Coach of the Year, a UK Hoops first, after guiding the Wildcats to the NCAA tournament for the first time in seven seasons. The Wildcats posted a 22-9 overall record in 2005-06, including a school-record nine conference wins and Kentucky made national headlines when it defeated No. 1 Tennessee in Rupp Arena. It was UK's first win over a top-ranked team in school history.

## 2007 Kentucky Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site
Sept. 1	EASTERN KENTUCKY	Commonwealth Stadium
Sept. 8	KENT STATE	Commonwealth Stadium
Sept. 15	LOUISVILLE	Commonwealth Stadium
Sept. 22	Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.
Sept. 29	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	Commonwealth Stadium
Oct. 4	South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.
Oct. 13	LSU	Commonwealth Stadium
Oct. 20	FLORIDA	Commonwealth Stadium
Oct. 27	Mississippi State	*Commonwealth Stadium
Nov. 3	Open	
Nov. 10	Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.
Nov. 17	Georgia	Athens, Ga.
Nov. 24	TENNESSEE	Commonwealth Stadium

### HOME GAMES

\* UK Homecoming

## Meeks Named Freshman All-America

Kentucky guard Jodie Meeks was named to the Collegiateinsider.com Freshman All-America teams. Meeks averaged 13.3 points per game in the Wildcats last six games and was named the SEC Freshman of the Week three times. Meeks also was named to the Freshman All-SEC teams as voted by the league's coaches. He was joined on the All-Freshman SEC team by teammate Derrick Jasper.

## Marnitz Among Finalists for USA Collegiate Player of the Year

Kentucky shortstop Brooke Marnitz was named as one of 25 finalists for the 2007 USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Award. The honor, which is considered the most prestigious in women's collegiate softball, is designed to recognize outstanding athletic achievement by female collegiate softball players cross the country.



## UK Rifle Team Earns Five All-America Honors

The Kentucky rifle team garnered several postseason honors as Tom Csenge, Jen Pason, Amy Sowash, and Andrew Roland all earned Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association All-American accolades. The honor is given to the top 10 shooters in the nation in each respective gun, air rifle and smallbore.

The UK rifle team completed one of the best year's in Wildcat rifle history in 2007, going undefeated in GARC action to claim the regular-season crown. UK also dominated the GARC Championships to pull in the conference championship title. Kentucky finished in fourth place in the NCAA Championships.

— Compiled by Kelli Elam



# GLEANINGS FROM THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

## 1932

Head football coach Harry Gamage declares this season's crop of aspiring football candidates as the finest group of his time . . . Marvin Wachs, editor, announces that national advertising will be solicited for the *Kampus Kat*, the university comic magazine sponsored by Sigma Delta Chi . . . Dr. T.T. Jones, professor of ancient languages, is appointed dean of the Graduate School . . . Freshman Week, when new students become acquainted with university rules, gets condensed to three days . . . Major Boltos E. Brewer is picked to lead UK's military department, succeeding Colonel Willard R. Meredith, who is transferred . . . The Men's Student Council issues an edict that all male freshmen *must* wear the official blue and white caps until the end of the first semester . . . The Ben Ali Theater features Joan Blondell and George Brent in "*Miss Pinkerton*" . . . The Mortar Board makes plans to refurbish the old Patterson home, which was "dismantled" after the death of Professor Walter K. Patterson, to be used as a meeting place for female students between classes . . . A library committee requests the donation of books, particularly of medical papers and accounts of pioneer travel.

## 1957

General Carlos Romulo, Philippine ambassador to the United States and former president of the United Nations, speaks at UK on "*The Asia America Does Not Know*" . . . The Experiment Station holds a three-day Field Day and agriculturalists from all over Kentucky attend . . . Dr. Lyman Ginger, dean of Education, is elected president of the National Education Association at its annual convention in Philadelphia . . . Several hundred members of the UK faculty, staff and alumni enjoy a picnic at Carnahan

## Moments in History



Photo courtesy of the 1966 Kentuckian

## Who Said History Was Boring?

History came alive in William C. Eaton's upper division class during the 1965-66 academic year when Eaton's clever repartee with the students incited laughter around the seminar table. Out of camera range and next to Eaton is Bonnie Bradley, who ignited the exchange with her animated reply to his serious question. Obviously enjoying the moment are clockwise, left to right, Ron St. Clair, Linda Wood, Jim Otto, Eaton, Harvey Davis, and Cheryl Redman.

House along with swimming and playing tennis and badminton . . . UK holds a coaching clinic under the direction of Athletics Director Bernie Shively that's free for high school coaches . . . Frank Dickey becomes the eighth UK president, the youngest to lead the university . . . Sal Mineo appears in "*The Young Don't Cry*" at the Family Drive-In Theatre . . . Fifteen UK freshmen receive scholarships that total \$5,000 from the College of Agriculture and Home Economics . . . Frazee Hall, partially destroyed by a fire two years ago, reopens for history classes . . . Welcome Week is the new name for orientation week because the old name was too stilted and artificial, says John Proffitt, director of the program.

## 1982

The new dean of the College of Fine Arts, Richard C. Domek, wants to promote arts awareness and intends to offer graphic arts and photography courses in the Department of Art . . . SGA cosponsors with Stray Cats the formation of an off-campus students group to investigate and advocate the concerns of over 17,000 UK students who do not live on campus . . . Computer-related thefts on campus increase 50 percent from last year . . . A new addition to the Student Center opens, showcasing a 500-seat theater and University Bookstore . . . Harrison Ford appears in "*Blade Runner*" at the Chevy Chase Theatre . . . An administrative reorganization includes the addition of three chancellorships, one each for the main UK campus, Medical Center, and community colleges . . . UK plans educational sessions called Freshman Nights to welcome and acquaint new students with campus. Coordinated by Raymond Betts, the events will focus on academics as well as campus history . . . The UK Board of Trustees establishes the first selective admission standards policy at UK.

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| • College of Dentistry Golf Tournament    | June 8     |
| • Board of Directors Summer Workshop      | June 21-23 |
| • Treasures of Italy and Switzerland Tour | Aug. 1-12  |

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- D. Who has time for a vacation? (17%)

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