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COVER: The UK cheerleaders have been national champions four times and runners-up three times in nine years of competition. (Photos by Chuck Perry)

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The UK Library Campaign surpassed its \$20 million goal with a \$500,000 gift from Ashland Oil Inc. The gift was announced during the annual Fellows weekend which recognizes the University's major private donors. In fiscal year 1992-93, 208 new Fellows made a financial commitment to excellence at UK. Total collection for the

library to date is \$20,360,372. Plans and a model of the proposed new five-story library were unveiled in September. The library will be built on a 30-acre, landscaped Clifton Park site bounded by Rose Street, Columbia, Woodland and Hilltop avenues. UK will ask the 1994 General Assembly to approve the university's sale of bonds for construction of the new library.

Nursing Scholarship

A new scholarship fund has been established by Joe Gregory and James Johnson on behalf of the American Legion Voiture Local 785. The fund has been named the La Societe Des Quarante Hommes Et Huit Chevaux, Voiture Local 785 Scholarship Fund. Scholarships will be awarded to full-time nursing seniors. Privately supported scholarship funds in the College of Nursing have increased 256 percent this year.

Niacin

Research by two UK scientists offers a possible explanation for the link between niacin deficiency and dementia, and suggests a link between niacin deficiency and cancer. The research was performed by

Myron K. Jacobson, College of Pharmacy, and Elaine L. Jacobson, College of Allied Health Professions, and was published in the September 3 issue of *Science* magazine. The discovery was made during long-standing research into the role of niacin in disease processes, especially cancer.

Sturgill Addition

Long-time UK supporter William B. Sturgill, a 1946 graduate, has pledged \$232,500 to help fund an addition to UK's Sturgill Development Building. The addition is in the planning stage and is expected to be completed in 1994.

Sturgill, a UK Board of Trustees member and former chair, provided the funding for the original structure, which was completed in 1983.

"Part of the development office operation has been in Scovell Hall

since 1990," said Rex Bailey, director of development, giving programs and services. "This expansion will allow all of the development program to once again be housed in one building."

The Sturgill Building addition will provide office space as well as a new phone-a-thon room. The present phone-a-thon room, in Scovell Hall, was used by every UK college last year to contact alumni as part of their fundraising efforts.

Among his many gifts to UK, he has funded the annual William B. Sturgill Award for Outstanding Contributions to Graduate Education.

Hazard Celebrates 25th

Hazard Community College, founded in 1968, is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. Activities have been planned to highlight the event. This year's Black Gold Festival in Hazard held in September had as its theme "Happy Birthday HCC," and a parade featured floats representing

the college. College memorabilia were on display at the Gorman Education Center in downtown Hazard

Dean of Architecture

David Mohny, a partner in a New York City architecture firm, has been named dean of the UK College of Architecture beginning January 1, 1994. Mohny succeeds Jose Oubriere, who resigned as dean in 1991. Clyde Carpenter, professor of architecture, is acting dean.

Mohny, a partner in the firm of Chan and Mohny Architecture, graduated magna cum laude from Harvard in 1977 and received a master's degree in architecture from Princeton in 1981.

From 1981-85, Mohny served as a lecturer, fellow and associate director of the Institute for Architecture and Urban Studies in New York. From 1985-86, he was a visiting critic in design at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. Also in 1985, he

joined Joan Chan to form the firm of Chan and Mohny Architecture.

Mohny is the co-editor of "Seaside: Making a Town in America," and has published several articles in *Architectural Record*.

Lyme Disease

Expensive treatment for Lyme disease may be unnecessary for many people with the disease because the blood test used to detect Lyme is unreliable, according to guidelines issued by the American College of Rheumatology and the Council of the Infectious Diseases Society of America. Robert Lightfoot, College of Medicine, chaired the group whose guidelines are published in the September 15 *Annals of Internal Medicine*. The guidelines conclude that for people with a positive blood test, but whose only symptoms are general pain and fatigue, the risks and cost of intravenous antibiotic therapy exceed the benefits.

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If you ever saw him play basketball he made you smile. Jamal Mashburn's announcement that he was giving \$500,000 to UK to start a program to encourage youngsters to pursue

a college education, above, brought smiles to UK athletics director C.M. Newton, vice president for minority affairs Lauretta Byars and President Charles T. Wethington Jr. The gift is also guaranteed to bring smiles to others as the Kentucky Excel program unfolds.

What else could Jamal Mashburn do for UK? He had already brought the basketball program back from probation to the Final Four in three short years at the University. Then, in September, standing before the local media again, Mashburn announced that he was giving his alma mater \$500,000 to fund a program to help encourage youth of Kentucky to aspire to a college education.

To his coach, Rick Pitino, who knew him best, Mashburn's generosity was not a surprise. "I have told you people from the beginning that Jamal Mashburn is special. He is a special basketball player, but more than that he is a special person. If there was any doubt about that, it is gone now."

To be known as the "Jamal Mashburn Kentucky Excel" program, it will seek to identify qualified Fayette County students at the end of their eighth-grade year and match them with UK student-athletes and alumni in a mentor relationship. When these youngsters progress through high school successfully, a scholarship will be waiting for them at UK.

"When I was growing up," says Mashburn, "my mother told me that if I didn't have an athletic scholarship

I probably wouldn't go to college. That's not fair to a lot of kids.

"I see this as my chance to give something back to the people who have helped me and to help those students who may not otherwise have the chance (to go to college)."

The Office of Minority Affairs will administer the program. Vice chancellor for minority affairs Lauretta Byars and others are developing guidelines.

Athletics director C.M. Newton called Mashburn's donation unique. "Basically, student-athletes are 'takers,' they are not 'givers.' For the most part, student-athletes will leave a program and may give a little bit here and a little bit there, but to see a young man at the start of a professional career make this type of commitment is unheard of."

Perhaps an editorial in the *Kentucky Kernel* summed it up best: "A half million dollars is no small sum. But even though Mashburn hasn't signed with the Dallas Mavericks we're sure he will soon, so the Monster Mash figures to make Monster Cash. And, if the past is any indication, we're sure he'll handle himself both on and off the court with Monster Class."

Bleed Blue

Once again it's time to bleed for the Blue. The sixth annual Big Blue Crush blood drive competition between Tennessee and Kentucky will take place November 15-19.

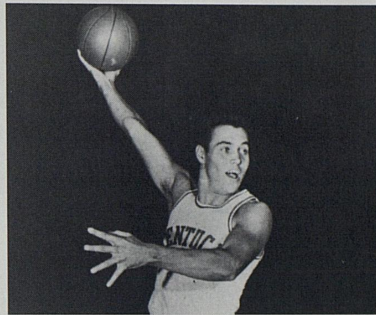
Sponsored by the Central Kentucky Blood Center in Lexington and the Medic Blood Center in Knoxville, the record between the two schools stands at 2-2-1. Last year Kentucky alumni and fans racked up 2,350 pints of the life-giving fluid to Tennessee's 1,977 pints. Kentuckians can donate at the Waller Avenue headquarters or one of the regional collection sites at Hazard, Prestonsburg and Somerset. The Center's mobile units will also be moving around Central and Eastern Kentucky. Call Marsha at (606) 276-2534 for sites and hours the Center will be open. Help Kentucky repeat; win a victory for life.

Midterm Highlights

In five games, the Wildcats had secured not one, but two shutouts for the first time since 1987. The Ole Miss shutout was the first for the Cats against an SEC opponent since 1977. Against Kent, junior Pookie Jones became the first UK quarterback to rush for more than 100 yards since Terry Henry did it in 1980. In the UK-Florida game, Kentucky's seven interceptions set a single-game school record. Strong safety Marcus Jenkins pulled down three of those interceptions, which ties the UK record. *Sports Illustrated* also selected him as the nation's Defensive Player of the Week. Jenkins had six interceptions through six games. Could this be the year former player and coach Jerry Claiborne's season record of nine interceptions is broken? Also in the Florida game, tailback Maurece Williams gained 109 yards rushing, marking the first time a freshman has rushed for more than 100 yards since Mark Higgs did it twice in 1984. Higgs is now rushing for the Miami

Dolphins of the National Football League. In September, weekly SEC honors went to linebacker Marty Moore for his performance in the Florida game. Moore had 14 tackles, 10 of them solo, and two interceptions, earning him defensive player of the week honors.

Hagan Accolades



The UK athletics department and friends of former athletic director Cliff Hagan took time out during Homecoming Weekend to name UK's baseball stadium after Hagan in recognition of his outstanding fiscal management of the department during his 16-year tenure in administration. Hagan noted that during his time as athletic director, UK went from McLean Stadium to Commonwealth Stadium, and from Memorial Coliseum to Rupp Arena.

Among the achievements noted by athletics director C.M. Newton and President Charles Wethington Jr. during Hagan's three years as an assistant and 13 years as the director were:

- Establishment of the Blue and White Fund to finance scholarships.
- Creation of the Center for Academic and Tutorial Services program, the first of its kind in the nation and a cornerstone of recruiting today.
- Through the generosity of alumnus Hilary J. Boone, creation of the Boone Tennis Center.
- Construction of the Lancaster Aquatic Center.
- New track facility, including resurfacing, press box and expanded seating.

- Numerous improvements to Shively Field, including grandstand, press box, dugouts and lighting system.

- Renovation of Alumni Gym and offices for administrators, basketball, football and the non-revenue sports.

- New roof for Memorial Coliseum which is home to the Lady Kat basketball team and the gymnastics team.

Curry's Cats

With Bill Curry's Kentucky Wildcats in the stretch run of their 1993 season, fans around Commonwealth Stadium are buzzing about UK returning to postseason play for the first time since 1984.

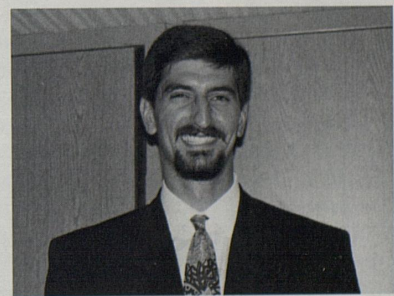
The Southeastern Conference's agreement with the bowl coalition stipulates that the league champion receive an automatic bid to the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1 and the league runner-up, or the second pick, will play earlier that day in the Citrus Bowl.

Other SEC bowl agreements include:

- Third pick: vs. a coalition at-large selection in the Outback Steakhouse Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla., on Dec. 31. Ticket information: 904-396-1800.

- Fourth pick: vs. the third-place team from the Atlantic Coast Conference in the Peach Bowl on Dec. 31 in Atlanta. Ticket information: 404-586-8500.

- Fifth pick: vs. the third pick from the Big East in the CarQuest Bowl in Miami on Jan. 1. Ticket information: 305-564-5000.



Gimel Martinez is all smiles in anticipation of the upcoming season. According to his report on pre-season conditioning,

a lot of Wildcats are setting new speed marks. The beard? Coach says he can keep it!



ADVOCATING HIGHER EDUCATION

ALTHOUGH THE EDUCATION REFORM effort in Kentucky has focused mainly on primary and secondary education, one organization is working to keep higher education in the spotlight as well.

The Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education was formed in 1985 by founding chairman Robert D. Bell '49 of Lexington. The organization is dedicated to improving higher education opportunities for Kentuckians by speaking out for sufficient funding of colleges and universities and adequate financial aid opportunities for students.

Bell says the group was founded when he and other lay leaders in higher education in the state perceived a need for an advocacy group for higher education.

The group consists of 30 directors and a chairman. The directors loosely represent the state's public and private colleges and universities and do not hold official appointments with either the Kentucky Council on Higher Education or the institutions. Most directors are affiliated with major industries, businesses, financial institutions or professional firms that are representative of Kentucky's economy and geography.

The non-profit organization has no staff or office. Funding for its programs and projects comes from the business sector.

In its beginning, the Advocates formed to address three main goals:

- public funding of higher education comparable to and competitive with surrounding states;
- the highest quality higher education system, including support for the

Centers for Excellence in their embryonic stage and greater financial support of endowed chairs;

- enough student financial assistance to ensure every young Kentuckian otherwise eligible could attend college.

The group's first project involved raising the visibility of the state's higher education system and, at the same time, making state legislators more conscious of its needs, Bell said.

In January 1986, the Advocates

mascots, and we gave away basketball tickets and a van. Each school organized motorcades to Frankfort. We wanted to attract television news coverage, and we did."

In the budget she presented to the legislature during the 1986 session, Gov. Martha Layne Collins recommended a 20 percent increase for higher education, which the General Assembly approved. Some of that gain was later lost because of budget shortfalls.

Two years later, the Advocates sponsored another event, this time a march down Capital Avenue to the Capitol and a rally at the Dudgeon Civic Center Arena in February 1988.

• AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT •

The Advocates then turned to what action the group could pursue in years between sessions. The OAK Awards are one result. An acronym for "Outstanding Alumnus/Alumna of Kentucky," the OAK awards are given to alumni who have achieved national stature and reputation in their careers. Recipients also must have exhibited a lifelong affection for and attachment to their alma mater. Since its inception, 18 people have been recognized. UK alumni honored thus far include Joseph A. Boyd, Bert T. Combs, Elvis J. Stahr Jr., T. Marshall Hahn Jr. and William T. Young Jr.

The Acorn Award, which also consists of a hand-carved plaque in addition to a \$5,000 honorarium, was added later as an outgrowth of the OAK Award. It recognizes the role of the teaching professor in laying the foundation that made such achieve-



FROM LEFT: ROBERT BELL '49 (founding chairperson), DAVID ATKINS, JIM WISEMAN, DAN LACY (current chairperson).

organized eight concurrent rallies around the state in support of higher education. Attendance statewide exceeded expectations, reaching 4,000, or 5,000 per site. Bell said the timing of the event on the eve of the General Assembly session was deliberate. "We had overflow crowds statewide in support of higher education the night before the legislature convened," Bell said.

After the legislative session began, the Advocates planned an event in Frankfort to further demonstrate public support for higher education. "We took a page from what draws attention to athletic events," Bell said.

"We had pep bands, cheerleaders,

A YOUNG OAK

This year William T. Young '39 added the prestigious OAK Award to his list of honors. The OAK Award, presented by the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education, stands for Outstanding Alumnus of Kentucky Award. The award has been presented to 18 individuals since 1987.

Young is an immeasurable influence on both business and education in Kentucky. A graduate of UK's College of Engineering, Young's business success began after his Army discharge in 1945 when he founded W.T. Young Foods, Inc., to manufacture Big Top Peanut Butter. After selling to Proctor and Gamble in 1955 he opened W.T. Young Storage, a warehouse with related trucking and frozen food businesses, and other interests.

He has been a director of First Security National Bank, the Kentucky-American Water Co., Extencare, Inc., Kentucky Fried Chicken, Datacom, Inc., the Breeders Cup Limited, Humana, Inc., the Lexington Center Corp., and a host of other similar positions. Young also has served as chairman of the board of directors of the Royal Crown Cola Co. in Columbus, Ga. and was chair of the Kentucky Economic Development Corp.

He has served as a trustee at UK and has been chairperson of the board of trustees at Transylvania since 1977, where he has made major contributions.

Other civic contributions include Junior Achievement, to which he donated the land where its headquarters are located. He served on the Council of Higher Education and is a member of the Partnership for Kentucky School Reform.

In 1991 Young donated \$5 million to the UK Library Campaign launching the \$20 million fund-raising drive. His donation is the largest cash gift an alumnus has ever given to the University.



zation today is working with the state's colleges and universities to use their connections to promote the higher education system on a grassroots level.

"Vision 2000," the group's strategic plan for the coming years, involves three major goals:

- coordinating efforts among university public relations departments;
- uniting various groups — including alumni, students, parents of students, faculty, business leaders, public school employees, media, and public interest groups — to help the universities seek community input on the major issues facing higher education and their community and state. The information gathered would be used to assist in strategic planning by the universities and by the Council on Higher Education;
- involving the governor and legislators in public discussions and goal setting in higher education.

"We are interested in fostering dialogue between the universities and communities in a way that can lead to more input," Lacy said. "We're trying to develop those linkages."

Advocate Ron Geoghegan '75, assistant to the president of South Central Bell, said the organization is working to garner support for higher education from lawmakers by turning to legislators' constituents.

"If we're going to be effective in public policy making, we must put forth grassroots efforts," Geoghegan said. "Legislators pay attention to constituents, so we need a long-term, grassroots program that shows the universities are doing real things for real people every day."

Rallies, as they were used in the early years of the organization, are an effective means of uniting support for the cause, but today's Advocates say they must try other methods. "Rallies were good one-shot affairs, but in the longer term, day in and day out, we must work at the grassroots level," Geoghegan said.

Former Advocates chair Jim Wise-

man, vice president of public affairs for Toyota Motor Manufacturing, USA, said, "The rallies performed the equivalent of slam dunks. They caught the public's attention fast." Lacy said the current organization is interested in fostering dialogue between the universities and communities, leading to more input on policymaking.

Many Kentuckians don't realize how the state's higher education system benefits their daily lives, directly or indirectly, he said, and he hopes the Advocates' grassroots campaign can help change that perception.

One of the founding members of the Advocates, Brent Thompson '50 and '59, said, "We continue to have the same objectives, but we use different avenues to obtain those objectives. Now we're working on more of an educational effort — letting people know the importance of higher education in Kentucky."

Wiseman, who remains a director of the Advocates, said the Advocates must show the public that higher education dollars are wisely spent. "A lot more money is required now for things like health care. The state is looking for more places to cut, not where to put more money. We face an uphill battle."

Local higher education summits involving the Advocates and chairs of the boards of trustees of colleges and universities in the state are part of the organization's plan for the coming months.

• PROTECTING HIGHER EDUCATION •

An original goal of the Advocates remains in clear focus today: The need for a quality, adequately funded higher education in the state must not be ignored, Advocates say, despite a state budget stretching to cover many funding needs.

The percentage of formula funding is decreasing, forcing state colleges and universities to become state-assisted rather than state-supported. More people are attending Kentucky public community colleges and universities than ever before, yet the percentage of the state's budget going for the sup-



THE KENTUCKY ADVOCATES
MARCHED ON THE CAPITAL IN 1988.

port of higher education has continued to decline. That trend is troubling to Bell, the Advocates founder. "The money is not keeping up with the needs of the higher education system.

"The real irony is that we have made and are making such a massive effort on behalf of elementary and secondary education — a comprehensive and exhaustive commitment," Bell said. "We are making quantum leaps forward in producing better high school graduates, but will the universities be ready? We prepare kids for college, but we're not preparing college for the kids. Hopefully that will change."

Norma Boster Adams, an Advocate from Somerset, calls education the most important issue facing the state. Adams '53, an attorney and member of the Prichard Committee, said, "If we create an excellent primary and secondary system — and I hope we do — we must have support for the higher education system to keep our graduates in Kentucky and competing in the workplace."

With state colleges and universities already surviving a 12 percent budget cut since the middle of the 1991-92 fiscal year (and the Community College System a 7 percent recurring

cut), a key concern of the organization is preventing further erosion of funding for higher education, says Advocate Judith Clabes '67, editor and publisher of the *Kentucky Post*. "In the long term, we would like to see progress in terms of funding. We can't have education reform and successful reforms on the primary and secondary levels without a commitment to what's next."

Wiseman said he thinks it's important for legislators to hear about the public's support for higher education. He perceives the Advocates as supporting higher education as the Prichard Committee supports primary and secondary education. "It's useful for colleges and universities to have private sector support. When there are discussions in Frankfort, legislators expect to hear certain things from university presidents, but I hope that when the private sector jumps in, that serves as confirmation."

UK President Charles T. Wethington Jr. said, "With the increasing budgetary pressures on the state and Kentucky's colleges and universities, the Advocates for Higher Education organization takes on an even more significant role in uniting support for

higher education in Kentucky. UK and other institutions of higher education in the state value the Advocates' constant support."

Public support for higher education is crucial, Adams said. "It takes that to get legislative support. Lawmakers listen to people at home."

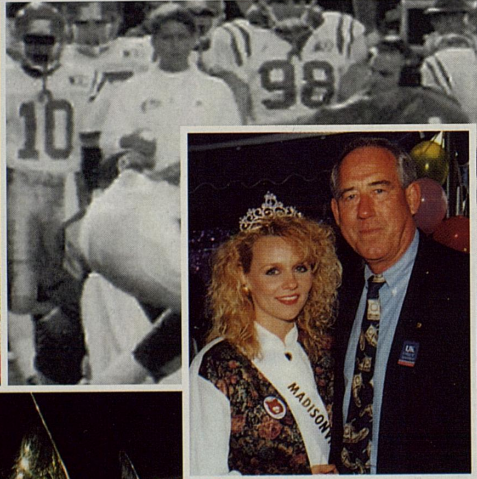
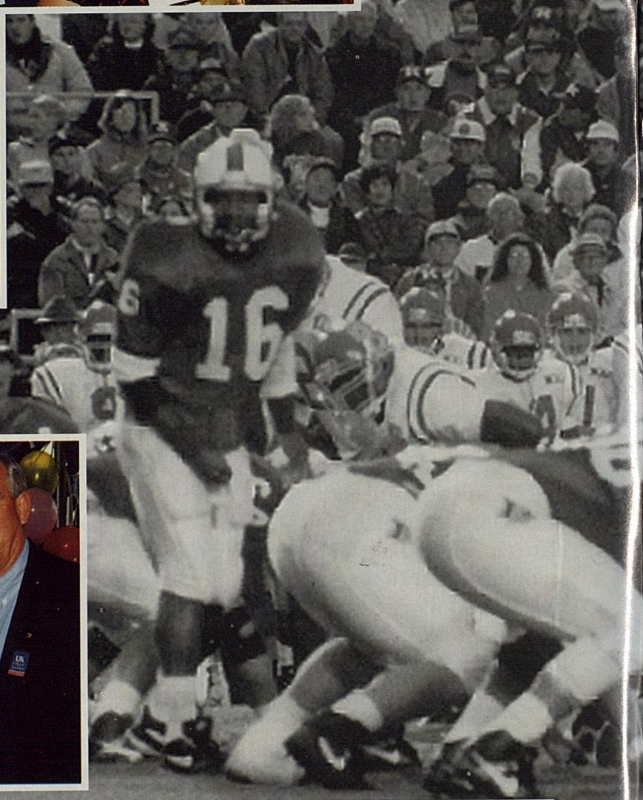
"The Advocates see education as a continuum," Wiseman said. "It doesn't stop with eighth grade, or with high school or even college graduation. We have to get Kentuckians to view it as a continuum and give it proper priority."

Geoghegan said it's vital that the alumni of the state's schools make their support for higher education known. "We need to mobilize alumni. If you care about Kentucky's future, you have to care about higher education."

Keeping that message in the public's mind in Kentucky may be the Advocates' greatest accomplishment, and continuing challenge.

Vikki Franklin is a writer for the UK Public Relation's Office.

A MARDI GRAS HOMECOMING



Photos: President Wethington, band photo display, Bill Curry, fans on parade route, juggler, alumni band, MCC queen & C.M. Newton, UK king and queen, alumni flag team — Chuck Perry.

Class of '52, Erv Nutter — Liz Howard.

Waymakers — John W. Hagan.



Cold, wet weather couldn't throw a damper on UK's 1993 Homecoming and reunion celebrations. It was Mardi Gras Wildcat Style at Commonwealth Stadium last month. Clockwise from top left of page 10:

At the tent party, UK First Lady and President Charles T. Wethington Jr. enjoy a close-up look at the musical technique of the Zydeco Bon Cajun band.

Class of '53 reunion emcee Don Armstrong and Lou Tsiropoulas lead the group in singing "On On U of K." Tsiropoulas was a member of the 1954 undefeated national basketball championship team.

Among the Waymakers of the 1960s recognized at the Lyman T. Johnson Alumni banquet are Olin Hinnett, Willis Bright, Nate Northington, Lutisha Coleman Williams, Horace Tate, Vertner Taylor, Elaine Adams Wilson, Jim Greene and Theodore Berry.

Erv Nutter broke out his standard classroom attire for his remarks to his 1943 classmates.

Photo displays at the tent party jog memories for alumni who return for reunions.

Coach Bill Curry responds to media questions after the game. With the Homecoming victory over Ole Miss, UK was the only SEC team to rack up two shutouts.

Students and alumni line up to watch the annual Friday night Homecoming parade that ends at Memorial Coliseum for the Wildcat Roar pep rally.

Jugglers and face painters, fire-eaters and fortune tellers entertained at the All-University Tent Party.

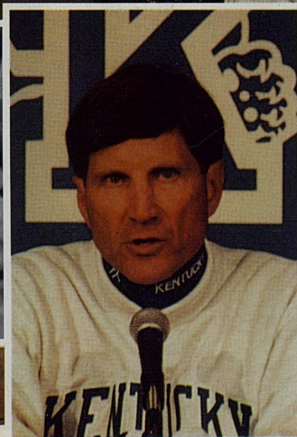
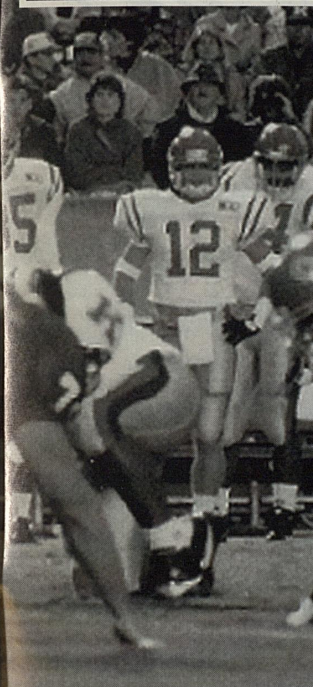
The alumni band took the field at half-time to play a Mardi Gras medley and the fight song.

Among the celebrities at the tent party were Tina Marie Baker, Madisonville Community College Princess, and Athletics Director C.M. Newton.

Homecoming royalty in 1993 are Kary VanArsdale, a senior from Louisville, and Patrick Abner, a senior from Richmond.

Wet flags and wet feet had no effect on the alumni flag corps cheering the Wildcats on to a 21-0 victory.

Center: Quarterback Pookie Jones looks to the sidelines for the next play as the Cats roll on to a 21-0 victory over Ole Miss.



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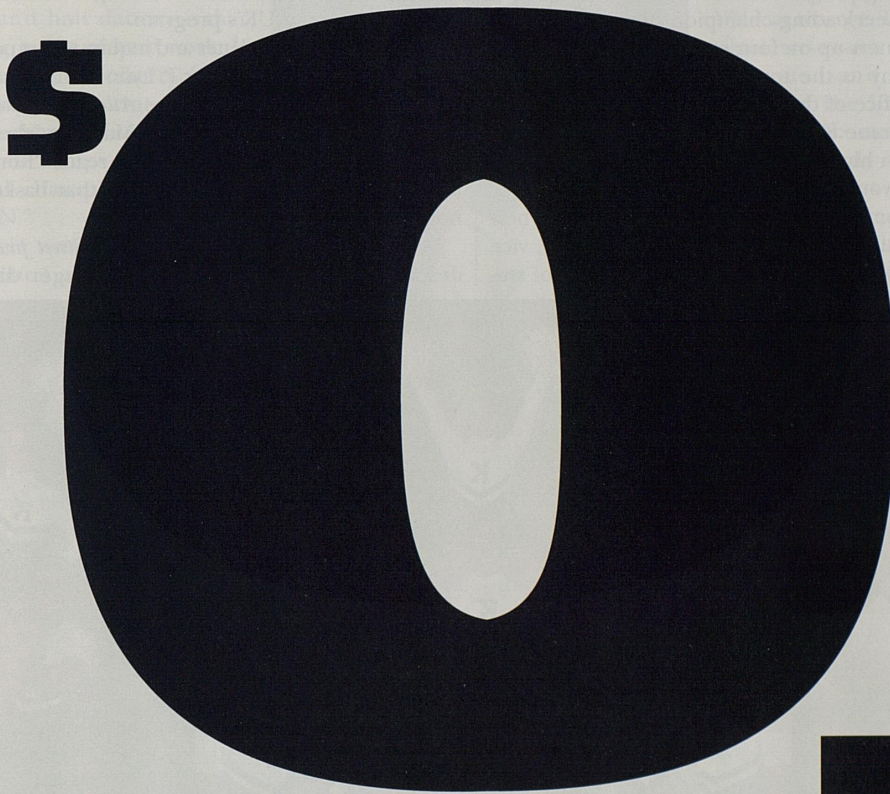
The Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education recently conducted a study about the economic impact of higher education in the commonwealth. The study concluded that money invested in higher education yields high returns for students and for Kentucky's economy. What is your higher education IQ? Fax your completed Faxline Focus, or mail it to UK Alumni Association, King Alumni House, Lexington, KY 40506, by December 31. Each participant will receive a UK Alumni Association logo pin.

1. For every dollar spent on higher education, the state receives ____\$4.10 ____\$3.40 ____\$2.95 back in total spending in the Kentucky economy.
2. The average student in Kentucky with a high school education can expect to earn ____\$392,696 ____\$329,649 ____\$303,653 over a lifetime in current dollars.
3. A two-year associate degree holder can expect to earn ____\$476,856 ____\$425,774 ____\$392,696 over a lifetime in current dollars.
4. A bachelor's degree graduate can expect to earn an average of ____\$616,954 ____\$519,403 ____\$499,781 over a lifetime in current dollars.
5. A doctorate or professional degree holder can expect to earn ____\$931,016 ____\$831,016 ____\$731,016 over a lifetime in current dollars.
6. Just one year of higher education for all the people attending a Kentucky public university or college adds ____\$8.52 billion ____\$5.28 billion ____\$2.85 billion to the state's collective "human capital value."
7. Kentucky's eight public universities and 14 community colleges directly or indirectly contribute ____77,682 ____67,862 ____55,268 jobs to the state's employment market.
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• by Jackie Bondurant •

Cheerleading at the University of Kentucky is an athletic activity — big-time, top-of-the-line athletic activity.

UK's cheerleading program has won four national college cheerleading championships and finished as the runners-up on four occasions.

Reputed by many as the top cheerleading program in the country, the office of the adviser to UK's cheerleading program receives some 800 inquiries a year from all parts of the country from high school students, parents and college students who would like information on tryouts.

"It is a highly competitive program where only the best of those who try out are selected," said James Kuder, vice chancellor for student affairs. "It is a special group of stu-

dents on our campus."

Last year, student inquiries — mainly female — ranged from California to Mississippi to Georgia. High school cheerleading coaches also wrote to inquire about UK's program.

"We answer each letter and inquiry with a personal letter," said UK cheerleading sponsor T. Lynn Williamson.

An April 1993 article in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* refers to UK cheerleader Tonya Mann as "the Michael Jordan of cheerleading." The article reads "Kentucky cheerleading has the same grip on girls that basketball has on boys..."

A March 1993 article in the *Wall Street Journal* had this description of cheerleading: "No longer dismissed as a



1993 Kentucky Cheerleading Squad: Front Row (L to R): John Abell, Vanessa Ridenour, Greg Schneider (mascot), Melissa Dunaway, Mike Fox; **Second Row:** Jat Thompson, Tommy Simmons, Brian Elza, Hunter Heath, Brent Gilmore, Robert Daniel, Mike Ergas; **Third Row:** Tina Hulette, Kerry Dyk, Tonya Mann, Stacy Vancleave, Shawn Taulbee, Tara Cammack, Heidi Rueschoff.

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popularity contest for sexy airheads whose talent was measured in decibels and spunk, cheerleading has become a rigorous activity — half gymnastics and half dance — that requires long hours of hard work. It is also a multimillion dollar business, with big companies formed by former cheerleaders selling uniforms, holding private camps and sponsoring national championships televised by ESPN."

The article went on to profile Tammy Jo Cotton, a UK alumna from Greenup County, who used cheerleading as a way "of escaping poverty." Now, she works in Chicago for a computing servicing company, has real-estate investments and collects wine.

Cheerleading at Kentucky has changed dramatically since the early '70s when male cheerleaders joined the squad.

Glenn Stith, regional vice president for Monsanto, remembers one afternoon at the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity house when it was announced that cheerleader tryouts would soon be held and men were welcomed to try out.

"Why would you want to be a cheerleader," one AGR asked.

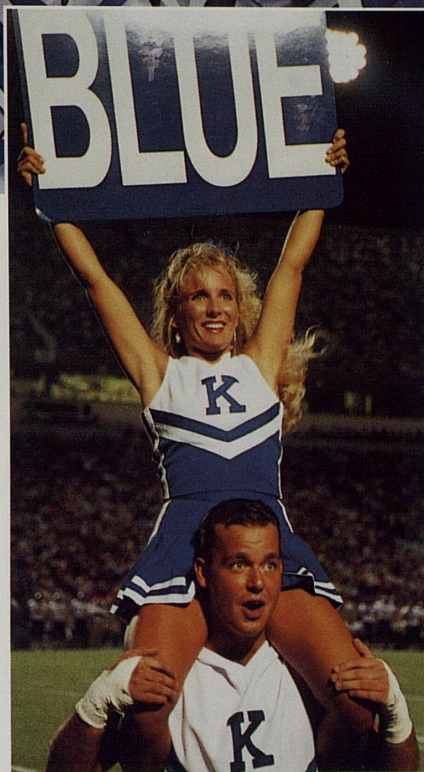
"I think it would be great," another said. "You'd get to pick up girls!"

So they did — tried out, made the squad and picked up girls, that is, their cheerleading partners.

"Early on, cheerleaders literally climbed up on top of one another to build pyramids or partner stunts," Williamson said. "Today, they do 'toss-ups.' What used to be considered nearly impossible feats are now considered the basics of cheerleading."

Today's UK cheerleading squad is made up of top of the line athletes with backgrounds in gymnastics, ballet, dance and from all sports — football, basketball, wrestling, track and field, and even acrosports.

"We've got a freshman on campus from St. Louis who ranks third in the world in her division of acrosports — where athletes work as couples to build formations," Williamson said. "We encouraged her to try out for the



K UK boasts one of the top cheerleading programs in the country.

Lady Kat squad this fall."

UK has two cheerleading squads — the Wildcat cheerleading team has six females, six males and the Wildcat mascot. The Lady Kat squad, which serves as a feeder for the Wildcat squad and cheers for home games of the Lady Kat basketball team, has six male and six females, plus the Lady Kat mascot. Each squad also has male and female alternates.

"We moved the Lady Kat tryouts from spring to fall so that incoming freshmen would have an opportunity to continue their training and get used to a major college program," Williamson said.

Williamson and Glenn Cook, the program's coach/coordinator, keep in mind specific needs when looking for new cheerleaders. Basically, there are two types of male cheerleaders — one, the 180- to 200-pound male with great upperbody and leg strength to form the base of the two-and-a-half level pyramid. The other, the 140- to 160- pound male who can stand on the second level of the pyramid.

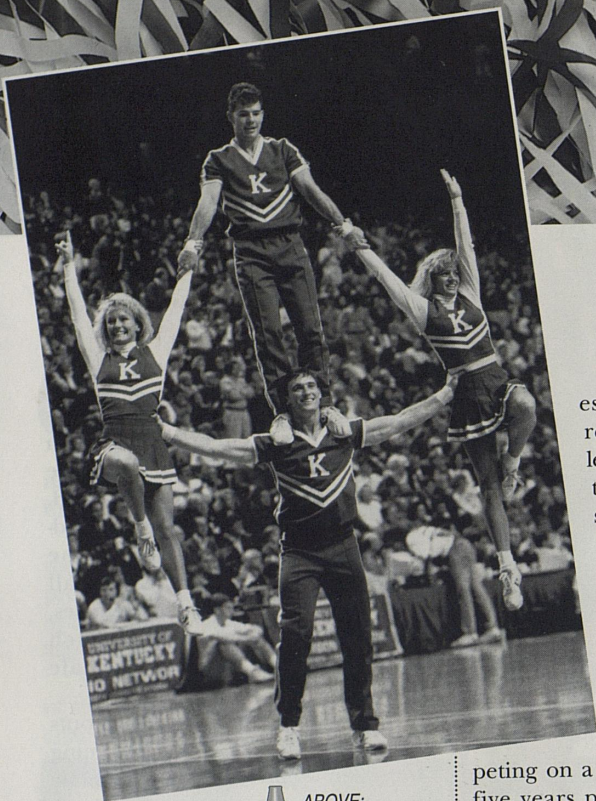
All male squad members must have sufficient strength to lift, hold, throw and catch females safely.

Female cheerleaders have a different set of requirements. They must be 5-7 or shorter, weigh less than 120 pounds and be attractive.

Williamson recalled a mother sending a videotape and detailed vita on her daughter's accomplishments as an outstanding high school cheerleader. "We didn't even watch the video after we saw her height listed on the vita — she was 5-9," he said.

"We impose these requirements for the safety of the squad," Williamson said. "Cheerleaders must be excellent athletes. They are expected to perform rotation and tumbling of gymnastics, have the stamina of basketball, the strength of body building or football and the balance and movement of dance."

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ES ABOVE: Cheerleading at UK has changed dramatically since men were added to the squad in the 1970s.

RIGHT: Squads prior to 1983 never dreamed of the changes and competitiveness that would come to cheerleading. Pictured here is the 1972 squad (front row from left): Jill Casey Geeber, Vicki Williams Carroll, Nancy Downs DeVoto, Debbie Hilbert-VanMeter and Vicki Hughes Sageser; (back row from left): Bill Shores, Priscilla Barnstable, Robert Lipman, Jane Wheeler Foster, Craig Avery, Patricia Barnstable Brown and Rob Nelson.

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One interesting aspect of recruiting new cheerleaders for the UK squad is the type of programs the students come from. Williamson explained that new women cheerleaders rarely come from high schools with highly competitive programs.

"We've found that women cheerleaders who have been competing on a national level for four or five years prior to entering college often suffer from physical injuries and mental burnout," Williamson said.

"It's not that we don't want them to try out — it's that they choose not to try out," he said. "Some of our best women are those who come from squads that are not competitive and who develop their athletic skills in college."

While most of the women cheerleaders come from high school programs, only two male cheerleaders presently on the Wildcat squad come from high school squads.

"It's still not acceptable in most high schools to have men on the cheerleading squad," Williamson said. "Our male cheerleaders are former gymnasts, divers, wrestlers, football players — in general, they are all-around good athletes."

The UK Wildcat is also an important aspect of UK cheerleading.

Developed in the mid-70s, the Wildcat has become a living symbol of UK athletics. "When Gary Tanner put on the suit as the first Wildcat, we

knew we had created something special," Williamson said.

The concept of a school mascot was so new that Williamson had to create a way to audition potential wearers of the suit. "At first the Wildcat was not a part of our routines," Williamson said. "He operated as a separate entity."

Since then, the Wildcat has become an essential part of the squad — standing on the point of the two-and-a-half person pyramid and serving as the focal point of many dance routines.

"The Wildcat must have great physical strength and athletic ability," Williamson said. "One arm pushups are not an easy exercise."

Tryouts for the Wildcat is a two-night process. The first night the students spend five minutes in the suit plus perform a routine which demonstrates their athletic ability.

The second night, the group is narrowed to three or four people. They are then transported to a public site — the Commons in the Kirwan-Blanding Complex, a local mall or the UK Student Center.

Each student is given 10 minutes in the suit. They must react and interact with whatever is there — while ignoring the judges.

"Sometimes we go places where there are lots of people and sometimes we get in an area where there are no people," Williamson said. "If people are absent, the students must interact with chairs or trash cans or whatever is available. It's up to them."

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penalty. That was when the Wildcat went on the field to do one-arm push-ups after a touchdown. Over the summer a rule change stated that no one other than the team and officials were allowed on the field. The referee threw the flag, resulting in a 15-yard penalty.

"That week, one of the cheerleaders came up with the idea of using

a board to lift the Wildcat up in front of the student section for the pushups," Williamson said. "That was on a Thursday. Physical Plant was called into action and on Saturday we had a bright blue platform."

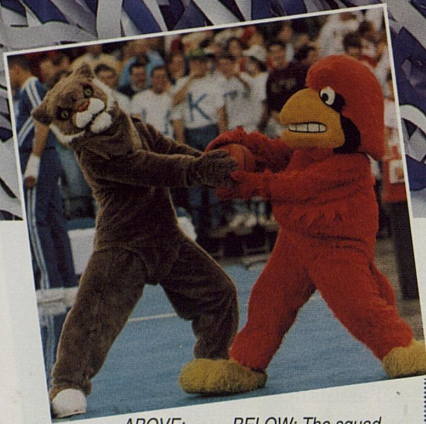
All members of the UK Wildcat cheerleading program are on scholarships which pay in-state tuition.

"It's great for the students from Kentucky, but the out-of-

state students often need extra financial assistance," Williamson said. So he helps them find jobs with national cheerleading organizations. "They teach high school clinics and summer camps all over the country," he said.

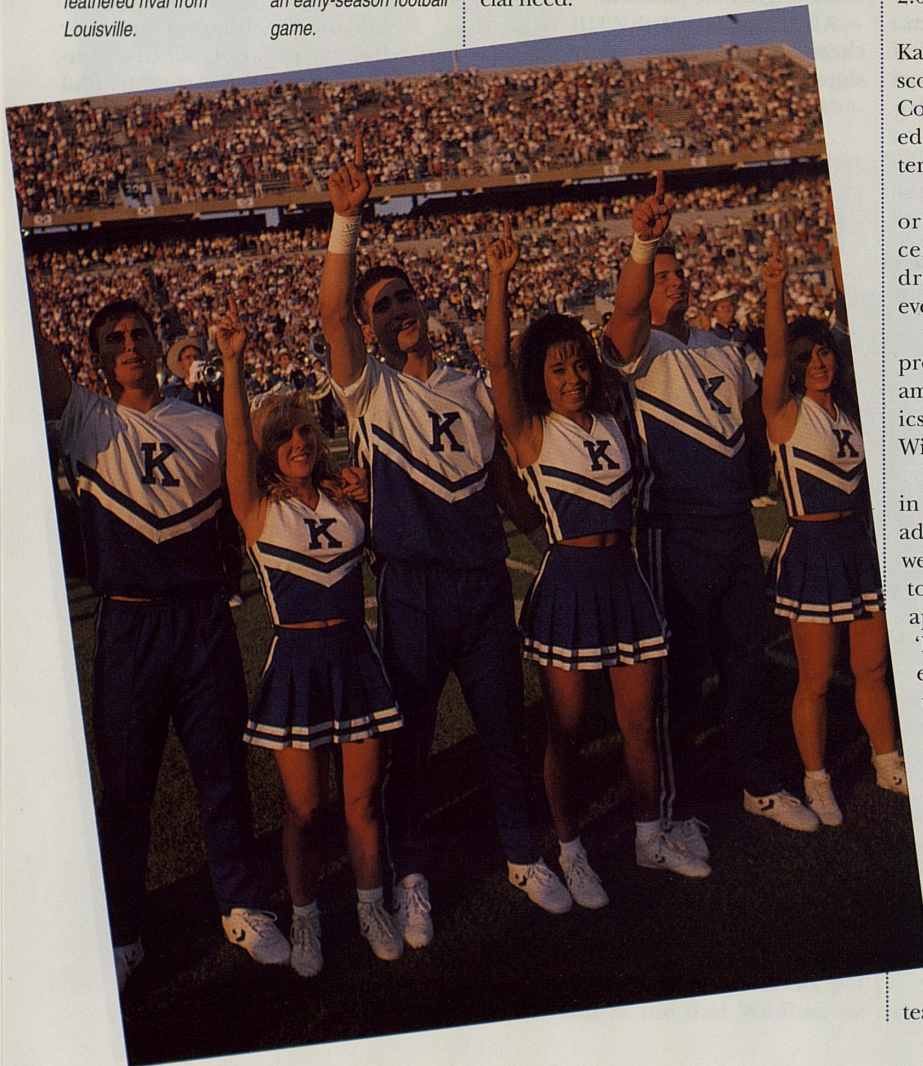
In addition, a number of other scholarships are available to cheerleaders. These include the Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCracken Jr. scholarship endowment fund which awards approximately \$2,500 annually to those cheerleaders





ABOVE: The Wildcat mixes it up with his feathered rival from Louisville.

BELOW: The squad leads the singing of "My Ol' Kentucky Home" at an early-season football game.



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who excel academically. The Bill Blount Jr. memorial scholarship endowment fund also awards one scholarship, valued at approximately \$1,100, based on financial need.

To try out for the Wildcat cheerleading squad, students must have attended UK or a community college for one semester and earned 12 class credits. They also must have a 2.0 grade point average.

Freshmen may try out for the Lady Kat squad their first semester if they score a 21 or better on the American College Test (ACT) and have graduated from high school with a 3.0 or better grade point average.

Once a student joins the squad, he or she must follow strict rules concerning weight, nutrition, attitude, dress, alcohol and drug abuse and even citizenship.

"A major purpose of the UK cheer program is to serve as public relations ambassadors of intercollegiate athletics and the University of Kentucky," Williamson said.

Williamson recalled an incident early in his career as the UK cheerleading advisor, when two male cheerleaders were found buying beer while traveling to an away football game. "One was apologetic but the other got a little 'huffy' with me," he said. "I put the entire squad back on the van, drove to the nearest bus station, went inside, bought a ticket for Lexington, and sent him home. That's the only time I've had to do that."

The UK cheerleading program falls under the jurisdiction of the vice chancellor for student affairs. "The cheerleaders are a unique group," Kuder said.

Kuder explained that the cheerleaders are not an athletic team, they are not a student organiza-

tion, and yet they are perhaps the most highly visible group of students — other than the basketball team — on campus.

"When the cheerleaders are in uniform, they *are* the University of Kentucky," Kuder said.

Because of their visibility and unique athletic status, the cheerleaders must abide by a special set of expectations and rules.

"T. Lynn and I have a great working relationship," Kuder said. "We have the same philosophy about the cheerleaders and have worked over a long period of time to develop a set of rules that reflect the unique status of this select group."

He explained that the rules stress three major elements: (1) that the cheerleaders are both students and athletes and an emphasis is put on academic success; (2) that they are a highly visible group and must maintain high personal standards and represent the best that the university has to offer; and (3) that cheerleading at UK is a learning experience where those students who excel are given opportunities to develop interpersonal skills, study the areas where they travel and continue to grow in all aspects of their physical and mental development.

In recent years, the UK cheerleaders have traveled the breadth of the North American continent — from the East Coast to the West Coast. They also have been to Hawaii, Alaska, Canada, Mexico, Japan and Europe.

"We encourage the squad to explore the city or countryside wher-




ever we are," Williamson said. "We encourage them to tour historic sites, taste new foods and explore those places they've read about in books."

It's part of the philosophy of the program that cheerleading can contribute to social development.

"We hear back from athletic programs and fans from all parts of the country about the top quality of our cheerleaders and the program in general," said associate athletic director Larry Ivy.

"We are extremely proud of their behavior both on and off the floor," Ivy said. "They are a vital part of our athletic department."

Jackie Bondurant '63 is a writer for the UK Public Relation's Office.

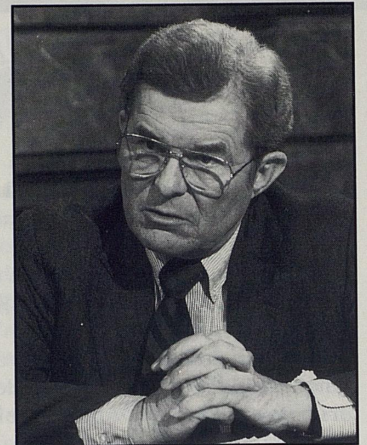
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Mary Haines Daniel '31 has lived in Bristol, Tenn., with her family since 1946. She has been a classics instructor and has been active in a number of genealogical and volunteer organizations. She reports that her son and his family have lived in Bristol since his retirement from the Air Force, and says, "We're *all* getting older!"

Logan Van Meter Nelson '35 is actively involved in the affairs of the Harmarville Rehabilitation Center, an independent, non-profit institution located just outside of Pittsburgh, Pa. Nelson's interest in the center dates back to 1955 as a member of the board of directors of the Federation of Girls' School Societies of Pittsburgh (Pa.), founder and owners of the Harmarville Rehabilitation Center. Nelson also is a member of the UK Alumni Association.

Rose Mary Codell Brooks '38 was one of three women honored with a 1992 Woman of Achievement Award from the Lexington YWCA. She has been volunteering and championing the rights of women since the 1940s. She also served three terms as chairwoman of the Lexington Theological Seminary's board of trustees.

Betty Carolyn Congleton '48, '62 has retired as a member of the history faculty at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. She was one of the first three women to earn a doctorate in history at UK. When she went to East Carolina in 1962, she was again one of only three women — this time as a member of the history faculty.

1950s

Benjamin F. Lutes Jr. '50 has retired from the Mobil Oil Company. He is listed in the 1993-94 edition of *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*.

Terry McKiernan '53 has been selected as a member of the North Pacific Division Office, Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Employees. The Gallery is composed of "former employees who rendered distinguished and exceptional service to the federal government in general and to the North Pacific Division Office of the Corps of Engineers in particular." McKiernan retired in March 1988 as the Chief of Construction-Operations Division after 25 years with the Corps.

Robert G. Self '55 has received the Theodore C. Lyster Award, sponsored by Lockheed Engineering and Sciences Company, given annually for outstanding achievement in the general field of aerospace medicine. This award recognizes the leadership and innovation displayed by Self during his tenure as Air Surgeon, National Guard Bureau. He engineered the start of a unique concept in fighter aviation medicine, a "fighter surgeon" school, where aerospace medicine practitioners receive flight surgeon training for serving fighter aircrew in their high stress, high task loading, high risk environment. Self now lives in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., where he is the medical executive director of the Broward County Public Health Unit.

Thelma Beeler '57 is one of 10 outstanding Kentucky teachers recognized by the Ashland Oil, Inc., Teacher Achievement Awards program. Beginning her career in 1922, she currently teaches English and drama at Lafayette High School in Lexington working with problem students through the Suspension and Failure Eliminated (S.A.F.E.) Program. In 70 years of teaching, Beeler has touched thousands of young minds with a simple philosophy: helping a student find a reason to persevere is fundamental to successful teaching. She is in the UK College of Education's Hall of Fame.

Ronald K. Gaynor '54 is vice president of the radioactive waste division of the American Ecology Corporation in Houston, Texas.

Joseph M. Coogle Jr. '57 is business administrator and principal of Coogle & Associates, a management consulting firm. He also is an adjunct professor of management at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa.

William A. Jones Jr. '58, pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn, N.Y., received an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from UK during commencement ceremonies in May. Jones, who helped integrate UK in the 1950s, is a human rights and civil rights activist. He is a former president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention and founder of the National Pastors Conference, and also served as national chairman of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's Operation Breadbasket program.

Margaret Blaine Neikirk Strange '58 served as president of the Tennessee School for the Blind Education Association for the 1992-93 year. She is a speech therapist at the Tennessee School for the Blind. She and her husband live in Hermitage.

1960s

James F. McDonald '62, '64 has been named president and CEO of Scientific-Atlanta. Prior to this appointment he was a general partner specializing in high technology companies with J.H. Whitney & Co., an investment firm in New York. He and his wife, Paula, and their three daughters are relocating to Georgia from their home in Illinois.

William E. Edmonston Jr. '60 has retired from Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y., and now holds the title of professor of psychology, emeritus. Besides professional organizations, Edmonston enjoys community work including the Madison County Ambulance Corps, Madison County Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Hamilton Historical Commission, Village Bicentennial Committee, Payne's Corner Players, Sherburne Music Theater Society, and his many performances with the Hamilton Music Theater of which he was a founder, president and director.

Roger D. McDaniel '62, '66 is president and CEO of the Huls Corp., a new business organization comprised of Huls America Inc., MEMC Electronic Materials, Inc. and Rohm Tech Inc. He previously served as president and CEO of MEMC Electronic Materials. The company is located in Piscataway, N.J.



William Bryan Martin '64 is chairman of the Independent Colleges of Indiana Foundation Board. Martin has served on the ICIF board since 1983; he just completed a term as the board's first vice chairman. Martin has been president of Franklin College for 10 years. Prior to this he was dean of the Oklahoma City University School of Law, and was a faculty member at the University of Louisville School of Law from 1970 to 1981.

R. Wayne Skaggs '64, '66, P.E. (professional engineer), William Neal Reynolds Professor and Distinguished University Professor of the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering, North Carolina State, is the recipient of the 1993 John Deere Gold Medal. He received the medal in honor of his contributions to the advancement of management in high water table soils.

Martin J. Gutfreund '65 is vice president of human resources and administration for Uniroyal Corporation in Sarasota, Fla. He served as a working member of former President Bush's drug advisory council, and serves on the board of directors of the Blue Ridge Conference on Leadership in Atlanta.

Terry D. Trovato '65 is president of the public relations division of Fessel, Siegfriedt & Moeller, an advertising agency in Louisville. He has worked as a reporter at the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, Reuters, CBS Evening News and NBC Nightly News.

Ted Strickland '66, '68, a college professor and former prison psychologist, now represents the sixth congressional district of Ohio in the U.S. House of Representatives. His wife, the former **Frances Smith '76**, works as his chief-of-staff at no salary. A UK student, Jill Cranston, has been working with them as an intern. Strickland is one of six UK graduates represented in the U.S. Congress.

Bill Cunningham '69 was elected Circuit Judge with the 56th Judicial Circuit, Commonwealth of Kentucky, in 1991. He lives in Kuttawa.

Thomas Sargent '67, '68 has joined Ebasco Environmental as senior vice president of marketing, sales and planning. He has more than 25 years of experience in all phases of the environmental business. He lives in Stone Mountain, Ga.

Donna Stovall '69, '71 principal of Lander Elementary School in Mayfield Heights, Ohio, was selected as Ohio's Distinguished Principal for 1993. She has been principal of the school since 1987. Stovall and her two daughters, Shannon and Kelly, live in Hudson, Ohio.



Lynn Grant '69 is the newly elected president of The Electrical Women's Round Table, Inc. Members of EWRT promote wise and efficient use of electricity, foster research and consumer education, and provide opportunities for professional development. Grant is a training consultant with the Louisville Gas and Electric Company.

1970s

Thomas D. McCarty '72 is group vice president of training for Motorola Inc.'s communication and electronics group. He lives in Orland Park, Ill.

Susan Tomasky '74 works for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as general counsel. She holds a law degree from George Washington University and was a partner in the law firm of Van Ness, Feldman & Curtis prior to this appointment.

Allen Branscum '74 is a fifth grade teacher at Burnside Elementary School — his class was selected from more than 500 children's gardening programs nationwide to receive a Beautification Award from the National Gardening Association of Burlington, Vt. Branscum says he "wanted to bring the science text alive and to beautify the school." The class received more than \$500 worth of gardening products to help with their spring beautification garden plans.

Aubrey R. Hopkins '74, '79, a Navy lieutenant commander, is aboard the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Arthur M. Reynolds '74, a Marine lieutenant colonel, has assumed command with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-261, at the Marine Corps Air Station New River in Jacksonville, N.C.

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Richard G. Williams '74 has been



promoted to vice president of the Gradison Division of McDonald & Company Securities in Cincinnati. Williams a certified financial planner, has been with Gradison for the past 14 years and most recently held the position of associate vice president. He serves on the board of directors of the UK Alumni Association.

Johnny C. Burris '75 was named professor of the year at Nova University Shepard Broad Law Center. In addition to his teaching duties he serves on the executive council of the Florida Bar Administrative laws section, is a member of the advisory group to the Florida House of Representatives Select Committee on Agency Rules & Administrative Procedures, is an arbitrator for the Florida Attorney General's Motor Vehicle Warranty Arbitration Board, and is a life member of the UK Alumni Association.

John W. Ellis '74 has been elected president of the overall organization of Fessel, Siegfriedt & Moeller, a Louisville-based advertising agency.

James Emerson '75 has joined the civil department of Carter & Burgess in Fort Worth, Texas. He was previously employed with CESP, Inc in Nashville, Tenn., as a senior civil engineer. Emerson is a registered professional engineer (PE) in over 30 states.

Kathleen Giauque Kopser '76, '90 is divisional director of nursing for the UK Hospital's Markey Cancer Center. Prior to this appointment she acted as a clinical nurse manager for the Markey Cancer Center. She and her husband, **George J. Kopser '73**, and their two children, live in Wilmore.

Jay H. Bryant '76 is vice president of Mid Wisconsin Trucking, Inc. He and his wife Mary, and 2 year old son, Dustin, live in Plover, Wis.

John F. Wagner III '76 is a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force. He is a deputy program manager of the ballistic missile defense program at the Space and Missile Center at the Los Angeles, Calif., Air Force Base. He lives in Redondo Beach.

Claudio A. Ratti '76 is executive vice president and chief financial officer of Heleringer's Inc. in Louisville.

Linda Holtzclaw '76, '82 of Stanford has been appointed divisional director of nursing for the University of Kentucky Hospital Emergency Department. Prior to this appointment, Holtzclaw worked in various aspects of critical care with the UK Hospital.

Wade C. McKnight '77 is a partner in accounting and business advisory services for Arthur Andersen & Co. in Germantown, Tenn.

Rick Willmott '77 is associate director of communications & network systems for UK. He also owns L.A. Sports, a sporting goods company specializing in equipment, apparel, and imprinted clothing. He and his wife, Karen, and 3-year-old son, Trevor, live in Wilmore.

Michael Runner '77 associate director of the California Center for Judicial Education and Research, was honored in June with a Voices of Change Award from the Family Violence Prevention Fund. Runner started with the center nearly eight years ago as a staff attorney putting together programs on post-traumatic stress disorder for Vietnam veterans. He has been instrumental in bringing a domestic violence program to the Emeryville-based center's curriculum.

Robert E. Maclin III '77, '79 has become a member of the law firm of Gess Mattingly & Atchison, P.S.C. Maclin, who has practiced in Central and Eastern Kentucky since 1984, joined the firm's litigation and business law sections.

Keith Knapp '78 has been appointed by Governor Jones to a four-year term on the Board of Licensure for Nursing Home Administrators.

Clifford L. Rice '78, '88 is a pharmaceutical specialist with the Astra/Merck Group. His wife is **Yvonne Pickett Rice '93**.

Wanda Durrett Bigham '78 is the new president of Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Ala. Huntingdon is a four-year co-educational, Methodist-related liberal arts college. She was formerly the special assistant to the president of Morehead State University. She served as president of Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa, from 1986 to 1992.

Carol Rompf McCaslin '79 a professional photographer and co-owner of Captured Moments Photography in Lexington, has been named the executive secretary of the Kentucky Professional Photographers Association. She founded Captured Moments Photography in 1982 to free-lance and specialize in underwater photography. The business is now a full service portrait studio.



James D. Greene '79 is a connectivity marketing team leader at Lexmark International in Lexington. Prior to this he worked for Texas Instruments Peripheral Products Division in Temple, Texas.

1980s

Rodney W. Brown '80 of the U.S. Navy, was promoted to his present rank of lieutenant commander while serving at Naval Air Reserve, Naval Air Station, Memphis, Tenn.

Joe Goins '80, '85 is director of Regional Development for CG&E in Cincinnati.

David R. Ecton '80 is the chief financial officer for Derby Industries, Inc. in Louisville. A CPA, Ecton spent 11 years in public accounting prior to this position. He is married to the former **Paula Wimsatt '79**.

Douglas Browning '80 has been promoted to vice president and chief financial officer of the Hospital Corporation of America's Arlington, Texas, Medical Center. He has been with the corporation for 11 years, and immediately prior to this promotion he was chief financial officer of the Denton, Texas, Community Hospital.

James R. Renfro '80 is an advisory director and consultant to Hunter Resources, Inc. in Irving, Texas. He had been a vice president of EnCap Investments, L.C.

Paul N. Leone '80, a CPA, is vice president of finance for Flagler System, Inc. in Palm Beach, Fla. He was also named president of Flagler System Management which provides administrative, financial and management services to other independent luxury resort properties. Leone will now act as chief financial officer for all Flagler System subsidiaries.

Venita Dobson '80, '81 has joined the accounting firm of Eskew & Gresham, PSC in Louisville as senior consultant. She joins the firm from Hilliard Lyons where she was a registered principal.

Joe Walters '81, owner of The Cruise Shoppe in Lexington, has completed the requirements for Cruise Lines International Association's cruise counselor certification program and now holds the rank of Master Cruise Counselor. Walters is married to the former **Lorrie Logue '82**.

James A. Tutt Jr. '81, '90 is the risk manager in the loan administration department of Bank One in Lexington. He and his wife have two sons, ages four and one.

Frank G. Gray Jr. '81 is the chief environmental engineer for the Air Force Base Disposal Agency at Carswell AFB in Ft. Worth, Texas. He has the P.E. registration (professional engineer) in Kentucky and Texas.

Charles F. Weede '81 is the manager of total quality for Kemira, Inc. in Savannah, Ga.

Jason Silverman '81, a Winthrop University (S.C.) history professor, has been selected to serve on the advisory board for a production documenting the lives of Jews living in the South. Silverman is also expected to speak on-camera in the documentary, entitled "The Other Crowd," which is expected to air on the PBS network. He has been at Winthrop for 10 years.

Kathleen Harris '82, assistant provost for research and director of the Office of Research Services at Texas Tech University, recently received the 1993 Distinguished Service Award from the Institute for Studies of Organizational Automation. The award was for contributions to the institute's research program. She has been at Texas Tech since 1978, and involved in the administration of sponsored projects since 1983.

Mark Haertzen '82 has invented a backpack drink dispenser, capable of serving all kinds of drinks, for street and stadium vendors. Rocket Man Inc. is based in Louisville.

Jerome A. Dixon '82 has been awarded the 1993 Intern/Resident Medical Writing Award by the American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. In addition to general practice Dixon has received training in several specialty areas, including osteopathic manipulative therapy, sports medicine and occupational medicine.

Martin L. Boswell '82 is an agent for the Life Insurance Company of Virginia. He lives in Cincinnati.

Edward L. Catlett '82, '85 was named assistant vice president for Johnson & Higgins, an insurance brokerage company. He is in charge of database development for Lotus Notes, which includes information systems for J&H internal use as well as for client communications.

A. Gwen Henderson '82 received the Kentucky Historical Society's Richard H. Collins Award. The award recognizes outstanding research and writing. Henderson is a staff archaeologist at the Program for Cultural Resource Assessment at UK.

Rebecca Towles Brown '82 is a manager in the public relations department of Alliant Health System in Louisville. She previously worked at Logan Memorial Hospital in Russellville, and was the director of public relations at Bellarmine College for four years.



Mark Olive '82 has been promoted by Arby's Franchise Association to vice president of field marketing. He and his wife and two children live in Alpharetta, Ga.

Howard (Randy) Newman '82 is the retail account manager for Valvoline, Inc. in Cordova, Tenn.

A. Olu Oyinlade '82 is an assistant professor of sociology at Nebraska Wesleyan University. He was previously an assistant professor at Northern State University in South Dakota.

Abby Sutherland '82 is deputy director of the Bretton Woods Committee in Washington, D.C., where the committee's 1992 conference addressed the economic future of the former Soviet Union.

Emily Monroe Bates '83 is the director of product line and mortgage loan accounting of the AIG Division of the Capital Holding Corporation in Louisville.

Kathy Ashby Merry '84 has been promoted to vice president and general manager of individual markets for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Virginia. Merry, who has worked for the company since 1991, had been director of Quality Programs.

Kathy Carney Lawson '84 is manager of waste management for Battelle Columbus Labs in Columbus, Ohio. She and her husband, Stuart, welcomed Ashley Nicole to the family last January.

Karen Busler Kursar '84 is a senior economic analyst in the Strategic Planning and Business Development Department of Sea-Land Corporation, with responsibilities for international economic and trade analyses and forecasts, and competitive strategic analyses.

Adam Wilson '85 is director of marketing for Trend House, Inc., an architectural design firm in Seattle, Wash., with studios in New York, Beverly Hills, Chicago and London.

Wendy Rae Schultz '84, '92 is an exploration geologist for Texaco in Denver, Colo.

Shauna L. Patton '85 was one of 10 outstanding Kentucky teachers honored by Ashland Oil, Inc. with a Teacher Achievement Award. She teaches at Central Elementary School in Paintsville.

Joe Sexton '85 is senior vice president of Computer Associates International, Inc. in East Irving, Texas.

James D. Smith '85 is an advertising representative for the *Cincinnati Enquirer*. He is a member of the UK Alumni Association.

Loren A. Anderson '85 is treasurer-elect on the board of directors of the American Industrial Hygiene Association. He is employed as manager of product safety for PPG Industries Coatings and Resins Group in Allison Park, Pa.

Mark S. Snell '86 has been presented one of five Outstanding Young Houstonian Awards by the Houston Jaycees. It is given for outstanding personal and professional achievement and community service. An attorney, Snell has been recognized for his advocacy of low-cost legal services for the poor and pro-bono legal assistance to charitable organizations. He also has instituted nationally acclaimed programs for hunger relief and youth services, and has participated in community service projects.

Naomi Tutu '85 is completing her doctoral dissertation from the London School of Economics at Hartford, Conn., where her husband, Abie Ngomane, is a student. Her father, South Africa's Archbishop Desmond Tutu, officiated at the baptism of Naomi's daughter, Mpumi, in Hartford, in October 1992.

S. Troy Armstrong '86 is the assistant plant manager of Keller Manufacturing at the Culpepper, Va., plant.

H. Michael Lucas '86, an attorney, is a partner in the firm of Webster and Lewis in Pikeville.

John G. Swanberg '86 is an appraiser for the Realty Advisory Group, Inc. in Virginia Beach, Va. The Swanberg's welcomed their second son last April.

Steve Whitmer '86 was promoted by Brown-Forman International Ltd. to inventory control specialist for Lenox and Hartmann. He is based in Louisville.

John S. Douglas '87 has been named credit administration officer at Liberty National Bank of Lexington.

Jeff Tingle '87 is controller and chief financial officer of the Leestown Company, Inc., a distillery and bottling operation in Frankfort. He lives in Lexington.

Barbara Jane England '87 is the director of public relations for Cincinnati's Museum Center Foundation. England and her husband, John, live in Mariemont, Ohio.



Charles A. Clark Jr. '87 is investment vice president for The Ohio Company. Prior to this he was investment vice president for J.C. Bradford. He lives in Ona, W.Va.

Arjun Sinha '87 has embarked on a new career in secondary teaching, beginning in Los Angeles with graduate courses, teaching in the Bedford-Stuyvesant district of Brooklyn, N.Y., in Portland, Ore., and then Thailand. He returned to the U.S. in January 1993 to prepare for an MEd program.

Deanna Brashear Katko '87 is a senior staff accountant for Potter & Company in Lexington.

David Chewing '88 is the plant accountant for Ingersoll-Rand Co. in Campbellsville. He earned the designation of certified management accountant (CMA) in May. The Chewnings had their first child, a son, last January.

Richard Wynne '88 is a market analyst with Jetstream Aircraft, Inc., a division of British Aerospace. He is making micro- and macro-level forecasts and marketing strategy evaluations, and planning an early 1994 wedding.

Victor D. Dunston '88 is an instructor of low brass at Mercer University and at Georgia College, and is director of instrumental music for Ingleside Baptist Church in Macon, Ga. He lives in Bonaire.

Thomas J. Sullivan '89 has been honored by the National Federation of Press Women with the following awards: first place in education writing; second place for a series project titled "Grading the Teachers," and honorable mention for continuing coverage for a collection of stories questioning a school district's pay inequities between administrators and teachers. He received these awards in 1992 while he was education reporter for *The Santa Fe New Mexican*. In January he was promoted to the city hall beat.

Peggy Flynn-Athanasakes '88 is a tax analyst with the LG&E Energy Corporation in Louisville. She was with Coopers & Lybrand for five years before accepting this position.

Jeffrey S. Thomison '88 is a security analyst for the retail and entertainment industries for Hilliard & Lyons in Louisville.

BY THE NUMBERS

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James E. Geisler '88 received a master's degree from the Darden School at the University of Virginia in May.

Chris Tipton '89 is founder and president of Telecom Source, Inc., a company that buys and sells new, reconditioned, and used telecommunications equipment. He lives in Lexington.

Christopher A. Ford '89 is controller for the Marriott Hotel Co. in Gaithersburg, Md. He lives in Campbellsville.

Tracy S. Fischer '89 completed an M.D. at the Louisville School of Medicine in May, and began a residency in emergency medicine with U of L in July.

Tiffany J. Sirkle '89, '93 is a mortgage loan officer with the University of Kentucky Federal Credit Union in Lexington.

J. David Moore '89 began his residency in psychology at Timberlawn Psychiatric Hospital in Dallas, Texas, in July after receiving his M.D. from the Wright State University School of Medicine in June.



Kathy Gannoe '89 was honored with a 1992 Woman of Achievement Award by the YWCA. She is executive director for the Nursing Home Ombudsman Agency of the Bluegrass.

1990s

Brian E. Buchanan '90, '92 is the head of the international department of Ad Mart International in Danville.

Suzanna (Suzie) Stammer '90 has attended at least three U.S. Olympic Sports Festivals — the first in 1989, the second in 1991, and another this year. She has been a field hockey umpire and judge and now is charged with being the head technical delegate for women's field hockey, which means she oversees all games as rule interpreter and judge among other things. She is hoping to be selected for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

Todd J. Metzmeier '90 is managing the Kroger Company store on Linn Station Road in Louisville. He and the former **Christine M. Zeno '92** were married in July 1992.

Andrew J. Argiro '90 is a contract specialist with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in New York City.

Kevin M. Vanderpool '90 is the professional relations representative for the Government Programs Division/Medicare Part of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kentucky, Inc. He travels throughout Kentucky conducting educational seminars and workshops for physicians and their staff. He lives in Lexington.

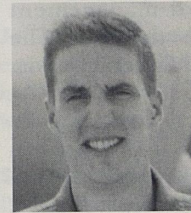
Laura Whelan '90 is a senior accountant-auditor for Deloitte & Touche in Lexington. She is a member of the Actor's Guild of Lexington board of directors.

Eric O. Reichert '90 has received a master's degree in education from Virginia Tech University. He lives in Hanover, N.H.

Sam Moore '90 has been promoted to international banking officer from his previous position as special credits officer with National City Bank of Louisville.

Marlene Cox '90 has been promoted to senior accountant with the accounting firm of Eskew & Gresham, PSC, in Lexington. She joined the firm in 1990.

Terry W. Taylor Jr. '90 a Navy lieutenant (jg) of Corbin, is currently serving as a pilot with United States Navy Patrol Squadron Ten, homeported in Brunswick, Maine.



Diane M. Sill '90 is a 1993 graduate of the Hahnemann University School of Health Sciences and Humanities.

Ranjit Roy '91 has transferred to Hyderabad from Calcutta, India with ANZ Grindlays Bank where he has been promoted to manager of non-resident Indian Services.

Yali Liu '91 is an account executive in the residential mortgages division of Citibank in Chicago.

Page Estes '91, '93 is a development officer for Prestonsburg Community College.

Kristi A. Keoughan '91 is a financial analyst for General Electric Plastics in Pittsfield, Mass. She lives in Lenox now, but G.E. is transferring her to the Netherlands in December.

Ellen Grande '91 is a senior accountant in the tax department with Arthur Anderson & Co. in Cincinnati.

Charles D. Nolan '91 is a senior support specialist with Automatic Data Processing in Florence. He is married and has one child, Jason.

Todd Brockman '91 has joined the accounting firm of Eskew & Gresham, PSC in Lexington as a staff accountant in the audit department.

Elizabeth Wade Hall '91, and **David A. Hall '92** live in Burlington, N.C. He is Plamance County bureau reporter for the *Greensboro News & Record*, and she is a copy editor for the *Durham Herald-Sun*.

Barbara Walden '92 is director of accounting for Buckley and Company in Lexington.

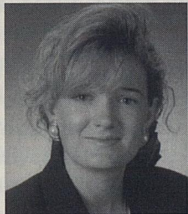
Marsha Renee Coyle '92 is the payroll administrator for Hughes Aircraft in Lexington.

Mari L. Wagner '92 is a staff accountant for Ernst & Young in Louisville.

Lisa Rexroat '92 is the district manager of Automatic Data Processing in Nicholasville. She lives in Lexington.

David S. Hasler '92 is an analyst of internal controls for the Procter & Gamble Co. in Cincinnati.

Susan A. Kaufman '92 is now an account executive for the Wenz-Neely Co. in Lexington. She previously worked for Buntin Public Relations in Nashville, Tenn.



Laura Babbage '92 has been elected to the board of directors of Bank One of Lexington. She continues as CEO of Urgent Treatment Center Inc.

Veronica Fennelly '93 has taken a position as assistant to the director for event planning at George Mason University.

Jeff Hartshorn '93 is a program specialist for USIA's International Visitors Program in Washington, D.C.

Jeremy Prepisci '93 began a two-year teaching assignment this summer in Japan with JET, a Japanese-English training school.

Necrology

The University of Kentucky Alumni Association extends its sympathy to the family and friends of the following alumni.

James C. Melvin '18 of Mayfield, July 24, 1991.

Hattie Wheeler Trapp '20 of Lexington, June 5, 1993.

Morris Forman '20 of Louisville, October 22, 1992.

John W. Holland '22* of Shelbyville, February 24, 1993. Life member.

Colvin P. Rouse Sr. '26* of Versailles, July 3, 1993. Life member. Dean of UK College of Law from 1971 to 1973 and from 1981 to 1988.

William C. Smith '27* of Louisville, February 4, 1993.

Eleanor Tapp Hillen '28* of Frankfort, May 17, 1992. Life member.

Eula Webb Cole '28 of Albuquerque, N.M., March 28, 1993.

J. Hughes Evans '29 of North Middletown, May 4, 1993.

Whitney T. Evans '29 of Macon, Ga., July 8, 1993.

Katherine Alexander Forsythe '29 of Lexington, August 8, 1993.

Irvine H. Crosby '30 of Louisville, December 19, 1991.

Ruth Bullock Reed '30 of Lexington, July 23, 1993.

James W. Crawford '30 of Orlando, Fla., September 29, 1992.

Alice Moss Hicks '30* of Lexington, February 11, 1993.

Margaret L. Marrs '31* of Lexington, July 8, 1993.

Edward D. Duvall '31 of Lillington, N.C., May 4, 1993.

Louis Friedman '31 of Port Salerno, Fla., March 4, 1991.

Numia Lee Fouts '31 of Russell, July 11, 1993. First Miss Kentucky, 1931.

Charles S. Nahm '31* of Louisville, June 15, 1993.

Ruth Ruble Lane '31 of Lexington, December 9, 1992.

Myra Lake Gentry '32 of Lexington, May 13, 1993.

Guinevere P. Cogswell '32* of Lexington, March 30, 1993.

Besse Brackett Barker '32 of Lexington, June 14, 1993.

Robert T. Baughman '32* of Stanford, August 21, 1993.

Keith S. Venable '32* of Cadiz, November 25, 1992.

Robert H. Binford '33 of Savannah, Ga., April 19, 1992.

William H. Farmer '33* of Wilmore, May 24, 1993. Life member.

Herman E. Rothwell '33* of Louisville, April 30, 1993.

William E. Congleton '33 of Lexington, March 8, 1993.

Woodson Knight '34 of Louisville, February 15, 1992.

Otta R. Fryman '34* of Carlisle, August 27, 1993.

Celeste Thompson Crosby '34* of Lexington, July 7, 1993.

James M. Dillon '34* of Madison, Ala., October 12, 1992.

George E. Pero '35* of Louisville, September 23, 1992. Life member.

Alfred O. Miller '35 of Louisville, May 4, 1993.

Shelby C. Kinkead '35* of Versailles, August 24, 1993.

Geraldine "Jerry" Rose '36* of Raleigh, N.C., August 2, 1993. Life member.

Martha Newhardt Miller '36 of Louisville, December 25, 1991.

Mary Agnes O'Connell '37 of Louisville, April 11, 1993.

Lena Peak Sparks '37 of Montgomery, Ala., June 14, 1992.

Charles N. Hall '38 of Versailles, April 27, 1993.

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Allen P. Reininger '38 of Cleveland, Ohio, April 9, 1993.

Roger C. Womack '38* of Carlisle, August 30, 1993.

Florence E. Gray '38 of Lexington, June 25, 1991.

Russell L. Meadows '38 of Morehead, August 3, 1993.

Charles A. Browning '39 of Wyoming, Ohio, May 25, 1992.

Norvel A. Colbert '39 of Lexington, July 24, 1993.

Benjamin F. Cottrell '39 of Colonial Heights, Va., July 21, 1993.

Sarah Renaker Connell '39* of Wabash, Ind., March 2, 1993.

Lester D. McDaniel '40 of Myrtle Beach, S.C., February 18, 1993.

William C. Bertram '40 of Vanceburg, July 19, 1993.

Leland L. Wilson '41 of Greeley, Colo., July 16, 1993.

Gene Bryant '41* of Lexington, May 6, 1993.

James E. French '42 of Louisville, April 14, 1992.

Martha Dean Arnett '43 of Erlanger, May 26, 1993.

Helen D. Benjamin '43 of Providence, October 27, 1992.

Thomas F. Erwin '43 of Waco, Texas, October 24, 1992.

Guy J. Rappleyea Jr. '43 of Portland, Ore., 1993.

Emma Frances Cruse '45 of Winchester, June 3, 1993.

Margie Villesvik Carr '45 of Waterville, Ohio, 1991.

Ann Stephenson Gillig '45* of Lexington, July 23, 1993.

Mary Crawford Foushee '45 of Columbus, Ohio, March 3, 1992.

James S. Dinning '46 of Gainesville, Fla., December 1, 1992.

John A. Patton '47* of Lexington, July 17, 1993.

Ralph L. Belcher '47 of Silver Spring, Md., May 1993.

Ben T. White II '47 of Carmel Valley, Calif., March 6, 1993.

William A. Lucas '47 of Lexington, August 10, 1993.

Julius C. Joseph '48 of Louisville, July 22, 1993.

Victor S. Bruner '48* of Indianapolis, Ind., September 22, 1991. Lifetime.

Isaac S. Fugate Jr. '48 of Decatur, Ga., May 30, 1993.

Richard P. Gholson '48 of Paducah, May 16, 1992.

William A. Wickliff '48 of Harrodsburg, January 22, 1993.

Richard W. Asher '48* of Lexington, May 5, 1993.

Anne Gertrude Benckart '49 of Lexington, June 22, 1993.

Olive Eleanor Barrett '49 of Lexington, August 12, 1993.

William R. Ware Jr. '50 of Lexington, July 25, 1993.

Clement L. Cockrel '50* of Bowling Green, June 29, 1993. Life member.

Paul R. Jacoby '50* of Columbus, Ohio, November 27, 1991. Life member.

Jack K. Kennedy '50* of Frankfort, February 21, 1993.

James E. Bell Sr. '50* of Louisville, February 3, 1993.

Howard Curry Jr. '50* of Lexington, May 10, 1993. Life member.

Rodney R. Ford '50* of Louisville, May 31, 1993.

Leonard E. Kelsay '50* of Harrodsburg, June 8, 1993.

James H. Barnes '50 of Zionsville, Ind., March 8, 1993.

Betty Thompson Boyd '50 of Jeffersonton, November 13, 1992.

Darrell "Gene" Seasor '50 of Indianapolis, Ind., April 7, 1993.

Leah Calhoun Webb '50 of Aberdeen, Ohio, August 14, 1991.

Frances Atwood Cook '51 of Lexington, August 2, 1993.

Marjorie Jentz Lund '51 of Cape Cod, Mass., August 27, 1992.

Eva Walsh Mitchell '51 of Dunwoody, Ga., August 4, 1991.

Woodrow Allen '51* of Somerset, October 22, 1992. Life member.

Paul N. Smoot '51 of Lexington, May 19, 1993.

Robert Witt Jr. '51 of Mount Dora, Fla., June 21, 1993.

Cecil E. Holcomb '52 of Blytheville, Ark., March 27, 1993.

William C. Robb '52 of Cleveland, Ohio, March 15, 1993.

George D. Corder '52 of Somerset, January 2, 1992.

Letcher W. Norton '53* of Winchester, December 19, 1992. Life member.

Edward M. Haick '53* of Louisville, July 4, 1993. Life member.

James A. Cummins '53 of Lakeland, Fla., May 9, 1993.

Jacob W. Mayer '54 of Arlington, Va., May 11, 1993.

William E. Clayton '55 of New Albany, Ind., June 30, 1992.

Robert C. May '56 of Lexington, March 9, 1993. Adjunct faculty member of the UK Art Dept. since 1986, and photographer for the UK Agriculture Information Department 1956-67.

Robert F. Long '57 of St. Peter, Minn., December 30, 1991.

James B. Stewart '57 of Winchester, September 9, 1992.

Jack C. Adams '58 of Lexington, May 3, 1993.

Carolyn H. Brown '58 of Hot Springs, Ark., 1991.

Robert B. Tucker '59 of Lexington, August 29, 1993.

Robert L. Anderson '61 of Heathrow, Fla., February 1992.

Ruth Stillings Davis '61 of Morehead, July 6, 1993.

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John W. Swann Jr. '63 of Lexington, May 14, 1993.

John Preston White III '64 of Lexington, June 10, 1993.

Carol J. Threlkeld '67 of Louisville, April 3, 1993.

James H. Williamson Jr. '68 of Simpsonville, S.C., October 1, 1992.

John T. Shewmaker '68* of Mt. Sterling, July 18, 1993. Life member.

John C. Cheshire Jr. '69 of Frankfort, August 3, 1993.

Robert W. Nuss '69 of Louisville, January 22, 1993.

Larry C. Arnold '69 of Lexington, May 6, 1993.

Elizabeth W. Haley '71 of Lexington, July 12, 1993.

Anna Frances Johnson '71 of Paris, April 28, 1992.

Charles R. Thomas '72 of Middlesboro, November 7, 1990.

Edward M. Kehr '73* of Parsippany, N.J., February 2, 1993.

Juanita Short Pay '73 of Louisville, July 7, 1993.

Wallace D. Singleton '74 of Lexington, December 9, 1992.

Charles W. Provost '75 of Bridgeville, Pa., January 26, 1992.

Headlee Lamprey '76 of Niceville, Fla., May 25, 1993.

Ammie Lee Webb '77 of Winchester, June 21, 1993.

Pamela Stewart Hargis '80 of Woodstock, Vt., 1992.

Jospeh M. Aull '81 of Owensboro, June 29, 1993.

Sally Ann Reeves '82 of Lexington, May 30, 1993.

Terence T. Tita '85 of Kumba, Cameroon, Africa, December 8, 1992.

Joe D. Walker '87 of Dawson Springs, April 1991.

Gregory A. Wiecek '90 of Lexington, June 4, 1993.

Johanna Halton Slater '92 of Texarkana, Texas, August 17, 1993.

John C. Cornett of Hindman, June 3, 1993.

Elmon McKenzie of Paintsville, August 14, 1992.

Mary L. Osborne of Louisville, October 28, 1992.

James M. Sharp of Lexington, April 7, 1993.

Mary Richardson Birch of Washington, D.C., February 25, 1993.

John A. Baker of Nicholasville, April 19, 1993.

Constance M. Slone of Lexington, May 27, 1993.

Earl Douglas Rees of Nicholasville, March 14, 1993.

Elmer J. Nitzken of Louisville, May 4, 1993.

Kathryn Wempe Nitzken of Louisville, April 22, 1993.

Vernon Pennebaker of Lexington, December 9, 1992.

I.N. Bryant of Corbin, November 11, 1991.

Glen L. Hodge Sr.* of Elizabethtown, November 29, 1992.

Mrs. W. Glenn Miller* of Belton, January 17, 1993. Life member.

James B. Morris* of Science Hill, February 27, 1993. Life member.

Fred M. Keller of Lexington, December 8, 1992.

Glen R. Ward of Xenia, Ohio May 26, 1992.

Zhenghong Dong of Lexington and People's Republic of China, July 23, 1993.

Charles M. McIntire of Cynthiana, June 14, 1993.

Regina Jones McKinley of Lexington, August 6, 1993.

Thomas L. Ocelli* of Lexington, June 29, 1993.

Helen Blake Schu* of Georgetown, August 8, 1993.

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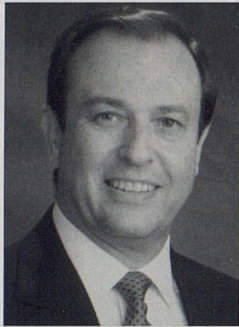
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I always appreciate the opportunity to share with alumni some of the good news at the University of Kentucky. This year one of the best things to happen to UK has occurred not on campus, but in our state's capital. Gov. Brereton Jones announced that UK and the other public universities in Kentucky will be spared from the latest round of budget cuts, except for the two percent which had been anticipated and planned for.

As many of you know, the University of Kentucky suffered a series of budget cuts over the past 18 months totaling 12 percent. These have been extremely difficult to manage.

I am proud that we did manage them without laying off employees. Our employee count funded from state dollars is down by approximately 600; but that is because we have not filled vacancies that have been brought about through attrition — people retiring or leaving the university for one reason or another.

A further budget reduction would have had serious repercussions for the university, adversely affecting important teaching, research and service goals.

I believe our exemption from further budget cuts reflects the growing recognition of the importance of higher education to the future of Kentucky. We owe a debt of gratitude to Gov. Jones and his staff, as well as state senator Mike Moloney and state representative Marshall Long, for their concerted efforts to spare higher education from further cutbacks at this time.

Looking to the future, it is essential that higher education be considered important, and it must receive adequate state funding. This year, 35 percent of our budget is supplied by the state. This compares with 41 percent

just two years ago. The state was forced to increase tuition to make up a part of the difference, and this is putting a growing hardship on our students.

The governor has established a commission to consider higher education issues as part of the overall reform of state government. Board of Trustees chair Edward T. "Ned" Breathitt and I will represent UK on that commission.

I believe the recent University of Kentucky review of administrative structure, staffing patterns and workloads, and the self-study that the university has completed will prove healthy and productive in providing important input to this commission.

It would appear that the governor's most recent action in balancing the budget will improve chances that the Kentucky Legislature will be able to address some of the critical needs of the Commonwealth in the near future.

At UK, I am encouraged that several building projects that were authorized for design in 1992 will be considered for construction in the coming year. These are university priorities — to obtain funding for the construction of the new library and badly needed buildings at our community colleges where enrollments continue to grow every year.

The basic design of the new library has been completed. We are very excited about the prospects for it. More than \$20 million in private funds have been raised to date for construction and an endowment to purchase new books and materials. We look forward to starting actual construction next year, pending final funding authority from the legislature.

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