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## Gardens grow delicious vegetables... and wonderful memories

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

The cover story for this issue details a really neat program that began as an idea by UK students for a service project. That idea became "Home-

grown Kentucky," a farm-to-school program that allows students to grow fruits and vegetables that are actually served in the school cafeteria. And, community members can use the land to grow produce for themselves. I don't know about you, but just thinking about vegetables fresh out of the garden makes me hungry. It also brings back memories.

Growing up, my family always had a large garden. We would grow just about everything — corn, peppers, green beans, cabbage, and my personal favorite, tomatoes. A regular part of my chores was helping to tend the garden. I must admit, at times I absolutely hated it, especially anything that involved the corn rows — it felt like the stalks were attacking me! But, oh, the taste of those fresh vegetables made it all worth it. I can still remember eating a ripe, red tomato right out of the patch. It's hard to imagine today, but I didn't even bother washing it off first. Of course, not only did we eat the fresh produce during the summer, but canning made it possible to enjoy the vegetables throughout the cold months of winter, too. I so miss that. My mother also managed to utilize the garden in other ways. Whenever my sister and I would have, shall we say, disagreements, we would be sent to the garden to pull weeds. That was not fun. Looking back now, I realize that I learned a great many life lessons while also learning to raise a garden.

Big changes are happening on UK's campus. As new buildings for student housing go up, old ones must come down. Dorm life is so much a part of the wonderful experience of being a student. As some of the most well-known dorms on campus are replaced, alumni share their thoughts and memories of their first home away from home. Also in this issue, we introduce you to Karyl Evans, an alumna who used her degree from the UK College of Agriculture to become an award-winning documentary filmmaker. Sound strange? It actually makes perfect sense. We continue the Leading by Example series, which spotlights members of our board of directors. Be sure you check out the recipients of our 2013 Great Teacher Award. They really are great!

I was lucky enough to be a part of a tour of the newly-renovated UK men's basketball suite at Rupp Arena. Calling it "nice" would be a gross understatement. I think I now know exactly what Coach John Calipari means when he talks about UK being the "Gold Standard." One of my favorite photos from the tour is a wall-sized image from the 2012 National Championship game that is located in the eating area of the suite. Fortunately, there is plenty of wall space for similar images! Another of my favorites is below.

I hope you enjoy this issue of Kentucky Alumni magazine. Your feedback is always welcome.

Go Cats!

Kelli

Kelli Elam '11 Editor



The 2012 NCAA National Championship banner hangs in the center of the dressing area of the newly-renovated locker room space at Rupp Arena.



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#### Presidential Conversation

#### A New Year of Promise

We are a Big Blue Nation United. Dedicated to a promise nearly 150 years in the making — to create a brighter future through the education, research, service and care we render.

The impact and importance of our Kentucky Promise has never been more true than it is today, nor has it ever meant more for the future of those we serve. I'm reminded of the power of that promise every day by the people across our campus and Commonwealth engaged in furthering this covenant as scholars, innovators, leaders and healers, but most importantly, as Wildcats.

Over the last year, our students have added richly to our campus culture and succeeded in their academic pursuits. A threeperson team consisting of top business students from the Gatton College of Business and Economics was victorious in the Wall Street Journal's National Biz Quiz. They bested competitors from 17 other top business schools across the nation, including Carnegie Mellon, Michigan, Emory, UNC, Texas and Texas A&M.

Opera Theatre students dazzled audiences as they took to the stage in Andrew Lloyd Weber's heralded "The Phantom of the Opera." Because of their incredible talent, UK was added to a short and celebrated list of institutions licensed to produce this incredible work of art.

UK students competing in the Alltech Innovation Competition took home the first place, \$10,000 dollar prize for their business proposal to reclaim mountaintop sites by growing switch grass that can be used to produce biofuels. The second place prize, awarded to the University of Louisville, was inspired by a prototype energy-efficient home pioneered by students in our College of Design and the Center for Applied Energy Research (CAER).

We marked a new era for energy research and cutting-edge infrastructure. The new LEED-Gold CAER research facility will expand our capacity for collaboration in solar, biomass, electrochemical power research and advancements in battery technology through our partnership with Argonne National Laboratory.

World-class clinicians from UK HealthCare — Kentucky's No. 1 hospital — continue to push the boundaries of medical science and bring comfort to patients and families. This past year, a patient received two lungs and a heart from the same donor in Kentucky's first heart-lung transplant performed in 15 years and among 27 procedures performed nationwide last year.

We received national recognition for our commitment to using extracorporeal membrane oxygenation support for inpatients experiencing acute failure of their cardiorespiratory system. The device is used to bridge the gap while transplant candidates await a donor match. It has been an essential tool for UK physicians.

For the past several years, hundreds of faculty, staff and clinicians have worked diligently to position our Markey Cancer Center for National Cancer Institute designation. This endeavor was entered into purposefully to advance science and improve the lives of countless Kentuckians' impacted by these diseases — an effort



that is fundamental to our Kentucky Promise. In January 2013, we hosted representatives from the National Institutes of Health's National Cancer Institute for their official site visit.

The bricks are being stacked and the drywall hung in Central Halls I and II as the foundations are poured for Phase II-A of our bold public/private partnership to revitalize our housing facilities. In August 2013, we will open the doors of Phase I, and cranes will rise on five new facilities across three building sites, adding nearly 3,000 beds in two years. In this issue of Kentucky Alumni, we collected stories from former residents about their UK experience.

To match the exciting residence hall projects, we're working closely with the state legislature to gain approval for the construction of three facilities that are critical to the long-term interests of the institution. Project details are outlined in this issue.

Our board has set an ambitious agenda for 2013. In the year ahead, we will continue to invest in our facilities, improve the undergraduate experience, implement a new financial model of accountability and complete our Master Plan process.

To build on our progress, we will assess and enhance our research enterprise and graduate and professional education; we will develop a plan to better integrate technology in to the classroom and offer distance learning opportunities; and we will strengthen mechanisms to better recruit, retain and reward our human capital.

It is truly an exciting time at the University of Kentucky. I'm deeply appreciative of your support, and I look forward to your feedback as we grow together. We greatly value your membership in the UK Alumni Association. Thank you for daring to "see blue." with us.

Sincerely,

Eli Capilouto

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President

# University of Kentucky to self-fund transformation of campus

Through a partnership between academics and athletics, UK will self-finance a dramatic \$275 million transformation of the campus.

Gov. Steve Beshear and legislative leaders announced their support for all higher education projects that will be self-financed. UK's three projects represent the largest share of proposed projects. After gaining approval from the legislature, the projects also require formal approval by the UK Board of

The plan calls for UK to completely fund — through a combination of private funding, internal sources and a unique plan to utilize athletics funding of academics — three transformative projects:

- A \$65 million renovation and expansion of the Gatton College of Business and Economics that will allow for enrollment growth of more than 50 percent and faculty/staff growth to handle the additional students, funded privately by alumni and friends.
- Athletics will fund the lion's share of along with private donations and other university funds a \$100 million, 263,000-square-foot



Academic Science Building where the Donovan Residence Hall currently sits.

A \$110 million renovation of Nutter Football Training Facility and
Commonwealth Stadium, to be
paid for entirely by Athletics with
the revenues generated by the construction of new luxury suites for
which there already is a waiting list
and club seating, as well as other
Athletics revenue.

Additional information about each project can be found at www.BBNunited.com

#### **UK approves names for new residence halls**

New residence halls under construction at the University of Kentucky have been officially named with approval by the UK Board of Trustees. The names are:

- Central Hall I: (north building of Phase I on Haggin Field)
- Central Hall II: (south building in Phase I on Haggin Field)
- Haggin Hall: (replaces the existing Haggin Hall)

- Woodland Glen I: (Cooperstown at the corner of Woodland and Hilltop Avenues)
- Woodland Glen II: (Cooperstown on the corner of Woodland Ave. and Cooperstown Dr.)
- Champions Court I: (Blazer Parking Lot site on Avenue of Champions)
- Champions Court II: (Wildcat Lodge site between Martin Luther King and Lexington).

#### Leaders in education, housing and music get UK honorary degrees

As part of December Commencement Ceremonies, UK bestowed honorary doctorates on James Dee "J.D." Crowe, David L. Lollis and Charles L. Shearer, paying tribute to their professional, intellectual or artistic achievement and significant contributions to society, the state and the university.

Crowe began playing the banjo when he was 12 years old and was informally apprenticed to Earl Scruggs. In the late 1960s, Crowe formed the Kentucky Mountain Boys, later changing its name to The New South and including important musicians over the years, such as Ricky Skaggs. He is a member of the International Bluegrass Music Association Hall of Fame and a recipient of the Kentucky Governor's Award in the Arts.

Lollis is the past president of Appalbanc and is the past president of the Federation of Appalachian Housing Enterprises (FAHE). Appalbanc is an award-winning community development financial institution that promotes individual and community development in rural central Appalachia through the financial products developed by the Human/Economic Appalachian Development Corporation, the FAHE, and the Appalachian Federal Credit Union. Lollis has worked for more than 40 years in both the public and private sectors.

Shearer '64 BE, '67 AS has held teaching and administrative assignments, first at Michigan State, then at Albion College, and was later named vice president for finance at Transylvania University in Lexington in 1979. He became president of Transylvania in 1983, beginning what would become a long and distinguished tenure, during which the institution's student enrollment grew by more than 75 percent, with corresponding growth in the number of faculty members and majors offered, and ratings for the university's academic quality attained unprecedented heights.

# Von Allmen School of Accountancy maintains accreditation

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International has recognized the UK Gatton College of Business & Economics Von Allmen School of Accountancy once again through accreditation. AACSB International accreditation is the hallmark of excellence in business and accounting education, and has been earned by less than five percent of the world's business programs. The organization is the global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, master's and doc-

toral degrees in business and accounting.

Gatton College has been accredited since 1926 to offer undergraduate and graduate programs in the business disciplines and since 1988 for undergraduate and graduate accounting programs.

"Our faculty and staff are dedicated to our students and their success," says David Blackwell, dean of the Gatton College. "And the graduates from our Von Allmen program make us proud every day with their accomplishments and high level of professionalism."

#### 100,000 peer tutoring sessions held

The Peer Tutoring Program in The Study reached its 100,000th peer tutoring session during the fall semester. The biggest resource offered by Academic Enhancement (AE), the department provided more than 18,000 sessions last year alone and 68 percent of those students visited The Study more than once.

The program helps students with homework, take steps to deepen their knowledge of course material and network with fellow classmates. Peer tutoring is offered in more than 30 subjects from peer tutors who have earned at least an "A" or "B" in the course for

which they are tutoring. All peer tutors have been certified by the College Reading and Learning Association.

"It's been very exciting to see the growth of AE's Peer Tutoring Program since we implemented it eight years ago," says James Breslin, the associate director of AE. "After providing just over 600 tutoring sessions in the first semester, to have provided more than 100,000 now, seems remarkable. What excites us in Academic Enhancement is being able to provide high quality peer tutoring in a comfortable, laid back environment."

#### **UKCI receives prestigious award**

The University of Kentucky Confucius Institute (UKCI) has been named the 2012 Confucius Institute by the Office of Chinese Language Council International, known as the Hanban. This honor distinguishes UKCI among the more than 430 Confucius Institutes in 115 countries, including approximately 90 Confucius Institutes in the United States.

UKCI director Huajing Maske and interim Provost Tim Tracy accepted the award at the seventh World Confucius Institute Conference in Beijing, along with 25 other institutions around the world that also received the honor.

"It is a tremendous honor for the Uni-

versity of Kentucky and our Confucius Institute to receive this award," Tracy says. "The recognition is particularly gratifying as our institute was only established two years ago. The receipt of this award is a testament to the hard work and leadership of Dr. Huajing Maske and her team as they have made a significant impact on international efforts on our campus and with relationships at universities across China."

In the past two years, UKCI facilitated partnerships with eight Chinese universities and institutions. Maske says this acknowledgment will help the institute to establish even more collaborations.

## UK takes academic supercomputing to the next level



UK commemorates 25 years of academic supercomputing with the announcement of the most powerful supercomputer in the university's history and the award of a \$1 million "cyber infrastructure" grant from the National Science Foundation. With the most recent upgrade, UK deployed a new, \$2.6 million, high-performance computing cluster in partnership with Dell Inc. This cluster is more than three times as fast as the one it replaced, with a theoretical maximum of just over 140 teraflops (140 trillion mathematical calculations per second). The cluster contains nearly 5,000 central processing units and 48 high-performance graphics processing units.

Researchers at UK use cyber infrastructure in a diversity of disciplines, including drug design, materials genome, land use management, nanoscale materials and the biochemistry of renewable fuels.

"Our new supercomputer and cyber infrastructure position us to recruit and retain world-class research scientists who can connect with colleagues across the globe and attract competitive funding to support our growing enterprise as a nationally ranked public research university," says UK President Eli Capilouto.

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# Second language shows benefits to aging brain

Older adults who have spoken two languages since childhood are faster than single-language speakers at switching from one task to another, according to a study conducted at the UK College of Medicine. The study also found that lifelong bilinguals show different patterns of brain activity than their monolingual counterparts when making the switch.

The research was led by Brian Gold, associate professor of anatomy and neurobiology, who specializes in cognitive neuroscience. The article, "Lifelong Bilingualism Maintains Neural Efficiency for Cognitive Control in Aging," was published in the Journal of Neuroscience.

Functional magnetic resonance imaging was used to compare the brain activity of healthy bilingual adults, ages 60-68, with that of healthy monolingual

adults in the same age group, as they completed a task that tested their cognitive flexibility. The researchers found that both groups performed the task accurately. However, the bilingual group was faster at completing the task. The researchers also measured the brain activity of younger bilingual and monolingual adults while they performed the task. Overall, the young adults were faster. Being bilingual did not affect task performance or brain activity in the young participants. In contrast, older bilinguals performed the task faster than their monolingual peers and expended less energy in the frontal parts of their brain.

This research was funded by the U.S. National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.

## **UK Center for Drug Abuse Research Translation receives NIH grant**

A \$7 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will continue the long history that the UK Center for Drug Abuse Research Translation (CDART) has of developing novel intervention strategies that target high-risk individuals.

CDART is connected to the Division of Epidemiology, Services and Prevention Research at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). Though they are separate entities, CDART and NIDA have the common mission of understanding the causes and prevention of substance use disorders. The primary goal of CDART, which the grant will augment, is to move basic research findings into the application of more effective preventive intervention strategies.

"We know that there are individual differences in impulsivity that lead to risky behaviors," says Michael Bardo, director of CDART and professor in the UK Department of Psychology. "The current grant uses both preclinical (laboratory animal) and clinical (human experimental research) to understand the basic relation between individual differences in impulsivity and drug use. Both behavioral and brain neuroimaging techniques will be used. The relation between impulsivity and drug use will be investigated during the transition from adolescence to young adulthood, as this represents a period of development of increased vulnerability to drug use and abuse."

In particular, the researchers will attempt to determine if individuals who are experiencing negative emotional states are more prone to become impulsive and use drugs. They will also test intervention strategies, based on the principles of mindfulness training, to determine if reducing such negative mood states protects against drug abuse among those at highest risk.

## UK researchers to study nutrition in Appalachia

Nancy Schoenberg, the Marion Pearsall Professor in the Department of Behavioral Science, UK College of Medicine and Mark Swanson, associate professor in the Department of Health Behavior, UK College of Public Health, have been awarded a three year R24 grant from the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities to explore ways to reduce and eliminate health disparities.

The project will address lack of access to healthy foods, leading to suboptimal diet, overweight/obesity and consequent health impacts in Kentucky's Appalachian counties.

Swanson and Schoenberg are partnering with grassroots organizations and individuals in Eastern Kentucky and will receive research support from Schoenberg's community partners at Faith Moves Mountains.

Additional academic expertise will be drawn from Dave Fardo, College of Public Health; Alison Davis, College of Agriculture; and Alison Gustafson and Janet Mullins, School of Human Environmental Sciences.

## UK music professor receives major research award

Professor David Sogin, coordinator for the Music Education and Music Therapy Division at the UK School of Music, College of Fine Arts, is the recipient of the 2013 String Researcher Award presented by the American String Teachers Association.

The award recognizes excellence in string research and is given to a researcher whose work has contributed significantly to scholarship in string education and/or performance. Sogin is the co-editor for the association's scholarly publication String Research Journal.



Compiled from news reports about research at UK.

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



# The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Celebrating 50 years of educational opportunities for older adults at the University of Kentucky

"For almost half a century, the University of Kentucky has offered special educational opportunities for older adults as part of its outreach to the community," observes Mike Richey '73 '79 AG, UK vice president for Development. "Thousands of seasoned learners have benefitted from hundreds of academic and nonacademic enrichment courses, and more than 50 postsecondary credentials have been conferred upon participants.

"UK's educational initiatives for lifelong learning grew out of the vision of former UK President Herman L. Donovan '14 ED. And in recent years, the nonacademic enrichment program for mature individuals at UK has been strengthened by generous gifts from the Bernard Osher Foundation," Richey continues. "In appreciation, the enrichment program was named the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) in 2007.

"Today, record numbers of participants are studying a variety of subjects and engaging in a vast array of other offerings. 'The OLLI' — as the institute is affectionately known by its students — is becoming an even more vital service of the university to the Commonwealth with the maturing of the baby boom generation.

"The history of lifelong learning at UK is both fascinating and inspiring. And its future offers exciting new ways for the university to accomplish its historic mission of teaching, research, outreach and service."

#### Beginning with a vision

"Education is a life process, and we must not ignore intellectual development simply because of age. Retirement can be the happiest years of one's life."

These are the words of President Donovan. He attended a White House conference on aging in 1960 and came back to Lexington with a vision for making classes at the university available without cost to individuals age 65 and older. This vision for the intellectual development of older adults became reality in 1964 when the first senior citizens began taking academic classes for credit at the university with tuition waived. Twenty-six students, ages 65 to 84, joined 18-year-old freshman counterparts for the first time. The senior learners were known as Donovan Scholars, and all courses at the university were open to them for audit or for regular credit.

As one of the first universities to make education available to older adults without charge, UK gained national attention. In 1966, Time magazine called the program "Educare," a reference to Medicare which was in the news at the time. The first students were from the local Lexington area, but publicity brought inquiries from every state and many foreign countries. Some senior citizens even relocated to Kentucky to enroll at the university.

By 1967, nearly 200 older students were participating in the program, and Amanda Hicks became the first Donovan



**Early Donovan Scholars** 

participated in a radio

drama (top) and at-

tended class at UK.

Scholar to receive a degree — a Bachelor of Arts in Education. In the late 1960s, the university began offering nonacademic courses especially designed

for the talents, needs and interests of senior members of

> the community. These were known as enrichment courses, and art, music and writing were among the first classes taught. There were also offerings in radio drama, and longtime UK campus

recreation director, Bernard M. (Skeeter) Johnson '46 ED, '49 AS, developed an exercise course which he called "gero-fitness."

In 1970, a weekly series of lectures and discussions was initiated and named the "Donovan Forum." It continues to this day, and features UK deans, professors and others highlighting their work and addressing special issues of concern to older individuals.

In 1975, Alfred Arthurs became the first Donovan Scholar to earn a doctorate degree. And in 1980, the "Emeritus Corps" was created to coordinate and facilitate the volunteer efforts of senior learners to advance the local community.

#### **Enjoying a long, rich tradition**

Both the academic and nonacademic enrichment programs for older adults have continued to flourish over the decades. In response to changing patterns in retirement, the enrichment program now accepts individuals as young as age 50. Today, 1,300 intellectually vigorous members annually enroll in more than 100 enrichment courses being offered in three different communities — Lexington, Somerset and Morehead. And the academic program for older learners enrolls 100 annually.

Michael D. Smith, executive director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UK, shares, "Our students already have a lifetime of knowledge and experiences. Many have been leaders in their careers, and they bring

a rich background to every class. We are also tapping the expertise of several of these individuals to help us improve the OLLI at UK through their volunteerism with us — on our advisory board, as instructors and facilitators, and in various other ways."

Lifelong learners are an important part of the university community. They serve in roles as mentors to graduate students, guest speakers in academic classes, and as subjects for significant research initiatives by UK faculty. They also provide an important and tangible example to the university's younger undergraduate students.

UK President Eli Capilouto notes, "The commitment of our older adult students to learning, and the example they set for younger students on campus and among their peers, add immeasurably to the extended family of the university. Whether they explore Chinese culture, take a fresh look at foreign policy or the human brain, create watercolor paintings, practice yoga, or swim laps at the Lancaster Aquatic Center, they are showing the new generation of students what lifelong learning means."

A typical OLLI student is retired, on a limited or fixed

#### All About OLLI...



"Curiosity, creativity and wonder exist throughout our lifetimes, and the OLLI encourages us and gives us opportunities to explore."

- Susan R. Bottom '69 CI, OLLI participant, chair of the advisory board and instructor



The OLLI is a living program dependent upon those who are benefitting from it today to keep it growing and sustain it for the future.

- Steve Gall, second generation OLLI participant and member of the advisory board



"I've become good friends with many other OLLI participants, and we have learned from each other while enjoying classes."

- Marilyn A.Sagan, OLLI participant and retiree of the UK College of Education



The instructors have been excellent because they are teaching with passion about things they want to share.

- Jewel L. Vanderhoef, OLLI participant, member of the curriculum committee and special interest group facilitator

#### New Developments

income, in his or her 60s or early 70s, has had some postsecondary education and has maintained an intellectual curiosity. Several students continue into their 80s and early 90s. Presently, there is a 35-year span in the ages of participants. And many individuals have been engaged in the educational program for five to 10 years.

For others, lifelong learning is a family tradition. Steve Gall is a participant in current classes and serves on the OLLI Advisory Board. His father, Sidney L. Gall '38 BE, served in a similar position in the 1990s.

Sarah Hall '82 LAW, is also a member of the OLLI Advisory Board and is the facilitator of a special interest group. She is enrolled in a course with her mother. "It's enjoyable to take a class with my mom," Hall confides. "She has always been interested in learning, and it's fascinating to observe her processing new information into a lifetime of experiences."

#### Growing by leaps and bounds

In the past five years, the UK lifelong learning programs have grown from 900 to 1,400 participants — an increase of over 55 percent. The growth is due in part to a larger number of Kentucky residents in the age group served, as well as greater visibility of the programs.

A low fee structure has purposely been maintained to make it relatively easy for older adults to participate in enrichment classes. Currently, an annual membership in the enrichment program is \$25, and individual courses are typically \$15, with a surcharge for selected courses. This fee structure is among the lowest of more than 100 similar programs nationally.

Large numbers of volunteer instructors and talented volunteer members also help keep the enrichment program affordable. The great variety of classes and other educational opportunities offered has also contributed to record enrollments. Smith points out, "Courses are offered each semester in areas as diverse as the humanities, technology, foreign languages, studio and performing arts, and wellness and fitness. Participants can likewise join special interest groups, participate in a musical production, take day trips, attend seminars and use the university's fitness facilities. There are no tests or homework, and our enrichment offerings are so varied that almost anyone will find something of interest."

The popularity of the lifelong learning enrichment courses is spread by word of mouth. "An OLLI class is more than learning something new — it's sharing in all the experiences and knowledge each member brings into the classroom," explains Susan R. Bottom '69 CI, who is a student, a volunteer instructor and the chair of the OLLI Advisory Board. "I love the smiles on the faces — we're all glad to be here. Curiosity, creativity and wonder exist throughout our lifetimes, and OLLI encourages and gives us opportunities to explore them all."

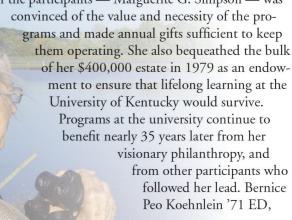
The OLLI's motto, "curiosity never retires," is more than a slogan. Research continues to show that maintaining an active intellect in a person's later years is related to physical and cognitive health and overall satisfaction. Lifelong learning brings enrichment to later life.

#### Benefitting from the generosity of others

Private philanthropy has been an important part of the history of lifelong learning at the University of Kentucky. The generosity of others has accounted for a major source of revenue that has supported the operations of the programs for senior learners down through the decades.

Soon after the advent of the first enrichment art courses in the late 1960s, the university experienced cutbacks in funding which affected the older adult educational programs.

One of the participants — Marguerite G. Simpson — was



OLLI students enjoy a bird-watching outing.

was an enthusiastic student for 33 semesters and a volunteer and recruiter for the programs. She bequeathed \$10,000 for UK lifelong learning when she died in 2005 at age 96.

And most recently, the Bernard Osher Foundation has given substantial support to the University of Kentucky for the lifelong learning enrichment initiative. Begin-

ning in 2006, the Osher
Foundation has made operating grants totaling \$250,000
and endowment gifts totaling
\$2 million. And the philanthropist behind the foundation
— Bernard Osher — has given a personal gift of \$25,000.

"We are deeply appreciative for the support of Mr. Osher and the Bernard Osher Foundation," observes Richey. "These very significant gifts will help ensure

that lifelong learning at UK will continue to thrive as we honor our promise to Kentucky in new and creative ways." Richey continues, "These gifts also serve as a very noteworthy endorsement of UK's educational enrichment program for older adults."

The Bernard Osher Foundation has provided funding for similar programs at other universities in all 50 states, including 12 of UK's 19 benchmark institutions. This generosity has resulted in a network of lifelong learning initiatives around the country offering opportunities for professional collaboration among the various member universities.

UK's educational enrichment program for older adults was renamed the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Kentucky in 2007. This follows the tradition of other universities receiving Osher Foundation grants. The academic course tuition waiver initiative for older learners at UK continues to be known as the Donovan Fellows program.

Smith shares, "We are grateful for the support the Osher Foundation provides. We likewise appreciate being a part of the national OLLI network.

"We are also pleased that our current OLLI members are supporting lifelong learning at UK with their personal gifts. Private philanthropy will continue to be very important to our program as the number of older adults increases."

The OLLI at UK is a part of the College of Public Health.

#### **Anticipating the future**

Lexington is one of the five best communities in the na-

tion for learning in retirement, according to rankings by Money magazine in 2010. This distinction is due in large part to UK's lifelong learning offerings. Other national publications have also listed Lexington as a desirable city in which to live during retirement.

Looking ahead, UK's lifelong learning programs can expect even more significant growth in the number of students to be served than the increases experi-

enced in the past five years. By 2025, total membership in UK's initiatives could grow to 2,275 because of a larger elder population. If the programs expand geographically, increase marketing, or offer new kinds of educational experiences, that number could increase still further.

The goal is for lifelong learning at UK in the next 50 years to be every bit as enriching and satisfying for future generations as it has been for generations in the last half century.

"The vision of those who created, developed and valued education for older adults in Kentucky through the decades has ensured the survival of lifelong learning at UK and made it accessible for nearly half a century. Their legacy

is profound," Richey notes.

"Future students will benefit from the innovation, hard work and philanthropy

of many individuals who came before them. When we celebrate the 50th anniversary of lifelong learning at UK in 2014, great recognition will be due to those who made these treasured programs endure. And as we plan for the next 50 years of lifelong learning at the University of Kentucky, I am reminded that we indeed stand on the shoulders of giants."





OLLI students participate in a variety of educational enrichment opportunities.





# Fruits — and vegetables — of their labor

UK student project helps community with access to fresh produce; teaches students about agriculture and business

By Linda Perry

An idea hatched by UK students for a service project in Owsley County is already reaping rewards for those local citizens and has the potential to be replicated in other communities.

What if high school students could grow fruits and vegetables to be served in their school cafeteria, providing more nutritious fresh food at a cost savings to the school system? Meanwhile, the high school students would learn valuable lessons in agriculture and business, and any excess produce could be sold at a local farmer's market. In addition, community residents could make use of the same farmland, grow produce for themselves and sell what was left over.

Initially this farm-to-school project, Homegrown Kentucky, got its inspiration in fall 2011 from the enthusiasm of several UK students, including Adam Meredith, Ben Norton, Luke McAnally, Patrick Johnson and Ben Smith, now a May 2012 graduate. The students became involved after the Clinton Global Initiative University contacted the James Stuckert UK Career Center about an essay contest it was having that had yet to see a team from the University of Kentucky participate. The contest would culminate with a conference in Washington, D.C.

McAnally, who is still involved with the project this academic year, says writers of the top 10 essays were challenged as a group with developing one innovative solution for a pressing global challenge. They had to select a topic and a region of the world to impact in a tangible way. "We started out really big, thinking

of starting a human rights institute and finding ways to curb human trafficking in Laos," he says. "But we realized people had serious issues very close to home, and a lot of the people in our group had ties to those same people. We decided to try an initiative in Eastern Kentucky."

The group, who lost some members along the way, crafted a business plan for "Homegrown Kentucky" — a small-scale fruit and vegetable farm to provide for Owsley County students — and submitted the proposal to the Clinton Global Initiative University. The UK students chose Owsley County based on its demographics, its proximity to UK, and the fact that the school also owned about 10 acres in a fertile river bottom, ideal for a garden.

The UK proposal for this pilot project competed with top schools from around the world. "Initially our idea was rejected, but due to some people not being able to attend the conference, we were allowed to go," says McAnally. Once it was announced which proposal teams would be going to the Washington, D.C., conference, former President Bill Clinton read through the proposals. "He saw merit in our idea, and we actually got to have a private audience with him," says McAnally. "The four of us met him the day we played Louisville in the Final Four, so we took him a UK Final Four T-shirt."

Returning home, the Homegrown Kentucky team either met, or had contact with, the Owsley County Board of Education, members of the local community, then vocational agriculture teacher Alan Taylor, and



During one of the last harvests of the season, students in the Introduction to Agriculture class at Owsley County High School pick heirloom tomato varieties for next year's crop seeds, which is one of the goals for sustainable agriculture at the school farm.



various area agencies that could partner with resources and technical support for the group, including Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, Owsley County Conservation District, Farmers State Bank and the UK Extension Service. In addition to the UK Student Government and UK Sustainability Council providing some grant money, the Homegrown Kentucky students began fundraising efforts to help see their goal materialize.

In March, the first spade of soil was turned at the new community garden.

Between the first inspiration for the project in November 2011 and the harvest throughout the early fall 2012, students who were actively involved with the project came and went. But Felisa Bowman, a UK Robinson Scholar from Owsley County, Shane Barton, program coordinator at the UK Appalachian Center, and David Ditsch, UK Extension agronomy specialist in Breathitt County and student group faculty advisor (along with Ann Kingsolver, director of the UK Appalachian Center), were at the heart of the day-to-day operation during the summer. Also heavily involved were three Owsley County high school students who received financial support from Berea College's Grow Appalachia program, and their new vocational agriculture teacher, Dustin Estridge.

"I didn't really consider it work," says Bowman, who was spending 20 hours a week during the summer as the site coordinator for Homegrown Kentucky in Owsley County. "It was really a big learning experience." Bowman, who received a UK Appalachian Center Internship stipend for her work, says she spent half her time getting everything organized and the other half in the field hoeing, weeding and stringing up heirloom tomatoes.

Bowman played a key leadership role in helping to turn the idea of a garden into reality. She had never

taken on such a huge task before but was eager to organize the everyday logistics of farm labor that was needed for tasks such as continued planting, weeding, spraying and harvesting the produce. Her go-to guy on the UK campus for anything regarding transportation issues or contact information was Barton at the Appalachian Center. "He was also there for emotional support and to lend a hand, visiting Owsley County several times, including during the harvest," Bowman says.

Working mostly unsupervised put a lot of responsibility on Bowman's shoulders, but she was determined to learn from the experience and see the project succeed. "It was amazing to be back home in my community and be part of something bigger that I knew was absolutely going to be a stepping stone to improve our county," she says.

Getting to know the local residents who were also given garden plots to provide produce for their families was an added bonus for Bowman, "I would either contact them by phone or talk to them when they were tending to their gardens," she says. "The No. 1 reason they were all taking part in the garden was that they didn't have the supplies needed or the land to actually have their own garden at home. So they utilized the school land, and the university and other various partners were able to provide them with the seed and tools they needed. Their goals were either to can produce for the winter, eat it, or share with other family members."

But the bulk of the overall produce was used by the school system, Bowman says, and the feeling she had during that first harvest was like none other she had experienced before. "There was a crazy amount of pride. It was a process that we had worked toward the entire summer and then being able to actually see what we had done pay off in the end was absolutely amazing," she says.

Ditsch, also director of the Robinson Center for Appalachian Resource Sustainability, played a pivotal role in helping Bowman with the everyday technical side of the garden. "I saw this project as an opportunity for the Robinson Center to provide expertise and equipment resources, so that the project, at least from the production point of view, was done properly and had a chance of being successful ... I was providing on-site guidance, expertise and recommendations on the production side. I took equipment over and taught them how to use it. I made it a priority to be there every day that we sprayed" says Ditsch.

But what most impressed Ditsch, he says, was how these UK students came to Eastern Kentucky and were able to get the community excited about the project and agreeable to sharing resources. "These guys didn't come with a promise of funding, they had no expertise in horticulture or vegetable production, and they were young and full of ideas. I honestly didn't think anybody would take them seriously," he says. "I was dead wrong. Folks listened. They got excited. And what they probably did more successfully than anything else was that they brought people to the table who had resources and encouraged us to work together and share these resources. To me that's the real success story."

The benefit to the community and the school system, Ditsch says, is that they were able to keep their dollars in the county. Rather than the cafeteria purchasing processed foods from somewhere else, it was purchasing fresh foods locally - grown in the adjacent garden — and the money was going toward the Future Farmers of America at the school with the intent to provide materials for the 2013 growing season, such as seeds and fertilizer. "This wasn't a fragmented effort. It had a focus and UK Extension played a vital role here," says Ditsch.

Dustin Estridge, the current vocational agriculture teacher at Owsley County High School, says that the knowledge of the previous agriculture teacher, Alan Taylor, and the support of Superintendent Tim Bobrowski were instrumental in getting the project off the ground. "Alan Taylor did a marvelous job growing an abundance of plants in the OCHS greenhouse to plant in the garden. He has been involved in vegetable production for years, and brought a lot of knowledge and experience to the project," he says.

And the impact of the project on the students is readily evident. "There is nothing more rewarding than seeing students enjoying produce in the cafeteria that was harvested in the garden that morning. It just doesn't get fresher than that," Estridge says. "This program has taught me that students are much more likely to eat fresh and healthy produce when they have played a role in its growth, harvest, and processing. I am seeing this project aid in our students' development by integrating agriculture, work skills, and health education - all of which are qualities of productive, self-sufficient adults," Estridge says.

Looking toward the next growing season, McAnally, Johnson and Bowman have recruited more UK students to be involved with Homegrown Kentucky. "We started as a pilot program hoping that we could apply it to all counties in Kentucky," says McAnally. "We have a three year plan for each of them. The first year is when we launch. The second year we refine what we did the first year. The third year we want to leave it in the hands of the school district and at that point be able to back out and have it sustainable in their own community."

To learn more about Homegrown Kentucky, visit homegrownkentucky.org



Students in the Introduction to Agriculture class head to the field to learn about saving seed after having spent several days of classroom instruction about hybridization, heirloom and genetic modification. The fall harvest saw the students picking tomatoes, and extracting and drying seeds for preparation for planting in spring 2013. Students also saved samples of hybridized seed and will also plant those to compare germination rates between the hybridized production from the first year to the second.



Some members of the Homegrown Kentucky team enjoyed a chance to meet President Bill Clinton, center, while working on a service project in a Washington, D.C., neighborhood last spring. It just happened to be the same day UK was playing Louisville in the Final Four, so the four UK students gave Clinton a UK Final Four T-shirt. Left to right are Patrick Johnson, Luke McAnally, Clinton, Adam Meredith and Ben Smith.

# LEADING EXAMPLE

DISTRICT XII



Mark W. Browning, Charleston, W.Va., received a bachelor's degree in political science with high distinction from UK in 1980 and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. He received his law degree from the UK College of Law in 1984 and is a member of Shuman McCuskey & Slicer PLLC. Browning is on the Administrative Board of Christ Church United Methodist. Previously he served as president of the Kanawha County Bar Association. He is also a member of and attends annually the meetings of the Theodore Roosevelt Association and the Winston Churchill Center. Recently, Browning was chosen as West Virginia's state representative to the U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society. He also was elected as an at-large delegate to the 2012 Republican National Convention.

Barbara "Mikki" Martin, Virginia Beach, Va., received a bachelor's degree in psychology from the UK College of Arts & Sciences in 1999. For 10 years, she has worked in the marketing department of MacArthur Center, a large regional mall of the Taubman Company. Previously Martin was employed by Spherion in Chesapeake, Va. She founded the Hampton Roads, Virginia Club in 2003 and was president-elect of the club during 2003-04 and president from 2004-05 and 2006-08. Martin heads the club's community service project, Clean the Bay Day, each year and has been a team captain for three of the past five years. In 2004, she was a recipient of the Joseph T. Burch Young Alumni Award.



Peggy S. Meszaros, Blacksburg, Va., received a master's degree from the UK College of Education in 1972 and a doctoral degree from the University of Maryland in 1977. She is the William E. Lavery Professor of Human

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Development and director of the Research Center for Information Technology Impacts on Children, Youth, and Families at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State College. From 1985 – 93, Meszaros was the dean of the UK College of Human Environmental Sciences, and she also served on the UK Athletics Association Board. She is a member of the UK Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni. Meszaros is the current chairwoman of the Nominating for Board of Directors Committee on the UK Alumni Association

Board of Directors.

#### DISTRICT XIII



Michael Brown, Atlanta, Ga., attended the University of Kentucky from 1968 through 1972 graduating with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He was a member of Keys and Lances honor societies and was a member of the Phi Kappa Tau social fraternity, where he served as secretary in the 1970-71 school year. In

1972, Brown moved to Atlanta, where he has been in banking and financial consulting for 40 years, currently working at PNC Bank in commercial lending. Over the years he has served in various positions in the Greater Atlanta UK Alumni Club, including two terms as its president. Brown has also been a high school football official in Georgia for over 35 years.



Bill Perdue, Dacula, Ga., is a 1965 and 1968 UK graduate, receiving his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in business administration. Since 1973, he has been involved in real estate as a partner of RE/MAX Greater Atlanta, also having served as president of the RE/MAX Brokers/Owners Council and director of the Gwinnett Board of Realtors (Northeast Atlanta Metro Association of Realtors). Perdue, awarded Who's Who in Residential Real Estate, is a member and has served as director of the local Kiwanis and YMCA.

He has served twice as president of the Greater Atlanta UK Alumni Club and has cochaired several committees.



Patricia Wykstra Johnson, Wilkesboro, N.C., received a bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1968 and a master's degree in counseling psychology in 1970. She was a high school counselor and later director of student services for the Durham County Schools in North Carolina. Johnson also was a counselor and an assistant principal in the New Hanover County Schools, and earned a master's degree in educational administration from the University of North Carolina - Wilmington. She also served as dean of students at Southwestern Community College in Sylva, as well as a counselor in the Wilkes County Schools until retiring in 2002. On the UK Alumni Association board, she has served on the Scholarship/Great Teacher Awards Committee and is currently on the Board Nominations Committee.

#### DISTRICT XIV



Susan Bushart Cardwell, Naples, Fla., is a 1963 graduate, receiving a bachelor's degree in history. In 1973 she graduated from Murray State University with a master's degree in history. Before retiring, Cardwell had a 33-year career teaching in Fulton and was active in educational, civic, and religious organizations and served as president and board member of the Fulton County UK Alumni Club and the president of the 18th and 19th International Banana Festivals. In 2004 she moved to Naples, Fla., and served two years as vice president of the Naples-Ft. Myers UK Alumni Club followed by two years as president. Cardwell is active in the community and is a volunteer seamstress for Opera Naples.



J. Fritz Skeen, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., received a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1972 and an M.B.A. in 1973. He was a member of the Wildcat Marching Band and president of Phi Sigma Kappa. During his 30 year IBM career, Fritz

held a variety of sales and marketing positions, including group director, telecommunications product marketing, regional manager in Los Angeles, Calif., and general manager in Chicago, Ill. Now retired, he is on the Leadership Development Committee of the Sawgrass Country Club and on the board of the Sawgrass Homeowners Association. Fritz is treasurer of the Jacksonville UK Alumni Club and is co-chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee on the board of the UK Alumni Association.



Mary "Kekee" Edwards Szorcsik, Bonita Springs, Fla., earned a bachelor's degree in economics in 1972 and is a former national bank examiner for the U.S. Treasury Department. She has been active in PEO International for 28 years and currently serves on the executive board of the Florida State Chapter. Szorcsik has volunteered for public television, the Boy Scouts of America, Jaycee Women, Overlook Hospital in Summit, N.J., and the VA Hospital in Warren, N.J. She has also served as a state judge for DECA and Business Professionals of America and is a Kentucky Colonel. Szorcsik is a past president of the Naples-Ft. Myers UK Alumni Club and serves as chairman of the Membership Committee of the UK Alumni Association.

#### DISTRICT XV



Benjamin "Turner" LaMaster Jr., Alabaster, Ala., received a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1973. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, where he served as vice president. He is currently a senior business process analyst for Southern Natural Gas Company in Birmingham, Ala. Turner is a charter member of the Greater Birmingham UK Alumni Club, having served in all of the club's offices, including president, for two years. He has been on the board of directors of the Birmingham club for over 25 years and is currently serving on the board of directors as past president. Turner was presented the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award in 2011. He is active in many Birmingham area community and civic affairs.



James "Dan" McCain, Nashville, Tenn., is a 1981 graduate with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He is a senior financial analyst at Nissan North America, previously working as controller

for a group of companies in Nashville. McCain has been active with the Greater Nashville UK Alumni Club for over 20 years, on the board as president and as treasurer. He initiated and spearheaded the campaign to have the UK collegiate license plate offered by Tennessee. McCain has also served on the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors as chairman of the Membership Committee and a member of various other committees. He was a recipient of the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award in 2010.

Charles D. "Chad" Polk. Nashville, Tenn., received a bachelor's degree in architecture in 1994. He is a principal and managing director of the Nashville office of Chasm Architecture LLC, a full-service architecture firm. Polk has served his profession as Tennessee's first associate member on both the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Tennessee Board of Directors and the AIA Middle Tennessee Board of Directors. He is past president of the Green Hills Rotary Club, where he now serves as the club's fundraising co-chairman. Polk has been a member of the Greater Nashville UK Alumni Club since moving to Nashville and a club board member since 2003, now serving as a lifetime past president member.

#### **DISTRICT XVI**



Craig M. Wallace, Findlay, Ohio, is a 1979 graduate, earning a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering, and later a master's degree at Marshall University. Wallace, a senior refinery account manager for Honeywell UOP, is founder and past president of the Northwest Ohio UK Alumni Club and past president of the Greater Ashland UK Alumni Club. On the UK Alumni Association board for four terms, he is serving as chairman of the Club Development Committee and on the Executive Committee. Wallace was also a 2002 recipient of the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award. He is active in his community serving on various boards, including as governor of the Ohio District of Kiwanis International and board member for the Ohio Kiwanis Foundation.

David A. Rodgers, Beavercreek, Ohio, received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1980 and his civil service career with the U.S. Department of Air Force expanded beyond 32 years. He has worked at Warner Robins Air Logistics Center in Georgia and also held positions at Wright Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio. Rodgers earned a master's degree in engineering management from the University of Dayton in 2001 and a master's degree in business management from the University of Cincinnati in 2004. He served as the Greater Dayton UK Alumni Club president from 1998-00 and 2004-06 and on the Communications, Club Development and Nominating Committees of the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors.



Crystal M. Williams, Cincinnati, Ohio, obtained a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1997. At Johnson & Johnson, she is a senior analyst, external reporting within the health care compliance and privacy organization. Previously, Williams worked for the McDonald's Accounting Center from 1997 to 2005 in various accounting roles, including accounting supervisor of Chipotle Mexican Grill. She currently is on the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati UK Alumni Club board where she served as secretary from 2010 to 2012. She has received the Lyman T. Johnson Torch Bearer Award of Excellence twice (2002 and 2005).

#### DISTRICT XVII



Kimberly Parks, Chicago, Ill., is a 2001 graduate, having majored in accounting and management. She is a certified public accountant (CPA) and president and owner of KP Partners LLC, a professional services firm that provides accounting, finance and other services to individuals and companies. Parks served as president of the Chicagoland UK Alumni Club from 2007-09 and was appointed to the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors in 2008 where she currently serves as vice chairwoman of the Membership Committee. She is also president-elect of the Cotter Boys and Girls Club of Chicago and has served on its board of directors since 2004.



Marsha Rae Wallis, Indianapolis, Ind., graduated in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She is employed by the Indianapolis Public Schools as department head for Nursing and Health Services. Wallis has served as president of the Indiana Public Health Association and has

won awards for her community service to Jameson Camp for Children and the Boy Scouts of America. In 1978, she co-founded the Central Indiana UK Alumni Club and served two terms as its president, and currently serves on its board. Her first term on the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors began in 1978. Wallis received the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award in 2008.

#### DISTRICT XVIII



Ted Eiden, Plano, Texas, is a 1982 graduate, receiving his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He worked at Texas Instruments in Dallas, and later received a master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Texas at Dallas in 1989. Eiden has been employed as a field applications engineer by Spansion, a flash memory supplier, and he has also assisted the City Council on various zoning cases and worked with the Dallas Morning News Sports Department on special projects. Eiden previously served three terms on the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors and two terms as president of the Dallas/Ft. Worth UK Alumni Club.

Daniel L. Sparks, Cypress, Texas, received his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering in 1969. He has worked

for Ashland Oil and Sid Richardson Carbon & Gasoline Co. In 1981 Sparks was a general manager at Industrial Solvents and in 1982 he partnered with Industrial Solvents to purchase Blue Grass Chemical Specialties. In 1985 Sparks became president of Blue Grass Holding Corp. He is a member of the AICHE and SOCMA professional groups and has been active in the Greater Houston UK Alumni Club since 1991. He has been on the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors since 1992 and has served as chairman of the Membership, Club Development, and Alumni Service Awards Committees, among others.

#### AT LARGE -APPOINTED



Lee A. Jackson, Lexington, graduated in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in sociology. He is now retired after spending 31 years in state government where he served as president of the Kentucky Association of State Employees, AFT-Kentucky and vice president of the Kentucky State AFL-CIO. Jackson now spends his time volunteering in his church, the Lexington community and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. He is the president of the Lyman T. Johnson UK Alumni Constituency Group and also serves as financial secretary for the Dr. Roy P. and Juanita

Betz Peterson Arts and Education Fund Inc. Jackson is vice chairman of Evergreen-Brucetown Inc. and is the coordinator of the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast.



Sharon P. Robinson, Washington, D.C., is a leader in education rights for disadvantaged students and the president and CEO of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. The former president of the Educational Testing Service's Educational Policy Leadership Institute, she is a lifelong civil rights activist who received bachelor's and master's degrees in 1966 and 1976, and a doctorate in 1979. Previously, Robinson was assistant secretary of education with the U.S. Department of Education Office of Educational Research and Improvement. She also held a variety of leadership positions at the National Education Association. In 2010 she was a recipient of the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award.

#### AT LARGE -ELECTED



Price Atkinson, Easley, S.C., earned a bachelor's degree in journalism in December 1997. He was a three-year varsity letter winner on the UK men's swimming and diving team (1994-97) and a staff writer for the Kentucky Kernel. He has worked in public relations at various levels (UK Sports Information, U.S. Naval Academy Athletic Media Relations, Congressman Bob Inglis, America's Health Insurance Plans) and is director of communications and development with the Energy & Enterprise Initiative based at George Mason University. Atkinson has served on the UKAA Board of Directors since 2009. In 2008, he founded and started the Upstate S.C. UK Alumni Club, serving as club president for three years.



Shane T. Carlin, Savoy, Ill., graduated in 1995 with a major in agricultural communications and earned a master's degree at Miami University. He is the assistant vice chancellor for Student

Affairs Advancement at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Carlin is a board member of the National Association of Asian American Professionals and the Midwest Asian American Student Union Board of Advisors. He also is the founder and former president for the NAAAP-Columbus Venture. On the UK Alumni Association board since 2006, he has served on the Groups, Nomination, and Strategic Planning Committees, former vice-chairman and chairman for the Diversity and Group Development Committee and now on the Budget and Finance Committee.

#### **ALUMNI TRUSTEE**



Jo Hern Curris, Lexington, a Harlan County native, obtained her undergraduate and law degrees in 1963 and 1975, respectively, and a master's in taxation from Emory University in 1981. A member of the Kentucky, Iowa and South Carolina Bar Associations, Curris authored multiple papers and an 800-page Elderlaw book before retiring. She is an alumni member of the UK Board of Trustees. serving as a committee member of Finance, chairwoman of University Relations and prior member of the Presidential Search Committee and Student Affairs, where her actions resulted in the initiation of the UK Veterans Resource Center. She is the

former first lady of Murray State, Northern Iowa and Clemson universities and a former trustee at Alice Lloyd College.



Kelly Sullivan Holland, Lexington, a native of Danville, earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1993 and a master's degree in kinesiology and health promotion in 1998. For 10 years, she has been employed by Merck & Co. Inc., where she has been awarded the prestigious Vice President's Club distinction. Currently, she serves as a lead executive customer representative. She was an Otis Singletary Senior Award recipient, Phi Beta Kappa and Homecoming Queen. Holland is the first alumna to be honored with both the Joseph T. Burch Young Alumni Award (2004) and the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award (2010). Holland was inducted into the UK Greek Alumni Hall of Fame in 2005.

Terry B. Mobley, Lexington, is a 1965 graduate with a bachelor's degree in history. He was a three year starter for Coach Adolph Rupp's teams from 1962-65. He has recently retired from UK where he served for 33 years as director of Development and chief Development officer, interim Athletics director, vice president for Development and vice president for Institu-

tional Advancement responsible for the UK Alumni Association, Development Office, Public Relations, Government Relations and WUKY radio station. Under his supervision, the \$1 billion capital campaign was planned, implemented and successfully completed. Mobley has served on many local boards, and has been a member of the UK Alumni Association board since 1977.

#### ASSOCIATION SECRETARY



Stan Key, Lexington, earned a bachelor's degree in education in 1972. He also earned a master's degree in education from Murray State University in 1977. He is the director of UK Alumni Affairs and serves as executive director and secretary of the UK Alumni Association. Key has been employed with the association for 23 years, and was named the director in 1998. He played basketball at UK from 1968-1972 and was cocaptain of Coach Adolph Rupp's final team.

#### HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

Bob Whitaker, Frankfort, graduated in 1958 with a bachelor's degree in journalism. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, serving as vice president. After service in the U.S. Army as a commissioned officer (ROTC), he was in the active

reserves until 1978, retiring as a major. Whitaker spent six vears with The Gadsden (Ala.) Times and the Cynthiana Democrat, and four in business before serving four years in Kentucky state government where he was promoted to commissioner of the Department of Public Information. In 1974 he joined the staff of the UK Alumni Association and retired in 1998 as director. Whitaker received the Distinguished Service Award in 1982 and is an honorary member of the association's board.

#### COLLEGE: ARTS & SCIENCES

Pamela J. Williams, Fairfax, Va., received a bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1991. While at UK, Williams was a member of Collegians for Academic Excellence and Pi Mu Epsilon honorary society. She also earned a master's and doctoral degree in computational and applied mathematics from Rice University. Williams has held post-doctoral positions at Rice University and Sandia National Laboratories. Since 2008, she has been employed as a senior consultant at LMI and also teaches at Northern Virginia Community College. She is a member of the Coalition to Diversify Computing, which promotes the retention and development of underrepresented minorities in computing. In addition, she volunteers with the Girls on the Run program.

#### COLLEGE: ENGINEERING



Taunya A. Phillips, Lexington, is the assistant vice president for Commercialization and Economic Development at UK, focusing on the commercialization of intellectual property from the College of Engineering. Phillips, who has a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering and an M.B.A., held previous positions at UK, including CFO for Kentucky Technology Inc., College of Engineering lecturer, and Minority Engineering Program director. She has also worked at Milliken & Company, a chemical and textile manufacturer. Phillips is on the board of directors for Opportunity for Work and Learning Inc., and is the past president and current member of the UK College of Engineering Alumni Association Board.

#### COLLEGE: PHARMACY



Teresa "Lynn" Harrelson, Louisville, graduated in 1973, earning a bachelor's degree in pharmacy. She has been employed in various

state, regional and national upper-management capacities by HealthCare of Louisville, Christian Care Communities, Healthcare Prescriptions, D&R Pharmacy, Homecare and Hospital Management, Vencor, Humana and Omnicare. Harrelson has served in leadership positions in local and state pharmacy organizations, including president of the Kentucky Pharmacists Association. She also currently serves as development director for the Kentucky Renaissance Pharmacy Museum. Harrelson has received numerous awards, including the Kentucky recipient of the international 1990 Bowl of Hygeia Award.

#### UK VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT



Mike Richey, Lexington, obtained a bachelor's degree in agriculture in 1973 and a master's degree in agricultural education in 1979. Since 1974 he has worked at UK in various capacities, including director of Student Relations for the College of Agriculture and director of Agriculture Alumni and Development. In 1998, Richey joined the UK Office of Development and now is vice president for Development and chief development officer. He received the Sullivan Medallion and is a past president of the National Agriculture Alumni & Development Association and past

international president of the Gideons. Richev is a member of the Individual Giving Council of the National FFA Foundation and is co-chairman of the UK Sesquicentennial Committee.

#### **UK VICE** PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS



Tom Harris, Lexington, earned a bachelor's degree in public relations in 1985 and also received his professional accreditation from the Public Relations Society of America. He is the vice president of University Relations at UK and the responsibilities of this group include Public Relations and Marketing, Corporate Partnerships, Government Relations, WUKY Public Radio, Alumni Affairs, Community Engagement, the president's communications and university issues management. Harris currently serves as chairman of the YMCA of Central Kentucky and serves on the boards of the Downtown Lexington Corporation, Commerce Lexington, Public Relations Society of America Thoroughbred Chapter, Downtown Development Authority and as a trustee of Second Presbyterian Church.

#### **UNIVERSITY SENATE**

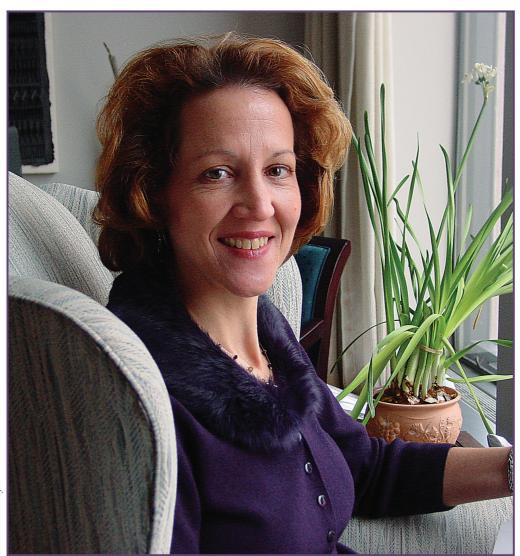


Hollie Swanson, Lexington, obtained a bachelor's degree in 1985 from South Dakota State University, a master's degree in 1988 from Oregon State University and a doctoral in 1991 from Purdue University. She completed two postdoctoral fellowships at Michigan State University and Northwestern University. At UK since 1995, Swanson is a professor in the College of Medicine, Department of Molecular and Biomedical Pharmacology. She serves on the Executive Committee of the UK Research Foundation Board of Directors and the Kentucky Equine Drug Research Council. Swanson is also on committees within the Society of Toxicology and American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics and serves on the editorial board of Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology.

# Karyl Evans:

### Documenting life, then and now

By Linda Perry



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For over 30 years, Karyl Kreizinger Evans '79 AG has been immersed in almost every aspect of filmmaking, whether as a researcher, writer, interviewer, producer, director, editor, location scout or casting director. She has won five Emmy Awards for her television projects, worked with accomplished actors and directors like Paul Giamatti and Taylor Hackford, and is the owner of Karyl Evans Productions LLC, based in North Haven, Conn. But she hasn't always lived there, following a career path that initially started at the University of Kentucky and eventually led to stints in San Diego, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Philadelphia and New Haven before moving to North Haven.

Although she had been a horticulture/landscape architecture major while at UK, she realized after graduating that the career she had anticipated was not ideally suited to her own collaborative nature. However, much about what she learned at the College of Agriculture, she says, is surprisingly applicable in her professional field of filmmaking.

"In the early days of my classes, they had us take some courses with the architecture students. A lot of that was developing your sense of composition, balance and color. When you are a filmmaker, you really need a well developed aesthetic visual sense of the world because each image you create in the frame of the camera is really dependent on your sense of aesthetics," says Evans.

She says her early projects in landscape architecture and architecture at UK helped develop that important set of skills. "I still am really a visual artist, just as if I had continued in landscape architecture. That's really a visual art, along with science ... what I do now is art and technology," Evans says.

She especially enjoyed her sorority experience at UK with Gamma Phi Beta, and overall, she found everything about UK to her liking. "I loved the formals at Spindletop, the football games, the Derby, and going to Florida with my sorority sisters for spring breaks — all the traditions," she says.

Taking a year off after graduating, Evans contemplated careers that included a high level of interaction with people with an emphasis in the arts. She decided on completing a master's degree at San Diego State University in filmmaking. She spent five years in San Diego, going to school and working at local television stations, then moved to Los Angeles, the heart of the filmmaking industry.

"Because LA is where 'everything happens in my field,' I was working on national documentaries for PBS. I was working with a feature film company that was making films with A-List people like Whoopi Goldberg and Sissy Spacek, and then I devel-

"The Amistad Revolt: All We Want Is Make Us Free" was the first documentary film she was commissioned to do in 1995. The 40-minute documentary won the American Bar Association's national Silver Gavel Award and two Emmy Award nominations. She was hooked by the documentary genre and never looked back.

She has made numerous long and short form documentaries, earning Emmy Awards and national awards for films such as "The History of African Americans in Connecticut: Civil War to Civil Rights," which won three Emmy Awards. She's interviewed notable personalities such as portrait photographer Annie Leibovitz, and produced video series for Yale University, museums and hospitals. A work day can mean anything from researching various topics, scouting out film locations, writing scripts, conducting on-camera interviews to the final editing and promotion, like she did recently during a screening of the "The New Haven Green: Heart of a City," narrated by actor

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oped a series for Shelley Duval called 'Bedtime Stories' for Showtime," she says. "Literally within a month of being there, I was asked to create a tribute film for an Academy Award winning costume designer. She requested I interview three people for the film — John Huston ('The Maltese Falcon'), John Frankenheimer ('The Manchurian Candidate') and Robert Wise ('Sound of Music'). Then the first documentary film I worked on, 'Legacy of the Hollywood Blacklist,' was hosted by Burt Lancaster. So I was like, 'I have just died and gone to heaven!"

She attributes part of her early "luck" to consistent professional networking. "I can go to a party and not know one person, but still have a good time because I really enjoy people," Evans says. "I started volunteering for various things and as I tell my students, when you are good at something and you volunteer, you get hired."

As director of production and development research for New Vision Pictures, some of the feature films she worked on included "Ray" and "The Long Walk Home." But her involvement as the associate producer for the documentary film "Legacy of the Hollywood Blacklist," about the McCarthy era, planted the seed for her future career making her own documentary films. "Documentary films really speak to me. These stories about real people are so inspiring. I was drawn to the authenticity of who these people were and what they had been through. That meant more to me than being on a film set and talking to various stars," she says.

In the early 1990s, she returned to Connecticut where she grew up, feeling that her family values were not always in sync with the values she found in and around the movie making industry in Los Angeles. She was also interested in being closer to her own family (she has two sisters) so that their children could grow up together.

"I went to Connecticut Public Television and basically volunteered for three years, and finally they hired me to do something," she says. "I was married at the time and eventually had a baby and didn't want to be traveling outside of Connecticut. So it was a good match."

Paul Giamatti. That film is about the center green of the city and its unique stories, including the presence of 5,000 bodies still buried under the Green.

She's already working on her next big project, "The Making of a New American Oratorio," about two sisters out of Wesleyan University who are using letters from their father, who was a medic in WWII, to write a large musical composition.

Her five-year plan will include increasingly more ambitious documentaries for a national audience like the American Masters series on PBS and other projects that will take her outside of Connecticut now that her son is in college.

Although she is clear that the achievement she is most proud of is being a mother and raising her son, Owen, she is also very happy with the body of work she has produced over the last 32 years.

"If I can make films where people learn while being entertained and, most important, are inspired by my work, then that is the perfect combination and what I am striving for," she says. "I want to inspire people!"





# UK begins largest and quickest

## housing expansion in its history

The average age of residence halls on the University of Kentucky campus is about 50 years old, dating back to the early 1960s. They were built when UK students paid 5 cents to mail first-class letters home to mom and pop, The Beatles and the Rolling Stones took the world by storm and John Glenn becomes the first American to orbit Earth.

Due to a recent public-private partnership with Education Realty Trust, UK now has more than 2,900 beds under construction, perhaps the largest and quickest housing expansion at any time in UK's history. The new residence halls — two being built next to Haggin Hall, two located at Cooperstown, a new Haggin Hall to replace the existing Haggin Hall, two near Memorial Coliseum — will be a combination of two and four bedroom suites. The North Campus construction includes the demolition of the Joe B. Hall Wildcat Lodge and the use of the Blazer Parking Lot.

"A university is a place; it is a spirit."

— UK President Frank L. McVey (1917-1940)

Today, there are about 185,000 living UK graduates. That's a lot of incredible memories — and some of those revolve around the camaraderie found while living on campus in the residence halls.

Don Bundy of Lexington lived in Haggin Hall as a freshman during the 1972-73 aca-

demic year, and then served as an RA (back then: corridor adviser) during the next three years in the same dorm.

"I feel very blessed to have been given the opportunity to serve as an RA with extremely high quality, high character co-RAs. There is a core group of about 15 of us that have remained close friends for 40 years," he says. "Whenever we get together, it's like yesterday. The respect, compassion, love between us has grown through four decades. It started with Head Resident Bob Clay's first staff in 1973. I am proud to have them as close friends, and know my life has been infinitely better because of them."

Bundy recalls that the end of each academic year brought a special kind of competition for the RAs. "Every spring, the day after all the residents left for the sumBy Linda Perry

mer, the staff would divide up into two teams for an all-day water fight," says Bundy. "We had the run of the whole building and used anything we could get our hands on for water weapons: water balloons, fire extinguishers, water guns. It was literally a blast. But, I don't think the custodial staff liked us very much when we finished."

John Michael Haky, the current resident director of Haggin Hall wants to prememories can take many forms — pictures you might have taken or saved, friends you made, stories of things that happened in the hall (good, funny, or otherwise), tales from the legendary rivalry with Holmes Hall on the flag football field or many of the efforts to raise money for charity," he says.

No doubt there are just as many fond memories among the residents of the Joe B. Hall Wildcat Lodge and Cooperstown. Last fall, Cooperstown D and E were demolished to begin construction of two new buildings. The iconic landmark — K-Lair — will also be coming down to be replaced by food service pavilion services.

#### Share your Haggin Hall experience!

Send your nostalgic look at Haggin Hall to John Haky, the current resident hall director. Reach him via 330 Hilltop Ave, Lexington, KY 40508; john.haky@uky.edu; Facebook.com/hagginhall; or twitter.com/ukhagginhall

serve these memories and is reaching out to former Haggin Hall residents to share their experiences. "These Enjoy the images on the following pages, along with remarks from several former dorm residents.



The new dorms on the old Haggin Field will be called Central Hall I and Central Hall II, opening in fall 2013.

oto: Linda Perry

#### Haggin Hall

"The one thing I would maintain for the new dorm replacing Haggin Hall, would be the basketball court or the athletic field. Our residents made close friendships with guys from other floors during their breaks from studying by being able to play right outside the dorm."

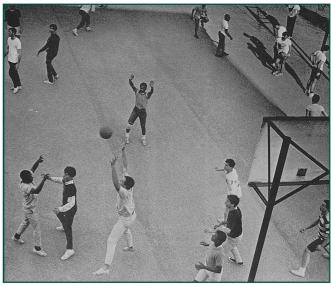
Don Bundy (1972-76) Lexington (hometown was Louisville) Realtor, Russ Dunn Real Estate

"My first impression of Haggin Hall was wild, scared and unsure and that changed to confident, family and lifetime friends. I worked as a CA, now called RA, for two years and that staff remains close to this day, keeping in touch and supporting each other just as we did in the 70s. Some of the crazier moments I remember were the panty raids, streaking and the Halloween Bowl (flag football) played on the field that is now the new residence hall. Haggin Hall was not just a dorm, it was a home, and I hope the new residence hall will have that same karma." W. Jeffrey Foxx '79 AS, '80 MED

Lexington (hometown was Taylor Mill) Family Practice Physician

"One of the craziest moments I remember occurring at Haggin Hall was when Skip Nickell, a close friend and CA, had played a prank on me so a number of us...myself, Don Bundy, Mark Manning and Dave Niehaus...arranged to pick up a pig at a local farm and somehow that pig ended up in Skip's room in the middle of the night. (Confessions are good for the soul, particularly since the statute of limitations on whatever crime was committed expired long ago.) It was just a building – brick and mortar — when I enrolled at UK in 1972, but by the time I left four years later it was my home, filled with family." David N. Evans '76 BE

Cincinnati, Ohio (hometown was Kettering, Ohio) Vice President of Tax for Fifth Third Bank



Going outside Haggin Hall to let off some steam with a game of basketball was something many former residents fondly remember, just like these UK students in 1967.



These UK students in Haggin Hall were no different than students elsewhere — learning valuable life skills on campus!



Haggin Hall as it looked in 1966.

#### Cooperstown

"One of the greatest things I can remember that made living in Cooperstown one of the best times of my life was the sense of community. Cooperstown had a way of bringing people together through both Graduate and Family Housing organized events, such as the summer fiesta, as well as resident social gatherings. It was a place that many called home and they could go to their neighbor for a cup of sugar. But I also remember a fire in the middle of winter when a resident decided to cook rice at 6:30 a.m. and burned it!"

Suzanne Anandappa '04 AS, '07 GS Lexington (hometown was Colombo, Sri Lanka) Graduate Assistant, Diversity Recruitment **UK Graduate School** 

"Cooperstown A-25 was Priscilla and my first home together after getting married in 1975. We still had one more year of school before graduating. We were so happy to get an apartment on campus simply to save the limited money we had at the time. We were able to make friends and experience the many different cultures that lived at Cooperstown. We enjoyed the fields that surround Cooperstown, as well as the walk across the street to see the baseball games and track meets. Back then, Cooperstown was not air conditioned and one memory was trying to cook a dinner for my grandparents in the middle of summer. The apartment must have been 110 degrees while we were trying to eat. I wonder what they were thinking at the time. Overall, Cooperstown was a great place to live for the last year of school."

Ben Crutcher '76 BE Georgetown (hometown was Lexington) UK Associate Vice President, Auxiliary Services

Cooperstown has been home for thousands of students and their families since 1956. The original brick and stone apartment houses were expected to cost approximately \$3 million. Before that, beginning in the mid 1940s, the name "Cooperstown" meant a compilation of prefabricated buildings that made up the Veteran's Housing Project.

"I moved for the first time from my home town in India to Cooperstown, which at first was like a housing complex for me, but over time, living with new-found friends and a friendly and caring staff made the experience like living in a community. When I was leaving Cooperstown, I felt that I was leaving my home for a second time. I long to stay in Cooperstown once again. The Central Field was a great place, and we had tons of fun playing sports (volleyball, basketball, cricket), snowball throwing during the first snow of the season, celebrating lots of international fun festivals like 'Holi,' and festival of colors, late night birthdays and barbeque during football games." Nitish Patidar '10 PH

Birmingham, Ala. (hometown was Indore, India) Doctoral student at University of Alabama – Birmingham



Photo: UK Graduate + Family Housin

Grad students, some with families, enjoyed refreshments during Cooperstown's 2005 Fall Welcome Picnic in the courtyard behind Buildings D and E.



Mr. and Mrs. Duke Curnette washed dishes in the kitchen of the new Cooperstown Apartments in 1956-57. Cooperstown, seven brick and stone apartment buildings, was originally intended for married students but has also included graduate students over the years. The apartments — 330 one and two bedroom units — originally rented for \$75 a month.

Photo: UK Special Collections

#### Wildcat Lodge

"I lived in Wildcat Lodge for three years. I was affiliated with the basketball team as a student-manager in 1980-81, then as academic graduate assistant in 1981-83. I made many good friends while living there. What I consider unique about living in the Lodge were the fans. People were always coming around trying to meet the players and get an autograph. Sometimes in the early evening I'd come out into the hall and a stranger would be standing in the lobby or simply wandering around, just waiting to see a player. We'd have to nicely ask them to leave. These people came to the main door, facing the parking lot. But what the players usually did was leave via the side door."

Nick Katko '81 '83 BE Lexington (hometown was Sayreville, N.J.) Strategic Financial Solutions

"Looking back, Wildcat Lodge was a great place for the basketball team to have. We had regular students live with us and did a lot of fun things. Halloween was always a great time for us and our visitors! With the regular students in the lodge, it gave us a little more of a 'normal' college experience. I think having a lodge for the team is the right thing, especially at Kentucky with all the loyal fan base."

Jim Master '84 BE Lexington (hometown was Fort Wayne, Ind.) Senior Vice President, Hilliard Lyons



Joe B. Hall Wildcat Lodge opened in 1978 and was the home of the UK men's basketball team and student managers.



Among the service projects held there was the annual Wildcat Lodge Haunted House at Halloween when the residents, including Jim "Dracula" Master and Bret "The Mummy" Bearup, decorated the building and wore costumes to entertain children of UK faculty and staff.

#### K-Lair

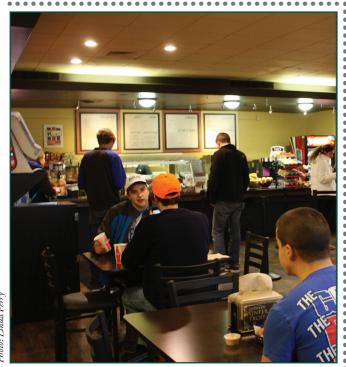
"I have been munching on K-Lair sweet potato fries for the past year. The food and quick service are great. It is understandable, yet saddening, that it must be torn down."

Nick Hargrove, UK Junior Hometown: Hopkinsville

"K-Lair was the first place my dad took me to eat on campus because he loved it so much when he was a student. When everything in the whole town was shut down in the ice storm of 2003, K-Lair was one of the few places open and cooking. I remember myself and other students sliding down the sidewalks and wiping out just trying to walk to K-Lair to get something to eat. Everybody loved the chicken fingers, the French toast in the morning, and the late night shakes, but to me, you can't beat a good K-Lair burger with the fries with the seasoned salt. My mouth is watering three states away right now. K-Lair was the one place where no matter how many friends you were with, if somebody suggested 'Hey, what about K-Lair?' everyone was ready to go. I hope the new dining area is like that."

John Astle '06 AS

Lumberton, N.C. (hometown was Whiteville, N.C.) Banking Officer, BB&T Bank



It's expected that 2013 will be the last year it will be possible to enjoy the atmosphere that is distinctly K-Lair!

# Mark Stoops takes the helm of the UK football program

By Kelli Elam



Mark Stoops was welcomed by cheers and the fight song at the press conference officially introducing him as the new UK football coach.

n a cold, rainy Sunday afternoon in December, Mark Stoops entered the Nutter Field House to the sound of the UK fight song played by the UK Pep Band and cheers of the many loyal football fans. They had gathered to welcome the man they are hoping can lead the charge to a Wildcat football revival. Stoops, who served as defensive coordinator at Florida State University (FSU) the previous three years, replaces former coach Joker Phillips.

"We are extremely excited to have a chance to begin fresh and have new beginnings," said UK Director of Athletics Mitch Barnhart at Stoops' introductory press conference. "It's a chance for new beginnings. It's an opportunity for us to begin to hope and believe that our program moves forward."

UK President Eli Capilouto joined Barnhart in welcoming Stoops, along with his wife, Chantel, and two sons to Kentucky.

"I want to welcome you to the Big Blue Nation," he said. "It is a family here. My wife and I have been here just over 18 months, but this Nation is family."

For Stoops, it's an opportunity to be a college head coach for the first time.

"I cannot tell you how excited I am to be your football coach," Stoops said. "I'm highly motivated to build this program to national prominence. There will be no magic wands to getting this done. We're going to do it with very much of a blue-collar mentality. We'll work every day, be accountable to what we do. Our players will have tremendous character, and we are going to win with a lot of class."

While noting that the Wildcats have had success before, Stoops said his main focus is on the future. He added that creating a winning culture is a process.

"First, we are going to embrace the process. We are going to attack each and every day."

Known for overhauling teams defensively, Stoops knows the importance of putting points on the board.

"We are going to have an offense that you guys are going to enjoy," he said. "I promise you that. We are going to have an offense you can be proud of. We'll get out there and rip it around a little bit; we are going to throw it."

He added that it would also take some creativity.

"I'm a defensive guy. This is the SEC. It's a physical confer-



Mitch Barnhart, director of UK Athletics, left, and Dr. Eli Capilouto, UK president, right, were on hand to welcome Stoops to UK.

ence. I realize that. I want to be tough, and I want to be physical. We have to build this foundation with great defense. There's no way around it. If you don't play great defense, you're not going to win consistently...but, with the offense, we have to be creative. We have to have a physical presence about us, but we will spread it out and use some bells and whistles, get the run game going and, again, be a little bit creative."

Stoops hopes to bring about the same dramatic change here as he did with the Seminoles defense. At FSU, he inherited a defensive unit ranked 108th in the country in total defense and turned it into one of the best. During his three seasons at FSU, the team went 10-4, 9-4 and 10-2, including wins over South Carolina in the 2010 Chick-fil-A Bowl and Notre Dame in the 2011 Champs Sports Bowl. Stoops was defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach at Arizona from 2004-09, working for his brother, Mike, who was head coach. The eldest Stoops brother, Bob, is the head football coach at the University of Oklahoma.

Prior to Arizona, Stoops was at the University of Miami (Florida) for three seasons, serving as defensive backs coach. The Hurricanes won the national championship in 2001, anchored by a defense that led the nation in pass efficiency defense, scoring defense and turnover margin. That team also established a school record with 27 interceptions. Stoops got his experience leading a defense as co-defensive coordinator at Houston in 2000. He coached the secondary at Wyoming from 1997-99. His first full-time coaching job was in 1996 at South Florida, helping USF start its program.

Stoops was raised in Youngstown, Ohio. Like his brothers, he played in the secondary at the University of Iowa under Hall of Fame coach Hayden Fry. Fry hired Stoops as a graduate assistant coach at Iowa in 1990. Stoops went on to coach four years in high school before beginning his coaching career on the collegiate level.

When asked what specifically drew him to Kentucky, he replied, "The Big Blue Nation." Adding, "I feel very good about Kentucky. I just felt comfortable visiting with Mr. Barnhart. I feel very confident in Dr. Capilouto, the Board of Trustees, and their commitment to taking football to another level. We have everything we need to be successful here."

### Former Wildcats return as part of Stoops' staff

Three former Wildcat football players have returned to UK. Neal Brown, Chad Scott and John Schlarman are back on campus as part of new head football coach Mark Stoops' first staff.

Brown, a former wide receiver at UK from 1998-00, has been named offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Previously, he served as offensive coordinator at Texas Tech, guiding one of the most productive offenses in the country. In each of his previous three seasons, the Red Raiders ranked among the nation's top-10 teams in passing offense, top-15 in total offense and top-25 scoring offense.

A Louisville native, Brown is excited to be back in Kentucky. "I'm excited about the opportunity to come home to the university that I grew up rooting for, and having played here, have a true personal investment in the program," Brown said.

Prior to Texas Tech, Brown spent four seasons at Troy University, including the last two as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. He went to Troy after serving one season as Delaware University's wider receivers coach. Brown, an all-state wide receiver at Boyle County High School, earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Massachusetts, where he played the 2001-02 seasons.

Scott, a former tailback at UK from 2000-02, joins the staff as running backs coach. Previously, he spent six seasons alongside Brown first at Troy, then Texas Tech, coaching running backs. While at Texas Tech, Scott's running backs made significant contributions to the pass-oriented offense. The Red Raiders rushed for 135.5 yards per game and scored 51 rushing touchdowns during his three seasons.

Scott says UK is a very special place for him and his wife, the former Shambrica Jones, who played basketball at UK.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to work with Coach Stoops, as I love the vision he has for Kentucky," Scott said.

During his UK playing career, Scott rushed for 611 yards as a true freshman en route to All-SEC Freshman Team honors and third-team Freshman All-America honors. Scott transferred to North Carolina after his sophomore season to complete his collegiate career, where he earned a bachelor's degree.

He spent some time in the NFL before returning to his alma mater in 2006 as a graduate assistant.

Schlarman, former All-SEC offensive guard and graduate assistant at UK, is the offensive line coach. Previously, he served as offensive line coach at Troy University for six seasons, adding the duty of running game coordinator in 2010. He helped Troy win or share four Sun Belt Conference championships and advance to three bowl games. Individually, Schlarman has coached eight first-team All-Sunbelt selections.

Schlarman is excited about the opportunity to return to UK. "It's an honor to get to come back to my home state and alma mater," he said. "I'm looking forward to contributing to making Kentucky a winner."

Schlarman began his coaching career at Bourbon County High School from 1998-99 before returning to UK as a graduate assistant coach from 2000-02. He returned to high school coaching in 2003 at Campbell County for two seasons.

Originally, Schlarman came to UK from Highlands High in Ft. Thomas, where he was an all-state offensive lineman. He was a four-year starter at UK from 1994-97, earning first-team All-SEC honors as a senior. He also excelled in the classroom as a three-year member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll and was a finalist for Academic All-America in 1997 after earning a place on the Academic All-District Team. He earned both a bachelor's and master's degree at UK.

### Volleyball trio named All-America for second straight year

The trio of Whitney Billings, Christine Hartmann and Stephanie Klefot earned American Volleyball Coaches Association All-America honors for the second straight season, becoming the first group of teammates to earn multiple honors in consecutive seasons in program history.

Billings earned second team honors for the first time in her career, while Hartmann and Klefot were honorable mention selections. UK has earned a total of 19 All-America honors in program history with 13 of those selections coming in the eight-year tenure of coach Craig Skinner.

The individual honors capped off an impressive season for the UK volleyball team. The Wildcats advanced to a program-record eighth consecutive NCAA Tournament and third Sweet 16 in four years. UK is just one of 14 teams in the nation to have appeared in each of the last eight national tournaments. The team ended the season ranked No. 20 in the country. UK has earned 20 or more victories in five of the last six seasons and has finished no lower than fifth in the Southeastern Conference standings under Skinner.

### UK Athletics tops goal of 3.0 GPA in fall semester

The University of Kentucky's student-athletes surpassed a goal set by Director of Athletics Mitch Barnhart — a goal of a 3.0 department-wide grade point average. During the fall semester, the GPA for all competing student-athletes, including those not on scholarship, was 3.034.

Counting competing scholarship student-athletes only, 17 of the department's 20 teams had at least a 3.0 GPA, led by the women's tennis team at 3.842. Two more teams had cumulative GPAs of 3.6 or better: women's cross country (3.608) and women's golf (3.604). Men's tennis led all men's teams with a GPA of 3.210.



### The gold standard!

The newly-renovated UK men's basketball locker room suite at Rupp Arena is fit for champions! Much of the original flooring from the 2012 NCAA Championship game in New Orleans, La., is used throughout the space, including the players' dressing area. The championship trophy is the centerpiece of the entrance to the Joe Craft Basketball Suite. The space includes a new K Fund room, players' meeting room with stadium seating, lounge, kitchen and eating area.







### The UK Alumni Association invites you to reconnect with UK during the 2013 Alumni Weekend. We welcome all alumni, friends and families back to campus for four days of events!

### Thursday, April 11

### Connections at Country Boy

7 – 9 p.m., Country Boy Brewing - \$8 per person, \$5 for UK Alumni Association members

Join us for this exclusive behind-the-scenes experience at the new Country Boy Brewing in downtown Lexington. This new brewery is the latest hot spot and a perfect place to connect and network with fellow alumni. Hear from co-owner and UK grad, Daniel Harrison as he talks about the challenges of owning a small business in today's economy and partake in a private tasting of Country Boy's delicious drafts. Appetizers will be served.

### **UK Jazz Ensemble Concert**

7:30 p.m., Singletary Center for the Arts Recital

### Friday, April 12

Florida vs. UK Women's Tennis 4 p.m., Hilary J. Boone Varsity Tennis Complex - Free

### Vino and Voices

5:30 - 7:30 p.m., King Alumni House - \$8 per person, \$5 for UK Alumni Association members Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres while listening to an exclusive performance by Paws and Listen, the all female a cappella ensemble. A local winery will also be on hand giving a tasting of their most popular wines.

### Florida vs. UK Softball

6 p.m., UK Softball Complex - \$5 for adults, \$2 for UK Alumni Association members (with card), Free for children 5 and under Purchase tickets through the UK Ticket Office by calling 859-257-1818 or 1-800-928-2287 or showing membership card at ticket booth.

### Tennessee vs. UK Baseball

6:30 p.m., Cliff Hagan Stadium - \$5 for adults, \$2 for UK Alumni Association members (with card), Free for children 5 and under Purchase tickets through the UK Ticket Office by calling 859-257-1818 or 1-800-928-2287 or showing membership card at ticket booth.

### Moser Performs Shastakovich

7:30 p.m., Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall – Tickets range from \$60 - \$25 Presented by the Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra

Johannes Moser, cello

Tickets are only available through the Singletary Center on the day of the show starting at 10 a.m. Prior to the date of the show, please call the LPO ticket office at 859-233-4226.

### Saturday, April 13

### Prints at the Plaza

1 – 3 p.m., Wildcat Alumni Plaza – Free Stop by the Wildcat Alumni Plaza and find your paver or take a picture with Bowman, the Wildcat. Information will also be available on how you can be a part of the tradition of legacy that is Wildcat Alumni Plaza. Anyone who stops by will receive a complimentary Wildcat Sculpture Print.

### Florida vs. UK Softball

1 p.m., UK Softball Complex - \$5 for adults, \$2 for UK Alumni Association members (with card), Free for children 5 and under

### Tennessee vs. UK Baseball

2 p.m., Cliff Hagan Stadium - \$5 for adults, \$2 for UK Alumni Association members (with card), Free for children 5 and under

### Blue/White Football Game Tailgate 5 - 7 p.m., Commonwealth Stadium Red Lot

near Gate 4 – \$8 per person, \$5 for UK Alumni Association members

Join fellow alumni and fans for food prior to the scrimmage. Enjoy music, games and giveaways. Then at 7 p.m. head into Commonwealth Stadium to watch the Blue/White game.

### Junior Recital of Dee Walker, Jami Hart & Laura Salyer

7:30 p.m., Singletary Center for the Arts Recital Hall - Free

### Joe Frank Williams Masters Percussion Recital

7:30 p.m., Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall - Free

### Sunday, April 14

### Florida vs. UK Softball

Noon, UK Softball Complex - \$5 for adults, \$2 for UK Alumni Association members (with card), Free for children 5 and under

S. Carolina vs. UK Women's Tennis Noon, Hilary J. Boone Varsity Tennis Complex - Free

### Tennessee vs. UK Baseball

1 p.m., Cliff Hagan Stadium - \$5 for adults, \$2 for UK Alumni Association members (with card), Free for children 5 and under

**UK Symphony Band & Concert Band** 3 p.m., Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall – Free

### **Euclid String Quartet**

3 p.m., Singletary Center for the Arts Recital Hall - \$22 adults, \$6.50 for students, Free for

Purchase tickets by calling 859-257-4929

Francisco Bedoy Senior Recital 7:30 p.m., Singletary Center for the Arts Recital Hall – Free

### All Weekend

### **Keeneland Racing**

Gates open at 11 a.m., Keeneland - \$5 general admission

Enjoy the excitement of live horse racing at Keeneland. Reserve grandstand or dining room seating at www.keeneland.com



All events, dates and times are subject to change.

For more information and to register, visit www.ukalumni.net/alumniweekend or call 859-257-8905 or 1-800-269-ALUM (2586).



### 2013 UK Homecoming and **Golden Wildcat Reunion SAVE THE DATE!**

- Mark your calendar to return to campus for 2013 Homecoming, Oct. 28 - Nov. 2. There will be festivities all week including the Homecoming football game vs. Alabama State on Nov. 2.
- The Class of 1963 is invited back to reminisce with former classmates Oct. 31 -Nov. 3. All Golden Wildcats (Class of 1963 and prior years) are invited to participate in the various activities.

Details on all events will be available at a later date. We hope you will make plans to return to campus for this special week.

Visit www.ukhomecoming.com and www.ukalumni.net/golden



### Alumni Clubs

- 1) Members of the **Hopkins County UK Alumni Club** enjoyed an evening with
  Adolph Rupp impersonator Edward Smith
  during an "Adolph Rupp: The Coach" event
  in Madisonville.
- **2)** The **Nation's Capital UK Alumni Club** posed for a photo with Coach John Calipari at an event in Washington, D.C.
- **3)** The **Fulton County UK Alumni Club** hosted a Meet and Greet at The Keg.
- **4)** The **Greater Knoxville UK Alumni Club** came out in full force for a game watch party to cheer on the Cats against Louisville.
- 5) Showing their Big Blue pride in the Lonestar state, members of the **Dallas-Ft. Worth UK Alumni Club** gathered for a game watch party.
- **6)** The **Upstate SC UK Alumni Club** held a game watch party during the Baylor vs. UK game in December.





### Alumni Clubs

- 1) The **Hardin County UK Alumni Club** packed backpacks at the Feeding America Backpack Program site for the club's Cats for a Cause service project.
- 2) Members of the **Jacksonville UK Alumni Club** helped construct a Habitat for Humanity home as part of Cats for a Cause service week.
- **3)** The **Mercer County UK Alumni Club** donated supplies to the Mercer County Humane Society as the club's Cats for a Cause service project.
- **4)** The **Greater Nashville UK Alumni Club** hit the links for the club's Cats for a Cause service project benefiting the Nashville chapter of Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children. From left are Bill Bostic, Haynes Haddock, Morris Smith and Jamie Noe.

- 5) The **Central Ohio UK Alumni Club** participated in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Light the Night Walk as part of the club's Cats for a Cause service project.
- **6)** The **Boston UK Alumni Club** participated in the 10th Annual Heads Held High Brain Injury Awareness Walk n' Roll event in Jamaica Pond, Mass., as part of the club's Cats for a Cause service project.
- 7) The McCracken County UK Alumni Club hosted a 10K Fun Run to benefit the club scholarship fund and the McCracken County Salvation Army Food Pantry in October.
- **8)** Members of the **Greater Dayton UK Alumni Club** cooled off during the St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk during Cats for a Cause service week.



### College View



The College of Communication and Information held its 13th annual Excellence Awards dinner in November to honor outstanding faculty, staff, students and alumni. Regina D. Francies '04 CI, pictured with Dean Dan O'Hair, received this year's award for faculty community service.



The Gatton College of Business and Economics hosted a Scholarship Banquet bringing together donors and scholarship recipients. Dean David W. Blackwell (center) spent time catching up with former Dean Charles Haywood and his wife Judy Milburn Haywood '63 BE.



Alex Wade, a senior majoring in biosystems engineering, enjoyed hosting his parents, Charley Wade '74 EN and Cathy Hykle Wade '85 CI, at the College of Engineering Family Weekend Pancake Breakfast in October.



College of Arts and Sciences Dean Mark Kornbluh congratulated 2012 Hall of Fame inductee Matt Cutts '95 AS, EN at the Celebrate A&S event in October. Cutts was one of Google's first 100 employees, where he is now the head of the company's webspam engineering team.



President Eli Capilouto and Dr. Mary Lynne Capilouto hosted the College of Law Lafferty Society reception at Maxwell Place in November. Pictured from left: Paul A. Saffer '67 AS, '69 LAW, Dean David A. Brennen, the Capiloutos and Kimberly Turner Brennen.

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### Where's the beef?

John Stika, president of the Certified Angus Beef brand, knows the answer

By Molly Clark

Angus confusion. It's not a "disorder" one hears of every day, but most shoppers looking for a perfect, succulent cut of beef suffer from it. Angus confusion is a term coined by the Certified Angus Beef (CAB) brand referring to consumers' misunderstanding that all types of Angus beef are the same in taste and quality. It's the job of John Stika '03 AG, president of CAB LLC, to dispel this notion and set his brand apart.

"Consumers can find Angus beef just about anywhere today, from fast food units to highend dining establishments such as the Waldorf-Astoria (which sells Certified Angus Beef)," he says. "People have come to automatically associate quality with Angus beef. However, there can be vast quality differences among Angus brands. The Certified Angus Beef brand is the oldest and highest quality Angus brand and trying to clarify Angus confusion in consumers' minds is our focus and greatest challenge."

CAB was formed as a not for profit organization under the purviews of the American Angus Association in 1978 as a means to provide the best beef quality and flavor to consumers looking for a "luxury" beef brand. Today, Stika oversees this organization that sells more than 2.2 million pounds of beef daily to restaurants and grocery stores at approximately 14,000 locations in the United States and 45 other countries.

Stika was born and raised on a diversified farm in South

Central Kansas where agriculture, livestock cattle and education played a major role in his life. Growing up he was involved in Future Farmers of America and even earned the Kansas Star Farmer award. However, farming wasn't quite the occupation that was in Stika's future.

After earning bachelor's and master's degrees in animal and meat science from Kansas State University, he and his wife, Deanna, moved to Kentucky, for him to pursue a doctorate in meat science and coach the UK livestock judging team. Stika says the people at UK were what made his time here so special.

"I fell in love with the connection the cattle industry has with the state of Kentucky and UK," he says. "My experience at UK was truly well-rounded, and I learned so much from my interactions with the faculty on campus and Extension agents located around the state. Coming to UK and traveling the state coaching the livestock judging team opened my eyes to agriculture outside of Kansas and the high plains region. My time at UK was impactful on both a professional and personal level and no doubt has had a dramatic and positive impact on what I am doing today."

He also enjoyed being a part of the UK community's mutual pride in the basketball team.

"Having come from Kansas State University, it was nice to not have to change mascots — I have always been a Wildcat," he says. "However, I quickly learned that there are college sports fans and then there are UK fans. After just a few years in Lexington you can't help but become a diehard UK basketball fan. When basketball season starts I still tend to wear a lot of UK blue."

After graduating with a doctorate in meat science from UK in 2003, Stika began his journey at CAB working his way up through the company's divisions. He was appointed to the top spot in the company in 2006 overseeing every facet of CAB from brand imaging to working directly with the many segments of the beef industry such as farmers and ranchers that are necessary to produce high quality meat. He is constantly on the move, promoting the CAB brand across the country and around the world. He sees huge opportunities for the brand here in the United States and international markets like Asia. Russia and the Middle East. With Stika at the helm of CAB, the organization has seen six consecutive years of record sales, even in the slow economy.

While not promoting the CAB brand at home and abroad, Stika calls Creston, Ohio, home. His three sons keep him and his wife busy with lots of athletic events and 4-H projects.

Stika's favorite beef indulgence? He says his all-time favorite cut is a New York Strip
— Certified Angus Beef brand, of course.

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### 1950s

Calvin Ray Robinson '51 AS, '53 LAW is an attorney in Owensboro. He is credited as being the oldest practicing attorney in Daviess County.

Gene Cravens '58 AG is a real estate entrepreneur splitting his time between Lexington and Vero Beach, Fla. He and his wife Jean Jandacek Cravens '59 ED are active with Habitat for Humanity International and travel around the world building houses for the less fortunate. Jean Cravens also teaches English as a second language at Vero Beach High School in Vero Beach.

### 1960s

Diana Harrison Wall '65 ED, '70 AG is director of the School of Global Environmental Sustainability at Colorado State University. She was named a 2012 Mines Medalist by the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. She is recognized as one of the world's foremost experts on biodiversity and resides in Fort Collins, Colo.

C. Edward Glasscock '66 EN, '69 LAW is co-chairman of mergers and acquisitions for Frost Brown Todd LLC. He is also serving as a special consultant for economic development to University of Louisville President James Ramsey. He resides in Louisville.

Larry E. Whaley '68 EN is founder, president and CEO of Haynes Whaley Associates, a structural engineering firm in Houston, Texas. He was recently inducted into the UK College of Engineering Hall of Distinction.

Leonard L. Gunderson '69 MED is chairman of the board of directors for the American Society of Radiation Oncology. He was most recently a professor emeritus and consultant in the Department of Radiation Oncology at the Mayo Clinic in Arizona. Gunderson has practiced as a board certified radiation oncologist for more than 35 years and resides in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Merrily Ann Orsini '69 AS is president and CEO of corecubed, a Louisville-based marketing, public relations and design firm that recently won a Stevie Award for Best Nonprofit Website at the 10th Annual 2012 American Business Awards in San Francisco, Calif.

### 1970s

Stephen P. Imhoff'70 AS is an attorney in private practice in Louisville. He is also a board member of the Legal Aid Society of Louisville.

Gary A. Delaney '71 AS, '75 MED is an anesthesiologist at Regional Medical Center in Orangeburg, S.C. He was recently installed as the 2012-13 president of the Southern Medical Association.

**Duke Pettit '71 AG** is deputy warden at the Kentucky State Penitentiary in Eddyville. He resides in Princeton.

Brenda Priddy '71 AS is professor and dean of the School of Education at Campbellsville University. She has been with the university since 2002 and resides in Elizabethtown.

Joe B. Forsee '72 CI recently retired as executive director of the Northwest Georgia Regional Library System after 17 years with the organization. Forsee, a librarian for 40 years, lives in Dalton, Ga.

Thomas E. Jolly '72 AS is a sales associate with Grisanti Group Commercial Real Estate. He previously owned and managed Commonwealth Sign Company and resides in Louisville.

Carl R. Vertuca Jr. '72 '73 BE is on the board of directors for Roomlinx. He previously served as the executive vice president of finance, administration and corporate development at the DII Group Inc. He resides in Boulder, Colo.

Gregory K. Brown '73 BE is a partner at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP in Chicago, Ill. He has 36 years of experience in employee benefits and executive compensation.

Nicholas W. Nicholson '73 EN is owner of Nicholson Engineering Associates. He also serves on the Florida Building Commission. He lives in Spring Hill, Fla.

Justo C. Ulloa '73 AS is a professor emeritus of foreign languages and literatures in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Virginia Tech. He has been a member of the university community for 40 years. Ulloa resides in Midlothian, Va.

Stephen D. Abney '74 AS is the public affairs chief for the Joint Munitions Command. He was the public affairs officer for the Defense Logistics Agency Europe from 2001 to 2006. He resides in Eldridge, Iowa.

R. Michael Duncan '74 LAW is president and CEO of the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity. He is also chairman and CEO of the Inez Deposit Bank. He lives in Inez.

Jimmie Yeiser '74 '76 AG is provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. He was previously the chairman and director of the Forest Resources Institute at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Gregory R. Carmichael '76 '79 EN is professor of chemical and biomedical engineering, associate dean of graduate programs and research and co-director of the University of Iowa Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research. He received the Lawrence K. Cecil Award in Environmental Chemical Engineering from the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Frederick T. Kapp '76 AG is director of quality assurance at Caudill Seed Company in Louisville.

Susan Jackson Stubbins '76 FA is treasurer and exhibiting member of the Zanesville Appalachian Arts Project. An exhibition of her artwork was recently featured at the Zanesville Museum of Art in Ohio.

Joseph F. Vargo '76 EN is a managing partner in Rhine Ernest LLP. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1989 and practices in coal law, oil and gas law and real estate.

Laura Schweizer Holderfield '77 BE is director of development and communications at the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center. Previously the executive director of the Commonwealth Health Foundation, she resides in Bowling Green.

Mary Passafiume Schuh '78 DES is director of campus planning for Northern Kentucky University. She was named to the board of directors of Villa Madonna Academy in Villa Hills.

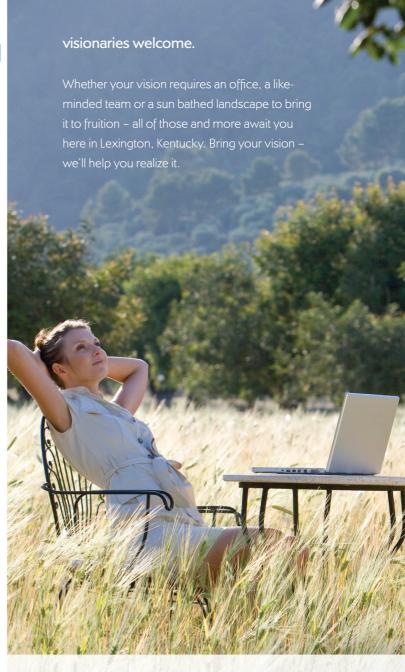
Barbara Jo O'Hara '79 AS, '93 CI is director of South Charleston Public Library in Charleston, W.Va. She most recently was associate director of library services in New Albany, Ind., and has 18 years of library experience.

### 1980s

Steven A. Blankenship '80 AS is a senior research chemist at Sud-Chemie Inc. in Louisville. He has 31 years of experience in catalyst testing and development.

Kathy Blanton Litteral '80 AS is warden at the Bell County Forestry Camp. A resident of West Liberty, she most recently served as deputy warden at the East Kentucky Correctional Complex.

Larry W. Myers '80 AG, '82 BE is president and CEO of First Savings Bank based in Clarksville, Ind. He was elected the 2013 second vice chairman of the board of the Indiana Bankers Association. Myers resides in Louisville.



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### Class Notes

Deborah Ann Thomas '80 AS, '86 MED is vice president of regulatory affairs at Sunesis Pharmaceuticals Inc. She has more than 20 years of biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry experience and lives in San Mateo, Calif.

Michael L. Marberry '81 '83 EN is president and CEO of J.M. Huber Corporation, a diversified, multinational supplier of engineered materials, natural resources and technology-based services to customers spanning many industries from paper and energy to plastics and construction. He was recently elected to the board of directors of Sigma-Aldrich Corporation. Marberry lives in Atlanta, Ga.

C. Doug Whitlock '81 ED is president of Eastern Kentucky University. He recently announced his plans to retire at the end of the 2012-13 academic year. He has been president of the university since 2008 and has worked for the university for 38 years.

S. Brooks Wicker'81 BE is a CPA and financial advisor at Wicker Strategic Wealthcare Group. He resides in Saint Matthews.

Celeste Lewis Dennis '82 FA is an artist, art gallery manager and contributing writer to Business Lexington's Pleased to Meet You series. She recently opened The Collective, a shop that showcases local artists in Lexington.

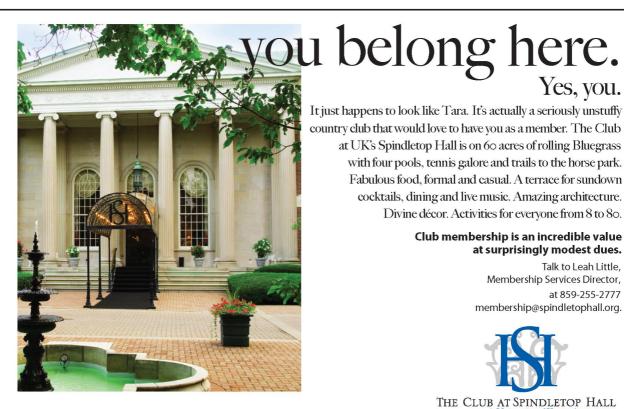
James B. Dewitt '82 FA is owner of Studio 105 Art and Frame Gallery in Owensboro. Kenneth Evans '82 BE is a customer category manager in the Midwest Region of Kraft Foods. His current responsibility is the sales management of the independent wholesale grocers in Indiana, West Virginia and Kentucky, which supplies more than 800 grocery retailers throughout the Midwest. He has more than 27 years of sales management experience with Kraft Foods and resides in Bowling Green.

John T. Taylor '82 '83 BE is president and CEO of PBI Bank and president of Porter Bancorp Inc. He most recently served as president and CEO of American Founders Bank Inc. and American Founders Bancorp Inc. Taylor lives in Louisville.

Thomas Uram '82 BE is a member of the United States Mint Citizens Coinage Committee. He was appointed to this position based on the recommendation of Speaker of the House John Boehner and will serve for a statutory term of four years. He has 38 years of numismatic experience and extensive leadership experience in numismatic associations. He resides in Eighty Four, Pa.

Danny M. Harris '83 BE is vice president and chief financial officer of Piedmont Henry Hospital in Stockbridge, Ga. He previously worked in the Baptist Healthcare System in Kentucky, serving as chief financial officer of the Baptist Physician Medical Group.

Bradley D. Jones '85 EN is chief operation officer of Humana Veterans Healthcare



It just happens to look like Tara. It's actually a seriously unstuffy country club that would love to have you as a member. The Club at UK's Spindletop Hall is on 60 acres of rolling Bluegrass with four pools, tennis galore and trails to the horse park. Fabulous food, formal and casual. A terrace for sundown cocktails, dining and live music. Amazing architecture. Divine décor. Activities for everyone from 8 to 80.

> Club membership is an incredible value at surprisingly modest dues.

> > Talk to Leah Little, Membership Services Director, at 859-255-2777 membership@spindletophall.org.



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Services. He is responsible for the day-to-day operations and the successful execution of all Department of Veterans Affairs contracts. He resides in Louisville.

Dan M. Liebman '85 CI is editor of The State Journal in Frankfort. He is a former editor of The Blood-Horse magazine in Lexington and current owner of Staxx BBQ.

Stephen E. Duren '86'91 AG is president of Performance Horse Nutrition LLC, and consults as an expert in equine health and nutrition with feed manufacturers and horse owners throughout the world. He lives in Weiser, Idaho.

Stephen M. Priebe '86 EN is president of Hall Contracting of Kentucky, which provides construction services in the areas of heavy construction, electrical, civil, pipeline, highway and bridge work. He was recently named to the board of directors of S.Y. Bancorp Inc. Priebe resides in Prospect.

Ben A. Zimmerman '86 AS is principal of Beechwood High School in Fort Mitchell. He previously served as assistant principal of the school.

David S. Burgess '87 PHA is chairman of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science in the UK College of Pharmacy. He most recently was a clinical professor of pharmacy and medicine at the University of Texas at Austin and University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas.

Paul E. Helton '87 BE is CFO of RelaDyne LLC, an equipment reliability management company that delivers broad-based lubrication products and services. He was most recently vice president and CFO of Petermann Partners, the largest privately-held provider of school bus transportation services in the world. He resides in Villa Hills.

James Geisler '88 BE is CEO and CFO at CreoSalus, a Kentucky-based, life-science company. He is also on the board of directors of Dyn-Corp International and lives in Louisville.

Lisa Summers Cleveland '89 CI is communications director for the National Association of State Treasurers. She resides in Frankfort.

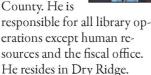
### 1990s

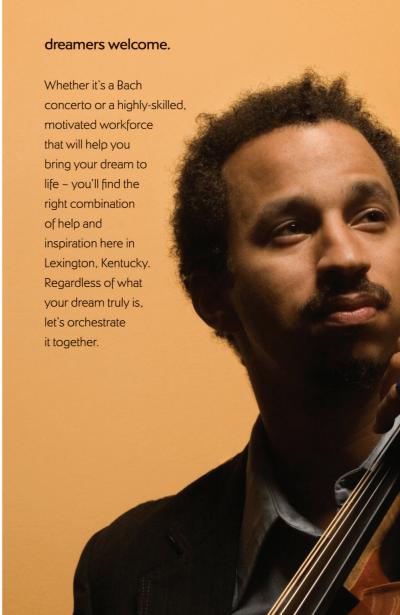
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### William G. Francis receives Kentucky's most distinguished arts award

William G. Francis '68 AS, '73 LAW is one of the most dedicated supporters of the arts in Kentucky. As a tribute to his more than 30 years as a Kentucky arts advocate, the Prestonsburg native was presented with the 2012 Milner Award, the most prestigious Governor's Award in the Arts given by the Kentucky Arts Council. He was presented the award in the Capitol Rotunda by Gov. Steve Beshear.

Although Francis enjoys and supports several artistic endeavors in the Bluegrass State, his main focus over the years has been on the support and advancement of Jenny Wiley Theatre, an outdoor amphitheatre in Prestonsburg featuring an array of musicals and theatre productions.

Francis has been known to do a little bit of everything for the theatre over the years, from serving in administrative positions to making a cameo in the 1992 play "Fox-

This theatre and the arts in general mean a great deal to Francis.

"The arts open up the imagination giving opportunities for education and enjoyment for people of all ages," he says. "They get you out of the drudgery of life and can help you have a positive attitude."

Francis' positive attitude extends to a variety of organizations and causes. He has served on the boards of South Arts, the Kentucky Arts Council, the Kentucky Humanities Council and the National Assembly of State Arts Agen-

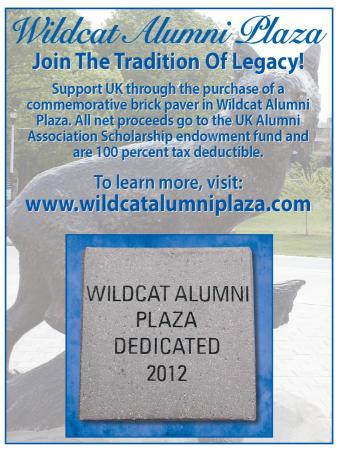
In addition to being a patron of the arts, he is a



strong education advocate for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He has been a board member for the Kentucky Education Foundation, Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education, Alice Lloyd College, the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Kentucky. He has also served as a past president of the UK Alumni Association and is an active member of the association.

While not pursuing philanthropic endeavors, Francis is an attorney at Francis Kendrick and Francis in Prestonsburg. He enjoys spending time with his wife, Linda Sadler Francis '68 '69 AS, and visiting his daughter and granddaughters in Massachusetts.





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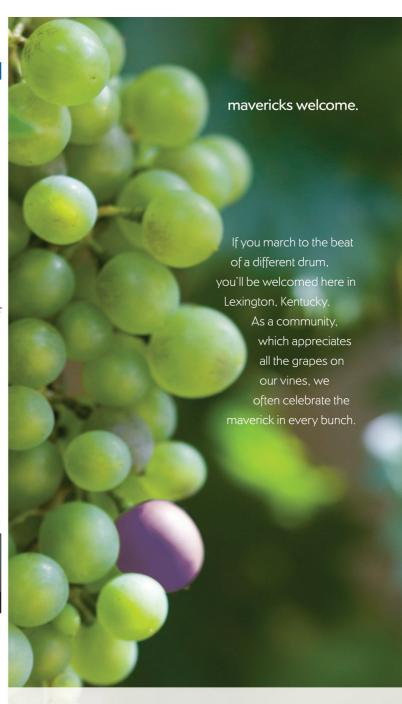
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Your resume has two main goals:

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# Creative Juices

Janna McMahan '86 CI has written "Anonymity," which is an insightful novel about the young and homeless, set against

an urban backdrop. The book uses the hard-hitting account of the daily life of one girl alone on the streets to help illustrate the vivid reality of millions of young people with no place to call home.

"Anonymity" is an action-packed drama about families — those we are born into and those we piece together out of need. Lorelei is a young runaway who works her way through California and across the Southwest with a band of travelers like herself. She lands in Austin, a city known to travelers for a lively music scene, artsy alternative lifestyle and wel-

coming youth services. Lorelei meets Emily, a bartender who befriends her. Being anonymous is how Lorelei hides from her past, but Emily's attention exposes her friend and ends up calling forth the very danger Lorelei was trying to escape.

During her research, McMahan turned to a youth homeless shelter in Austin to learn where homeless kids (not necessarily runaways, but individuals who had simply aged out of foster care) hang out and the daily factors that impacted their lives.

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Janna McMahan

Mark Downer '82 CI is the author of "Ghosts of the Past," a novel based on one man's deadly pursuit to reclaim one of the greatest single collections of stolen World War II artwork never recovered.

www.amazon.com

Jack DuArte, UK alumnus, has written "Malta," the fourth installment in his World War II series, which features heroic British RAF pilots braving the odds and ferrying new Spitfire Mark VIs to help defend the island.

Cloud 9 Press www.amazon.com Valerie Still '00 AG has written a children's book, "Still

Alive on the Underground Railroad: Vol. 1," a limited collector's edition which also contains 30 illustrations by Francine Still Hicks. The book is based on the lives of the author's African-American ancestors, stories that were collected and passed down about the family heritage which can be dated back to the 17th century. Through the years, these accounts have lovingly been crafted into story after story of adventure, heroism, courage, futility, subjugation, redemption and glory. The author considers the series to be nonfiction because she worked hard to ensure that it is historically accurate; however she also considers it to be historical fiction because although the series is based on facts, she made

As volume one begins, George Washington is in office and the nation is still in its infancy. By the series' end — expected to be 20 volumes — the nation will have experienced times of poverty and prosperity, peace and war, horrors and happiness and 44 presidents including Barack Obama, the first African-American president.

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additions to fill in some gaps.

Robert D. Hudson '84 BE, '87 LAW is the author of "A Better Tomorrow: Fighting for Capitalism and Jobs in the Heartland," which presents a roadmap to success from the perspective of a common sense business leader.

Saratoga Press www.amazon.com

Robert Todd Keisling '05 AS has written "The Liminal Man," a sequel to "A Life Transparent," about Donovan Candle, a previously-bored individual who continues his adventures as a private investigator.

Precipice Books www.amazon.com Carmen L. Montañez '95 AS has written "Good Hair, Bad Hair," a novel about a woman of Caribbean ancestry who, in spite of her restlessness or her fears, takes control over her life.

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Officers of the Student Athletics Council hang out with the UK Wildcat during a game at Rupp Arena.

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### Will you marry me?

Patrick Barker '06 AS, '09 GS has his heart in the right place: he loves his girlfriend and loves his alma mater, the University of Kentucky. With that scenario, it was only fitting that he combine the two in order to make his marriage proposal to his sweetheart something memorable

"We were walking from a concert at the Singletary Center one night after the Wildcat Alumni Plaza had been completed. We spent a couple minutes just looking at all the pavers and reading them aloud to one another," he says. "It then struck me that it would be neat to buy a brick to propose." Barker arranged to have a paver inscribed at the plaza with the words "Jessica Miller Will You Marry Me? Patrick B." Once that was completed, his romantic caper was "on." He casually arranged to meet his beloved in the plaza, and then just as casually point out the historic paver

that will be there for everyone to see — including their future children — for years to come.

"The only thing I hadn't accounted for was the rain! I had already decided that the proposal was happening regardless of weather, so I just powered through. It did lead to an unfortunate incident where I hit her in the head with my umbrella while bending down to reveal the brick, but she forgave me quickly," says Barker.

As for Jessica L. Miller '09 GS, she was quick to figure out what was going on. "As soon as I was dropped off at the Wildcat Alumni Plaza, I knew exactly what was happening, that Patrick was going to propose. But I had no idea it involved the paver," she says. "At first I didn't see it, so Patrick had to point it out to me! Once I saw it, I thought it was really special, and so very unique!"

In case you are wondering, she said "Yes!"

"As cheesy as it sounds, I like to think the permanency of the brick symbolizes the permanency of our relationship," says Barker.





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