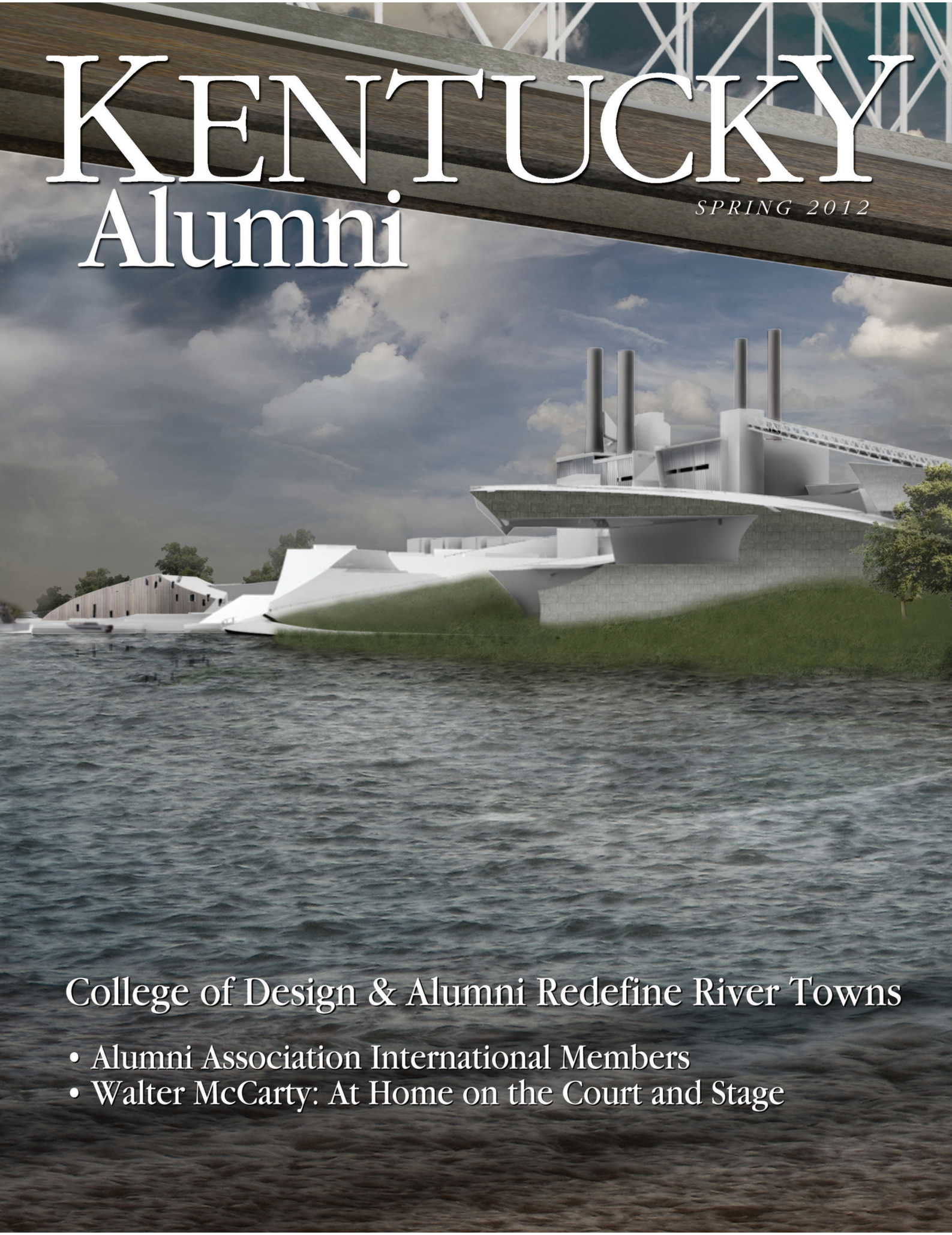
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Spring is a time for inspiration and revitalization… and March Madness, of course!

It's with great pride that we bring you the spring 2012 issue of Kentucky Alumni magazine.

Before joining the staff of the UK Alumni Association in December 2004, I worked at a weekly newspaper. While there, I found myself marking the passage of time not by days or weeks, but by editions of the paper. It's funny, I now find myself doing the same thing with issues of Kentucky Alumni magazine. It's always exciting and yet somehow surprising when another quarter has passed, and we can share another issue with you.

We began working on this issue in the middle of the winter, but it was easy to imagine spring — which brings to mind new beginnings, inspiration and unlimited potential. The same can be said about our cover story. The River Cities Project is about the dedication and inspiration of architecture alums working to revive their community. It's also about a terrific partnership with the UK College of Design that will renew Kentucky's river cities and in the process challenge and inspire students to gain invaluable experience while helping to transform communities. Tim Skinner, past president of the UK Alumni Association, first shared the story of the River Cities Project with me and thought it might make a good story. Turns out he was right.

I know you will want to read about former Wildcat great Walter McCarty as he embarks on a new career as an aspiring R&B singer/songwriter. McCarty, a 10-year veteran of the NBA, has an amazing voice. I'm sure most of you remember McCarty as the starting forward on UK's 1996 NCAA National Championship team. You probably also remember "the shot" by McCarty — the three-pointer from the corner that finally gave the Cats the lead after trailing by 31 points with 15:34 remaining at LSU on Feb. 15, 1994. The 99-95 victory is the greatest comeback in UK history. The "Mardi Gras Miracle" is on my list of games that I will always remember exactly where I was when it happened. I asked McCarty what he recalls about the game and he said, interestingly, that despite the large deficit, the team never really felt they were out of it. And about hitting that shot? He said it happened just like it was drawn up in the huddle during a timeout. Check out www.waltermccarty.com to hear Walter's music.

We introduce you to our 2012 UK Alumni Association Great Teacher Award recipients. This year's honorees once again showcase the power of great teaching. Be sure to check out the Web extra noted on page 29 of the wonderful video created by UK Public Relations. It's very insightful, and you can really see why these great teachers inspire their students to be great. Congratulations to all!

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live in another country? We offer you a look at the views outside the windows of some of our international alumni members. From Nagoya, Japan, to Athens, Greece, to St. Croix, Virgin Islands (jealous!), UK alumni are showing Wildcat Pride around the globe.

Spring brings the unveiling and dedication of the new Wildcat Alumni Plaza, featuring a stunning bronze Wildcat sculpture. It's sure to become a new tradition on campus, and you can be a part of it through the Wildcat Alumni Plaza paver program. You can also keep an eye on the construction progress of the plaza with the EarthCam, donated by alum Brian Cury. The plaza is located off Avenue of Champions directly across the street from Memorial Coliseum. The camera sits atop that building for a real bird's-eye view. For more information about the project, purchasing a paver and to see the EarthCam view, visit www.wildcatalumniplaza.com.

I hope you enjoy this issue of Kentucky Alumni. If you have an idea or suggestion for a future story in the magazine, please share it with me. You can reach me at 859-257-7164 or kelli.elam@uky.edu. As always, your feedback is appreciated.

With Pride in Blue,

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Over the last several months, I have crisscrossed Kentucky and traveled throughout the United States meeting thousands of university alumni and friends. At each stop, I have been warmly embraced by the Big Blue Nation; I've heard stories about your college experience at UK and the incredible success you've enjoyed in your personal and professional careers. These stories exemplify the soul of our university and our commitment to our institution's promise to Kentucky.

In my last letter, I shared the foundation of our renewed effort to honor that promise. Over the last several months, we have refined how we best fulfill our commonly held and shared mission with uncommon resolve — building a bright beacon of hope for our Commonwealth and country.

We have crafted a "students first" agenda that enhances our undergraduate programs and prepares students to compete and contribute in a 21st century global marketplace of ideas, commerce and culture. We are enhancing programs that build upon our innovative UK Core and expose our students to multiple disciplines and areas of study, so that they leave our university prepared to lead lives of leadership, meaning and purpose.

We are in the process of expanding and developing a larger honors program for students from Kentucky and beyond — creating a close-knit academic community with the resources of a modern, flagship and land-grant research university. When students leave here, they will be our state's best and brightest because they have attended the state's flagship, land-grant institution and because they have been challenged and stimulated intellectually, culturally and socially.

To embolden our efforts, we must increase our merit-based scholarships: The Singletary Scholarship, President's Scholarship and the Provost's Scholarship. Further, I am excited to announce that we are scheduled to break ground on a new residence hall for our honors students in April 2012.

The new facility is the first phase of a multi-year process to revitalize our campus core. We have been in negotiations with Education Reality Trust, a national operator and developer of collegiate housing, to construct up to 9,000 modern beds on campus over the next several years. The new residence facilities will house communities where students can live and learn collaboratively, sharing their college experiences in ways that spark creativity and stir the soul.

Our agenda is about how these facilities transform the way we educate and prepare students to succeed in their life beyond college. This public/private partnership to build a model campus for our students, faculty, and staff is part of our university-wide effort to restore our physical plant to the standards expected of a flagship university — the standards required to meet the needs of our constituents and our state — and it includes expanding, renovating and rebuilding our academic and research space, as well as self-financed projects for UK HealthCare and Athletics.

It is an ambitious agenda, but we must do what is necessary so that we can achieve what is great and what is expected of us as the Commonwealth's beacon. Your support in these efforts — your partnership — is crucial to our success. I firmly believe that individual support has the potential to yield unmatched success. You are our most precious asset — the embodiment of success stemming from our core functions and the greatest hope for improving the communities in which you reside.

Our mission is based on a profoundly important idea that a nationally and internationally renowned university can be the catalyst for change and growth in the 21st century. That mission — our promise to Kentucky — has never been more vital.

Together, we can write the next great chapter in the history of the University of Kentucky.

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UK Confucius Institute celebrates first year anniversary



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In the first year of its existence at UK, the Confucius Institute is spreading the Chinese language and culture to the Commonwealth, making an impact on UK, Central Kentucky schools and the community.

The institute has helped the UK College of Arts & Sciences, College of Education, Education Abroad and the College of Fine Arts in establishing agreements, teaching, and study abroad programs with Jilin University in Ningbo, China, and Shanghai University (SU). Also, the College of Fine Arts brought in 24 SU arts students and faculty last summer to take a week-long class in its Department of Art. UK has established a student teaching program in Shian, China, for 7-10 weeks, as well.

The UK Confucius Institute (UKCI) works closely with constituencies outside of campus, too. It continues to coordinate classes in Chinese music, art appreciation, calligraphy, tai chi, cuisine and painting, in addition to co-sponsoring community celebrations like the Moon Festival and Chinese New Year. "We collaborate closely with the Kentucky Chinese American Association, local schools and the community. People have begun to know who we are," says Huajing Maske, director of the institute.

More than 2,000 K-12 students have Chinese instruction this year because of UK Confucius Institute-sponsored teachers. The UKCI frequently hosts professional development workshops for Chinese teachers in Lexington, as well as western Kentucky and Louisville. "Teachers and students love our workshops ... because of our resources and support for K-12, students will arrive to UK knowing Chinese at a higher level," says Maske. ■

Blackwell named to lead Gatton College of Business & Economics

David W. Blackwell, a recognized academic leader who also possesses broad experience in industry, developing corporate relationships and fundraising has been tapped as the new dean of the UK Gatton College of Business and Economics.

Previously he was associate dean for graduate programs at Texas A&M University Mays Business School and also served as head of the department of finance from 2002 to 2008. Blackwell previously held faculty positions at the University of Georgia, the University of Houston and Emory University. He also has served as a director for two major accounting firms, PricewaterhouseCoopers and KPMG.

"Dr. Blackwell has the right set of skills and experiences to move the Gatton College to an even higher level," says UK Provost Kumble R. Subbaswamy. "He has been very entrepreneurial in finding support for his initiatives at Texas A&M. This experience will serve Gatton's students, faculty, and all of its constituencies very well." ■

National Book Award for Poetry goes to UK professor

Nikky Finney, creative writing professor at UK, has won the 2011 National Book Award for Poetry for her recent work, "Head Off & Split." For 61 years, a committee of writers has convened annually to judge the work of other writers and to recognize literary excellence. National Book Awards are conferred in four genres: fiction, nonfiction, children's literature and poetry.

The National Book Award website says Finney's poems "sustain a sensitive and intense dialogue with emblematic figures and events in African-American life: from Civil Rights matriarch Rosa Parks, to former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, from a brazen girl strung out on lightning, to a terrified woman abandoned on a rooftop during Hurricane Katrina..."

Finney has taught at UK for decades and is the author of three previous volumes of poetry and is also a recipient of the Kentucky Foundation for Women Artists Fellowship Award. ■

Kentucky African American Encyclopedia

The history of African American life in Kentucky has been detailed in scattered resources. It's hoped that the Kentucky African American Encyclopedia, expected to be published in 2013 by the University Press of Kentucky, will become a primary reference source for future generations. The project is the first of its kind in the nation and is headquartered at the UK Department of History with Gerald Smith '81 '83 '88 AS, associate professor, as a co-editor.

There is still much research and writing that needs to be done. Volunteers wanting to write about specific topics do not need to be in Kentucky to help. For more information, visit www.uky.edu/OtherOrgs/kaae ■

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UK to research future fuels from coal and biomass

UK has broken ground for a coal/biomass-to-liquids unit that could lead to development of vehicle fuels made from Kentucky coal and biomass. The $5.7 million facility at the UK Center for Applied Energy Research (CAER) could produce transportation fuels from these indigenous resources, which could help guarantee the nation's energy future.

The unit will also focus on state-of-the art technologies to improve efficiency and reduce the amount of carbon dioxide created when converting coal and biomass to liquid fuels. The gasification unit will be capable of producing one barrel of fuel per day.

Funding for the process-development unit includes support by the U.S. Department of Energy ($4.55 million), the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet ($708,000) and a UK cost share ($453,000).

"A key benefit of this unit is that it can be used as a test-bed for new concepts at an affordable level," says Rodney Andrews, director of CAER and the project's principal investigator. "Our goal is to develop facilities and personnel to sustain a synthetic fuels industry in Kentucky."

Researchers will evaluate the commercial and technical viability of advanced technologies to produce fuels by the Fischer-Tropsch method, a long-established way of converting petroleum substitutes into transportation fuels, via gasification. This will be an open-access facility, whose findings will be in the public domain to aid the wider scientific and industrial community. ■

Parkinson's disease risk found greater with exposure to trichloroethylene

Dr. Franca Cambi, of the UK Kentucky Neuroscience Institute, is a contributing author on a new study that shows a connection between a common solvent chemical and Parkinson's disease. Cambi collaborated with researchers from across the United States on the paper published in the Annals of Neurology.

The epidemiological study, led by The Parkinson's Institute in Sunnyvale, Calif., looked at a cohort of human twins where one twin had been occupationally exposed to trichloroethylene (TCE) and other chemicals believed to be linked to development of Parkinson's. Occupational or environmental exposure to TCE, percholorethylene (PERC) and carbon tetrachloride (CCI4) is common due to the extensive use of the chemicals in dry-cleaning solutions, adhesives, paints and carpet cleaners. Despite the Food and Drug Administration banning the use of TCE as a general anesthetic, skin disinfectant and coffee decaffeinating agent in 1977, it is still widely used today as a degreasing agent. In the United States, millions of pounds of TCE are still released into the environment each year. It is the most common organic contaminant found in ground water, detected in up to 30 percent of drinking water supplies in the country.

The team interviewed 99 twin pairs from the National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council World War II Veteran Twins Cohort in which one twin had Parkinson's and one didn't, inquiring about lifetime occupations and hobbies. While prior research has indicated a link between TCE exposure and Parkinson's disease, the current findings are the first to report a statistically significant association — a more than six-fold increased risk. Researchers also found that exposure to PERC and CCI4 tended toward significant risk of developing the disease.

The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke estimates that as many as 500,000 Americans have Parkinson's disease and more than 50,000 new cases are diagnosed annually. ■

Watermelon reduces atherosclerosis in UK study

A study involving mice with diet-induced high cholesterol shows that watermelon reduces atherosclerosis, hardening of the arteries, in animals.

A control group was given water to drink, while the experimental group was given watermelon juice in this study led by Dr. Sibu Saha, UK Department of Surgery. By week eight of the study, the animals given watermelon juice had lower body weight than the control group, due to decrease of fat mass. They experienced no decrease in lean mass. Plasma cholesterol concentrations were significantly lower in the experimental group, with modestly reduced intermediate and low-density lipoprotein cholesterol concentrations as compared to the control group. A measurement of atherosclerotic lesion areas revealed that the watermelon juice group also experienced statistically significant reductions in atherosclerotic lesions, as compared to the control group. Saha says melons have health benefits, and the ultimate goal is to identify bioactive compounds that will improve human health. ■



Compiled from news reports about research at UK.

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Mira Snider Ball '56
Seeing blue and making a difference…

Alumna co-founds an iconic Kentucky business, becomes the first woman to chair UK's Board of Trustees and impacts the Bluegrass through philanthropy

"Mira Ball is an extraordinary University of Kentucky alumna who with her husband co-founded one of the top 100 home building companies in the country," notes Mike Richey '73 '79 AG, UK vice president for Development. "She has made history at her alma mater by serving as the first woman to chair the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees. And she also has given quietly and generously of her time and business expertise to dozens of worthy causes throughout the Bluegrass. True to enduring values forged in Kentucky farm life, Mira's story is a profile of faith, family, hard work, dedication and concern for others."

Foundations in rural Kentucky

Mira Snider Ball grew up on a farm near Bloomfield, on Cox's Creek. Her ancestral roots run deep in the Commonwealth with her father's family originating in Nelson County and her mother's clan — the Stouts — coming from Shelby County. Her grandfather had a mill not far from Shelbyville and her many relatives would gather there for family reunions.

She remembers, "My maternal grandmother had a big family, and they all would attend the reunions. Many of them played music. I especially recall three girls who played a trio on the piano. I look back on those occasions as some of the best times of my life growing up in Kentucky.

"My parents gave me things no one else could," she reflects. "They gave me confidence…appreciation for other people… and the belief that everyone is worthy. My dad really cared about people — not so much about making money. I went to church each week. And I thank the Lord every day for my mom and dad."

Underpinnings for success

When Mira Ball graduated from high school in 1952, she enrolled at the University of Kentucky. "UK was the only school I ever considered attending," she recalls. "As a land-grant university, it was affordable. And just about everybody I knew from Bloomfield went to UK. There were 30 members of my graduating high school class and the majority of them enrolled with me at UK.

"My brother came to the University of Kentucky, as well," she continues. "Like me, he never thought of going anywhere else.

"I received no scholarships. And I remember that tuition was $65 a semester when I came as a freshman.

"UK was academically challenging for me because of my high school background. We girls had four years of home economics in high school. This prompted us to ask for a science class when we were seniors. My math and English backgrounds were OK, but my education in science was not as good. In those days, home economics and agriculture were highly stressed in high school because it was thought that most of the students would become homemakers and farmers. I was active in Future Homemakers of America and served as president. That's where I learned parliamentary procedure.

"I had some really good teachers at UK, and I loved accounting," she says. "I was a business education major, completing 40 credit hours in business." Mira Ball also served as president of the Future Teachers of America organization on campus.

She met her husband when they both were students at the university. "We got to know each other attending events at the Baptist Student Union and Calvary Baptist Church," Mira Ball reminisces. "The Baptist Student Union was a big part of our lives and it had great directors. College students didn't have much money to spend in the 1950s. Our dating therefore consisted of attending different social events on campus. Don and I are still in contact with the friends we made in our college years."

Don Ball also was raised on a farm. He grew up near Hebbardsville in Henderson County and agriculture was a major part of his life. During his school years, he participated in the activities of the Future Farmers of America, showing cattle in various competitions.



Ball with her young family in 1969. From left: Ray, Lisa, Mike, Mira and Don.

The couple worked their way through college at UK. "I had a part-time job all the years I was in school," Mira Ball relates. "I worked for Miss Katherine Kemper who started the first job placement service at UK. She was also my advisor. I did confidential work, typing faculty recommendations for students. I remember one time a very mysterious person came to campus to conduct interviews, and it turned out that he was recruiting for the CIA!

"Don and I both had student jobs in what is now the board room of the Main Building," she adds with a smile. "That's why we selected this room to fund when the Main Building was restored several years ago."

Mira Ball and her husband value their UK education as well as their student employment. "Our work experience at UK was part of our education," she shares. "We married in December of 1955 while both of us were still students. Don had several jobs including transporting laundry. And then he started selling real estate — first houses on Strader Drive in the north end of Lexington for Don Poole. Then when another friend was called to the Korean War, Don sold houses for him. Don's real estate jobs led to our interest in home building."

When Mira Ball graduated from the university, she was hired as a teacher in a local school. "It was difficult then to become a teacher in the Fayette County Schools," she explains. "I ended up teaching seventh grade because of my history background. I enjoyed my teaching experience and I met many wonderful people. And it still feels like I'm a teacher at heart."

Building a business

Mira Ball notes that her husband always had a desire to make a positive impact on others with his life. At first, he thought that would be through politics. While still in school, friends nicknamed him "Ike" because Dwight D. Eisenhower had recently been elected president.

Don Ball ran for public office in his 20s and was elected to Kentucky's House of Representatives from an area with a diverse population. Mira Ball remembers, "He saw inequities and it broadened both of us. He helped with the public accommodations law to end segregation and discrimination. It was passed under Gov. Edward T. Breathitt ['48 BE]. I didn't understand at the time how life experiences shape a person, but our experiences in those years certainly shaped us."

During this time, Mira Ball's husband also was escalating his real estate career. She recalls, "Not too long after we were married, Don would find a marketable home for sale, buy it and fix it up for resale while we occupied it. This enabled us to get our business started. We learned early that paint, furniture and cleaning up the yard always makes a house look better. We lived in 13 houses in a two-and-a-half-year period. And in those days, Don used to say that our furniture was on wheels," she laughs.

"From selling real estate, we fell into building single-family homes. Don enjoyed the construction aspect, and I loved the accounting. I would do the accounting at home and bring the kids with me to the office when I needed to be there. This was really the beginning of Don's being able to do something for other people, as he had always wanted to do. Ironically, this desire began to be fulfilled through something he had not necessarily pursued.

"Don wanted to build affordable homes," Mira Ball continues. "This has been his desire from the beginning and what we have focused on down through the years. In the early days of our business, Lexington police officers and fire fighters were required to live within city limits. With them in mind, Don built homes in the Cardinal Valley area, and we priced them at $10,950. That wasn't much to pay for a house even in those days, and I recall that we didn't clear much of a profit on them at that price!"

Mira Ball says that she and her husband have always experienced great personal satisfaction in conveying a new home to the family buying it. "Building a home for someone is a pretty delight-



Ball Homes' company headquarters on Walden Drive in Lexington.

ful thing," she reflects. "Especially if it's a family's first home. I used to do all the closings when we would turn the keys over to the new owners."

Family and community have been important to Mira and Don Ball throughout their lives. She remembers, "Don coached Little League for 16 years in Gardenside. He started coaching even before our kids were in sports. But when they started playing, we were there for all our children's games."

Over the decades, Ball Homes has experienced great growth. Every year since 1998, Builder magazine has listed Ball Homes as one of the top 100 builders of single-family houses in the nation. Focusing mainly on the Lexington and Louisville markets, Ball Homes has become the leader in Kentucky home building, having constructed thousands of affordable homes since 1959 when the Balls began their business.

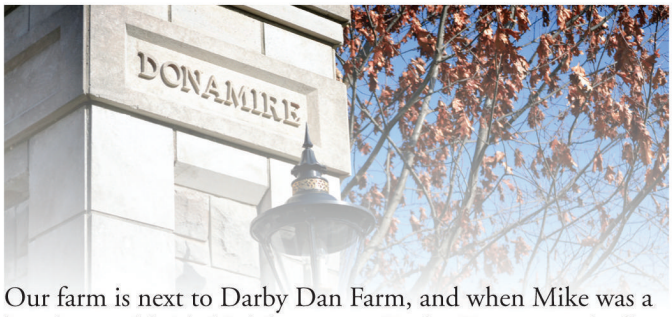
Today, the company is still family owned and operated by the Ball children, Ray, Mike and Lisa. Ball Homes buys and develops property, designs its homes and apartments and manages all construction. Affiliate agencies of Ball Homes market the houses, provide financing and manage the rental property which numbers about 1,700 units. Mira Ball is the long-time chief financial officer. Don Ball retired a few years ago as president to devote more time to his charitable interests, which include the Hope Center and Recovery Kentucky.

"We are glad that our children see the value of the family business and that what we do is not just to make a living," Mira Ball shares. "We are building homes that people can be proud of. We love this community, all of us do, and I don't think there's a better place to be."

Developing Donamire Farm

As Mira Ball and her husband were building their business and raising their family, they also developed a Thoroughbred horse farm near Lexington. "Growing up on farms, Don and I both wanted to get back to the country," she relates. "At first, we purchased 40 acres and nine head of cattle. After a while, Don sold the cattle and bought one mare. We ended up buying one or two horses at a time, and we got into the horse business in a small way.

"Our son Ray and daughter Lisa enjoyed horses up to a point," she continues. "But our son Mike really took to it.



Our farm is next to Darby Dan Farm, and when Mike was a boy, he would ride his bike over to Darby Dan to watch all the activity."

The couple also acquired Tennessee walking horses, and even carriage horses, but eventually focused on the Thoroughbreds. And over the years, they also bought adjacent tracts of land to their original 40 acres. Today, Donamire Farm consists of 650 acres and the Balls have developed it into a significant Thoroughbred operation.

"We've never won the Derby," Mira Ball says. "But we've won some good races."

Donamire Farm is also known as one of the most picturesque farms in the Bluegrass with its four slate-roofed stone horse barns, a 5/8 mile training track, three lakes, five miles of road and 15 miles of white-plank fences. It was featured in the 2000 movie, "Simpatico," starring Jeff Bridges, Sharon Stone and Nick Nolte.

Several years ago, the Balls began opening their farm to nonprofit organizations and agencies for special events. They even put down an expanse of concrete upon which tents easily can be erected for charity benefits. The site overlooks one of the lakes and the training track.

Breaking ground as UK's first chairwoman of the board of trustees

Mira Ball was appointed to the UK Board of Trustees by the governor in 2004. And in 2007, she was elected by her fellow trustees as chairwoman of the board, becoming the first woman to hold that office in the history of the university.

"The way it came about was not anticipated," Mira Ball recalls. "It was a big honor, and I never forget that. It was also a pleasure to be able to serve with President Todd and the others



on the board. I received many notes and letters when I was elected, and it was very humbling."

As chairwoman of the board, Mira Ball says she concluded that Kentucky needs more emphasis on education all the time. And while much was accomplished at the university during her tenure on the board (her term ended in 2010), she has hopes and dreams for UK's future.

"I hope President Capilouto gets the infrastructure which is needed," she shares. "I hope to see the hospital completed. I also want us to make further strides in the areas of diversity, affordable tuition and graduation rates. And as an avid UK athletics fan, I would like for our alumni to get to know other outstanding areas within the university.

"I think UK is doing a good job," she adds. "And it was an honor to go back and be able to serve."

James F. Hardymon '56 EN served with her on the UK Board of Trustees. He comments, "I didn't know Mira Ball very well until she joined the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees. However, it didn't take long for me to see that she is a true leader. Her performance as board chair was outstanding."



Mira and Don Ball at home with their dog, Duchess.

Capstones of an extraordinary life and career

Richey has known Mira Ball for several years. He observes, "What impresses me most about Mira is the incredible extent to which she has given of her time and business expertise to good causes. It's hard to name a nonprofit agency, educational institution, charity or other worthy endeavor within central Kentucky which has not benefited from her service on its board, or from philanthropy from her and Don."

Mira Ball has served on the boards of the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky, the Bluegrass Community Foundation, the Center for Public Issues, the Children's Advocacy Center, the Governor's Commission on Tax Policy, the Governor's Mansion Preservation Foundation, the Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship, the Higher Education Work Group, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Kentucky Educational Television, the Kentucky Historical Society, the Kentucky Horse Park, the Lexington Clinic, the Lexington Industrial Foundation, Lexington United, the Pritchard Committee for Academic Excellence's Business Leadership Council for Pre-Kindergarten, Sayre School, the State Economic Development Task Force, the St. Joseph Hospital Foundation, the United Way of the Bluegrass and the YWCA. She has also been deacon, Sunday school teacher and member of the finance committee at Calvary Baptist Church.

Mira Ball has served on corporate boards as well, including Kentucky Utilities and LG&E.

And some of her significant roles have been firsts for women. She was the first chairwoman of the board, both at the University of Kentucky and at Midway College. She was the first woman president of the Lexington Chamber of Commerce. Mira Ball was the first woman elected to the Kentucky Utilities Board of Directors. And the Lexington Homebuilder's Association has recognized both Mira and Don Ball jointly as "Builder of the Year."

Mira Ball and her husband have received many other awards for their distinguished professional, civic and charitable involvement within the Commonwealth. And in 2010, she was inducted into the University of Kentucky Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni, the highest award given to alumni for professional accomplishments.

"We are appreciative of Mira's extraordinary service to her alma mater," notes Richey. "We also are deeply grateful for everything that she and Don are doing to advance our great university. Their generosity is making a significant difference in many key areas across our campus. And through their endowment gifts, their philanthropy will positively impact Kentuckians for generations to come."

Recently, a friend asked Mira Ball how she would like to be remembered. She replied that she had never really given that question any consideration. But when the friend pressed her for an answer, she mused, "I believe I would like to be thought of as someone who gives back…because I have been blessed."

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Giving new meaning to 'up the river'

UK College of Design & alumni redefine Ohio River towns

By Beverly Bell

Scan the four men's resumes and you'll think you've got it all figured out in a matter of seconds. You spot the connection under the heading, "Education." The four — Mark Bethel, Tim Skinner, Drura Parrish and Martin Summers — are all trained as architects: wired to mesh form and function, equal parts of the creative and the analytical while imagining a more perfect environment. You pat yourself on the back for finding the common thread so quickly.

Turns out you're only half right. What each resume can never reveal is the much more powerful tie that binds them to one another. Powerful and yet subtle, this is a tie born of memory and the common experience of growing up in Henderson. While their lives unfolded in different and unexpected ways, they all came back together with one shared goal — to write the next volume in the story of their hometown. With the help of the University of Kentucky College of Design and its students, they spearheaded an effort that now includes local government officials, business leaders and citizens in conjuring up a new future for Henderson. Along the way, their work has become a building block in a much larger and grander project, one that could very well redefine Ohio River towns for decades.



Mark Bethel

It's called the River Cities Project, a 10-year partnership between the UK College of Design, its graduate students and several cities along the Ohio River. The objective is ambitious: to look at dated or underutilized facilities along the riverfront of these cities and using design, conceive of innovative ways to redevelop and reuse them. The hope is that by bringing the sites back to life, they'll stimulate jobs and opportunities, re-energize stagnant pockets of commerce and produce tax-generating revenues that will ultimately enhance the community overall.

The project started with Henderson. Mark Bethel is an international real estate developer who has worked around the world. Receiving his bachelor's in architecture from UK in 1975, Bethel had returned to Henderson for a brief period after his father, Jim Bethel, passed away. Jim Bethel was also an architect, so while Mark completed a few of his father's unfinished projects, he reconnected with Tim Skinner, a 1980 architect alumnus, as well as a former president of the UK Alumni Association and Henderson resident. Skinner ran his own firm and he knew Bethel from when they had both worked for the elder Bethel early in their careers.

Perhaps he still heard his father speaking to him six months before the elder Bethel's death, telling Mark it was time to start giving back. Or maybe it was being in Henderson again, remembering what he had loved about growing up there and realizing that something was being inexorably lost as jobs vanished and the younger generation abandoned the city at an alarming rate. Whatever the reason, Bethel told Skinner he wanted to give money to the university with the ultimate goal of helping Henderson. Neither knew exactly what shape this would take, but Skinner agreed to join him.

Bethel and Skinner soon met with another friend, Drura Parrish, also a Henderson native trained as an architect, and member of the UK College of Design faculty. The three devised a plan: funnel the contributions from Skinner and Bethel into the design school where UK architecture students would look at two sites in Henderson — an old granary and the decommissioned Henderson Municipal Power and Light Plant (HMPL #1) — and come up with proposals on how both could be redeveloped.

Bethel was eager to get the students involved. "There's nothing more fun than putting some fresh eyes on something without restraint ... That really throws a



Henderson resident Tim Skinner '80 DES, left, Dean Michael Speaks of the UK College of Design, center, and Martin Summers '96 DES, Sutherland Visiting Professor of Landscape Design at UK, right, are involved with the 10-year riverfront redevelopment effort called the River Cities Project.



Photo: Frank Doering

A view of the inside of HMPL #1, the 65,000-square-foot retired coal fired power plant in downtown Henderson, as it awaits a possible new life.



Photo: Frank Doering

To address the problems of economic decline and job loss in river towns, the UK College of Design is partnering with local municipalities and private, citizen-led development groups and nontraditional developers to revitalize industrial sites like HMPL #1 in Henderson.

curve into beautiful young minds and gives them a wide range of things to think about. I told them to suspend disbelief," he says.

The first year of the project would also include students from the Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc), another cutting-edge design school in the country. Parrish had a strong relationship with SCI-Arc after receiving his post-professional master's from the school and teaching there before coming to UK.

Flesh was put to bones and the Henderson Project was underway. Three years later, a fellow Henderson native and 1996 UK College of Design alum, Martin Summers, joined in when he was named the Sutherland Visiting Professor of Landscape Design at the university.

In design school, the academic/real world experience that Parrish initiated and Summers carried on is called a studio. But the Henderson experience pushed the concept to its furthest extremes, so much so that designers thousands of miles away from the Commonwealth of Kentucky sat up and took notice.

A rose by any other name...

Everyone has heard of art studios and movie studios, photography studios and recording studios. There are even studio apartments, which are typically living spaces the size of a closet in a dense urban area.

In the design world, however, studio has nothing to do with a small, cramped room. In fact, the opposite is true. It means something big, wide open and full of possibilities. The only boundaries are those imposed by one's own mind. Simply, a studio in this scenario is a semester-long class in which students tackle a specific design problem and come up with solutions. Studios are considered a centerpiece in design education, says Michael Speaks, dean of the UK College of Design, because they bridge what the students learn in the classroom with a real design challenge.

From the first moment he arrived at the university in 2008 as dean, Speaks knew the Henderson Project held tremendous potential. "What's happening in Henderson is also happening in Owensboro, in Paducah and in a lot of the cities along the Ohio River," he says. Because of the disappearance of good jobs and the disappearance of youth who need those jobs, "...you have kids who go to school someplace else and they don't come back."

After two studios, many public meetings and wide discussion, the immediate focus shifted primarily to proposed plans for HMPL #1. Instead of tearing down the behemoth 65,000-square-foot industrial facility, Henderson leaders listened to the students who suggested converting it into a multi-use building. The options were as expansive as the building itself: a convention center, a community meeting space, museum, small hotel, or a corporate headquarters. Building on the two miles of green space that already existed on the riverfront and considering its prime location with dramatic spaces and beautiful views of the river, the former power plant held a myriad of possibilities.

"The big thing in architecture right now is sustainable design and there's nothing more sustainable than taking an old 1950s coal fired polluting power plant and retrofitting it to some sustainable, reusable building," says Skinner.

Speaks suggested expanding the project beyond Henderson, thereby creating the River Cities Project. Design studios are up and running in other Kentucky towns including Louisville, Paducah, Covington, Newport, Bellevue and Dayton.

Now, the River Cities Project has captured the attention of designers from around the world. The project was selected from hundreds of submissions and is one

of only two from the United States to participate in the fifth International Architecture Biennale Rotterdam (IABR), which runs April through August 2012 in the Netherlands. The IABR (See below.) represents the best of the best, attracting architects, designers and academicians to discuss critical issues facing design while reviewing exhibits of progressive ideas.

Fresh eyes and no limits

When Parrish ran that first studio, there was no talk about building anything. Instead he laid out the problem to his students as straightforward as he could. "I told the kids, 'Look, here's Henderson. It's not doing so well. What do you guys think you should do about it?'"

This was the foundation of Henderson and all the river project studios: students with no agenda and no preconceived ideas bring an unencumbered perspective to a community facing a serious challenge. "What really changes the discussion in this project is that the students who are in school developing these design projects are doing research in the local communities," says Summers, who ran studios in 2010. "They're trying to meet with people and talk with people who live this life every day. It's not an abstract thing."

For Megan Doyle, currently a graduate student in the program, the experience was unparalleled. "Henderson was the first time that you actually had to think about the realistic existing condition. You had to present it to not only your professors, but also the key players in the town."

The other unique part for the students was working so closely with design school alumni. "We were all invested in this project," says Jordan Hines, who received his master's in the spring of 2011 and is currently at the Gensler Architecture Firm in Houston, Texas. "Even though we had had different professors...a relationship was built. That had never happened before."

'The most beautiful river on earth'

To the French, the Ohio River was La Belle Riviere while the Indians called it Oyo, or the great river. Thomas Jefferson once said it was, "the most beautiful river on earth." The history of America unfolds along its nearly 1,000 mile-long banks like pages turning in a book. Dozens of towns just like Henderson can credit the Ohio for their birth and early growth.

The River Cities Project represents a critical next step in that evolution. And even though redevelopment along the Ohio will continue for years, the project has already impacted the dialogue as all these towns map out their futures. In Henderson, for example, the River Cities Renaissance (RCR) was established. Headed by Butch Branson, a leading proponent of the Henderson Project, RCR was created to promote public/private partnerships and move the project from research and speculation into development. In Northern Kentucky, the design students are currently collaborating with Vision 2015, a regional long-term planning effort that includes 15 counties.

For its part, HMPL #1 has several major hurdles to overcome. Negotiations between the power company, which controls the plant and the city which owns the land, are currently underway. After that, remediation to address concerns such as asbestos will take another one to two years. The remaining equipment will then be removed and sold. When this is completed, final plans for the conversion can be adopted and financing secured.

Until then, the plant remains quiet, the last employee having left more than two years ago. Still, Bethel can see the facility for what it was. "It was never just a building to me. It was a living machine, a labyrinth of hissing pipes, lit gauges and humming generators," he says.

It was life, and it fed life into this community. If he and the Henderson leaders have their way, it will be that again — stretched out next to the Ohio as it has been for more than 50 years, but transformed and transfigured, proving that the river isn't the only thing that keeps on rolling. ■

UK College of Design and International Architecture Biennale Rotterdam 2012

When Henk Ovink visited his friend and colleague Dean Michael Speaks two years ago and witnessed the riverfront redevelopment work the college was doing in Henderson, the vice director general and director of national spatial planning for the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment offered one piece of advice: enter the competition for the fifth International Architecture Biennale Rotterdam 2012 (IABR).

The IABR is considered one of the most prestigious architectural exhibitions in the world and this year is expected to draw 80,000-100,000 visitors from April through August. What had captured Ovink's attention was how the college was tackling the project — a bottom-up approach that included students, citizens, community leaders, elected officials and business people.

"He thought that this was kind of a unique way of city development and city planning because in Holland, for example, it all would have been top down," Speaks explains. Ovink, who also serves as co-curator of IABR, thought the project was a natural fit for the theme of the five-month long event, building sustainable cities.

Speaks followed up on his friend's suggestion, submitted an application and learned in mid-2011 that the college had been selected as one of 29 design projects overall. It's also one of only two from the United States and was chosen from among 430 submissions.

The actual exhibit, "Kentucky River Cities: Louisville, Paducah, Henderson," will include much of the studio work, models, presentation drawings and proposals from the college's larger River Cities Project, a 10-year riverfront redevelopment effort between the university and numerous cities along the Ohio River. The exhibit's main focus will be the redevelopment efforts of the Henderson Municipal Power and Light Plant (HMPL #1), which has been closed for more than two years and occupies a prime location along the city's riverfront.

"It's a real interesting opportunity," says graduate student Megan Doyle of the biennale selection. "We are going to be presenting Kentucky and its River Cities Project to the world."



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Mark Lane:

A UK alumnus shares his success

By Christina Noll

When you first meet Mark Lane '70 BE, vice president of worldwide sales and marketing for Mizuho OSI, you are struck by how singularly focused he is on the moment at hand. He takes that attentiveness a bit further with the team members he manages, interacting with them as if they are family, rather than professional colleagues. The result is dedicated and motivated team players who, along with Lane, work hard to achieve a shared success.

Lane, a member of the UK football team during his first two years as an undergraduate, has spent the last 40 plus years in the health care industry, helping companies reach their objectives in both revenues and valuation. At Mizuho OSI, a global surgical equipment manufacturer of operating room patient positioning devices, his marketing leadership has resulted in significant gains and has established a worldwide presence for the company. Mizuho OSI, which employs over 270 people in office and manufacturing positions, also includes a worldwide sales group of 85 employees, all whom report to Lane.

His rise to success began at the University of Kentucky. Lane grew up in Wilmington, Ohio, north of Cincinnati, the oldest of five children. He came to UK in the fall of 1966 and says, "I loved the campus. Lexington is a beautiful place." He chose business as a major because since the eighth grade he had been working at summer business jobs and at one point had even started his own company, a partnership with a friend painting houses and buildings.

During his time at UK, Lane helped start the Student Athletic Committee under Col. Jim Alcorn, an ROTC professor, and was at one time president of the organization. Having Alcorn as his mentor greatly influenced his career. "It was the height of the Vietnam War, and I had a high lottery number so I was very fortunate," says Lane. "Col. Alcorn encouraged me to be thinking about job opportunities and gave me guidance about the opportunities available in health care at the time." Lane was offered his first job through an interview held on campus, and it made a huge impression. "I said then, 'if I ever have the chance to hire people, I'd like to hire on campus.' Somebody gave me the chance, and I want to do the same — to give others the chance to be a success," he says.

Lane has certainly followed through. Several times each year he returns to campus and works with the UK Center for Academic and Tutorial Services (CATS) to recruit current students to join his team after graduation. The result is that he now has 12 UK graduates on his staff, and all but one were student athletes, playing everything from soccer to softball while at UK.

"Part of my whole message is getting companies to come to UK campus and realize the resources available here and to give our UK graduates these opportunities," he says. Over the years he has hired many UK grads, some who have gone on to other successes. It all started after he joined the company in 2002, and had a chance meeting with UK Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart. "I said, 'give me an opportunity to see your best student athletes that

Mark Lane '70 BE, vice president of worldwide sales and marketing for Mizuho OSI, a surgical equipment manufacturer of operating room patient positioning devices, is shown in the manufacturing facility.

UK grads currently working for Mizuho OSI:

Kelly Anders '03 CIS – women's golf

Ross Bogue '09 AG – football

Mike Chism '90 CIS, '99 ED – football

Rachel Friberg '05 CIS – women's softball

Antoine Huffman '05 CIS – football

Lori Melchi '06 BE – women's softball

Kyle Nathe '05 BE – (Father Carl Nathe is the football announcer for the UK Wildcats, "Another 1st down Kentucky!")

James R. Robinson '00 SW – football

Nick Seitze '03 AG – football

Scott Sersen '01 AS – men's soccer

Todd Stonestreet '01 AS – men's soccer

Jesse Yano '10 AG – men's baseball

CATS program means success for current and former student athletes

UK opened the Center for Academic and Tutorial Services (CATS) in 1981, becoming the first university in the nation with an academic center for student athletes. In 1998 Lauren Patch '73 AS, former CEO of the Ohio Casualty Group Insurance Co., led an effort for a $1 million grant from Ohio Casualty's Foundation, and UK Athletics opened CATS.

The program helps student athletes maximize their academic, personal, and social growth through academic advisors, tutors and mentors, as well as a life skills program. Over 100 tutors provide over 1,000 hours of tutoring per week.

CATS has:

- 20,000 square feet of space, two levels
- 35 computers with universal access to software
- A 60-seat study area
- 25 private tutor rooms with Internet access

aren't going pro, and I'll give them an opportunity at a successful career that will in turn make them great stewards of UK and great alumni.'"

Lane takes genuine interest in seeing all of his employees succeed, but has a special place in his heart for fellow UK graduates. "My excitement is seeing the people I've hired and mentored become successful," he says. It's not an easy job, but Lane is full of confidence in those he hires. Just like in team sports, he compares being a single team member to working as a team. "We give our people the tools to do the right thing and be successful," he says. "I've been fortunate, and now I've got to pass on those tools to the people who work for me."

Although the offices and manufacturing facilities for Mizuho OSI are located in Union City, Calif., he currently resides in Nashville, Tenn., with his wife Melissa. That was another part of attending UK that changed Lane's life for the better: meeting Melissa on a blind date in 1968. They have two grown sons, one the owner and chef at a restaurant and the other an art director at an advertising agency. Family is very important to Lane, and he enjoys traveling with them to international locations. ■



Photo: Christina Noll

UK alumni who work with Mark Lane, far right, at Mizuho OSI visited the King Alumni House during Homecoming 2011. Left to right are Ross Bogue '09 AG (football), Nicholas Seitze '03 AG (football), Lori Melchi '06 BE (softball) and Antoine Huffman '05 CIS (football).

Here, there and everywhere!

A spotlight on UK Alumni Association members living outside the United States

Wildcats are everywhere!

Alumni showing pride in the University of Kentucky doesn't stop within the borders of the United States. We've all heard anecdotes of a UK grad on vacation in another country who, by chance, bumps into another UK grad wearing the same UK T-shirt or cap.

There are UK alums all over who share their Wildcat enthusiasm and pride in their alma mater, whether it is by getting up early to watch their favorite basketball team during March Madness or enjoying a get-together in Malaysia with visiting UK representatives. The UK Alumni Association has members living in 20 countries outside the United States. Would you like to "meet" some of our fellow Wildcats living abroad? Here's a sampling of UK Alumni Association members living around the world and an update on their careers, hobbies and interests. As a bonus, we asked them to share a "view" of their daily world, what they see looking out the window from their home or at the office. Enjoy!

William Crail Taylor
Royal Pacific Yacht Club
Marina Vallarta, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
1958 - 61 BE (commerce)

Employment: Bill Taylor Real Estate and Tristar Rentals Company

Photo: "My office overlooks 400 yachts. My commute to work is three minutes through formal gardens and by a pool."



The Ven. David Owen Selzer
Ontario, Canada
'72 AS (bachelor's in philosophy)

Employment: Executive archdeacon, Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, Anglican Church of Canada

"Prior to immigration to Canada in 2008, I was an Episcopal priest (from 1977) in the states."

Sonia Angela Richards-Malcolm
Kingston, Jamaica
'08 HS, 2006 Fulbright Scholar (master's in clinical sciences, hematology & transplantation sciences)

Employment: Lecturer (immunohaematology, orientation to medical technology and research methodology), phlebotomy coordinator, academic advisement officer & head continuing education and professional development in College of Health Sciences, Medical Technology Division, University of Technology, Jamaica

Robert E. Williamson
Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands
'75 PHA (bachelor's in pharmacy)

Employment: Pharmacy manager, Frederiksted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands

Photo: "I truly do 'See Blue.' All rooms of my home open to a wraparound deck on the north side of the home, so all rooms have doors and windows with this same view of Solitude Bay in the Caribbean between St. Croix and Buck Island."



Theodoros Kordonis
Athens, Greece
'08 BE (master's in business administration)

Employment: Credit risk and accounts receivable manager, Philips Hellas S.A.

Photo: This is his view from a summer home in Sounion, on the Southeast of Attica Peninsula, looking toward Poseidon's temple.



Amy Martin-Bombeeck
Machtum, Luxembourg, Europe
'93 AG (bachelor's in merchandising, apparel & textiles)

Employment: Freelance writer for more than 15 years

"My passions are travel and writing. I feel so incredibly blessed to be able to combine the two...such as a recent surfing holiday in the Dominican Republic..."

Photo: "This is wine country...gorgeous, delicious wines that the rest of the world tends to overlook because the region is small compared to nearby super-producers France and Germany. We are on the edge of the Riesling region that stretches into Germany."



Rochak Langer
Ujjain, India
'08 EN (master's in manufacturing systems engineering)

Employment: Taking a break; graduated in August 2011 from the Centre of International Sports Studies, Switzerland, and now one of the 300 sports managers in the world accredited by Fédération Internationale de Football Association.

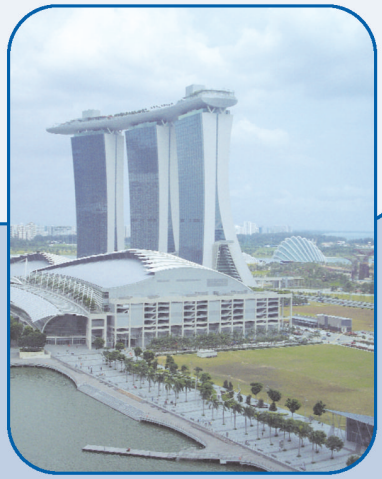
"I am currently running a football (soccer) clinic for underprivileged children in India and hope to promote education through sports in the country in the near future."

Michael Joseph Orefice
Singapore
'88 BE (bachelor's in marketing)

Employment: Managing director, institutional sales for Macquarie Bank, Singapore

"I am married to Shirley and we have three wonderful kids — UK alumni in waiting — Max (6), Jake (4) and Mia (3)."

Photo: "This is from my seat in the Macquarie Bank trading room. It overlooks the new Marina Bay Sands integrated resort in Singapore."



Pravidhya (Paul) Abhigantaphand
Samutprakarn, Thailand
'67 EN (bachelor's in civil engineering)

Employment: Director at SEA Consult Engineering Co. LTD He is also a Kentucky Colonel.

"I enjoyed my life with the time I spent with my classmates following the Wildcats basketball games since school days and after graduation. I have tried to visit the Midnight Madness every other year."

Oleg Dzioubinski
Geneva, Switzerland
'94 Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce (master's in international relations, international environmental economics)

Employment: Energy Efficiency 21 programme manager, economic affairs officer, Sustainable Energy Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva, Switzerland (Daughter Iryna Dzyubynska '10 CIS is pursuing a master's at the University of Geneva.)

Photo: "This is a view from my office at the Palais des Nations (location of UN offices) in Geneva...the trees on the grounds of the Palais, the World Meteorological Organization building, Lake Geneva, Geneva on the left bank of the lake, and the Alps. Mont Blanc is not visible, as it is behind the clouds."

Editor's Note: Oleg Dzyubynska has a colleague, Viktor Badaker, working next door in the same division who was a Fulbright Scholar from Kazakhstan in the UK Mining Engineering Department (also did post-doc work and was assistant research professor).



Viktor Badaker

Employment: Economic affairs officer, UN Economic Commission for Europe

"It was a nice surprise ...to find out that my colleague Oleg Dzioubinski graduated from UK. He was the only one of my colleagues who understood my sleepless nights (time difference!) during March Madness."



Thavatchai Teriyaphirom
Chiangmai, Thailand
'81 DES (bachelor's in architecture)

Employment: Executive vice president, Chonghua Xinsheng School, Chiangmai, Thailand

"This school ranges from kindergarten to grade 12. It was established almost 100 years ago on the principal of preserving and promoting Chinese traditional culture in Chiangmai Province...

Photo: "The Chinese Lion Dance is a very old Chinese tradition. The jester plays a funny and provocative role, and the lion team of two male students is more majestic and acrobatic."

Akiko Suganuma
Nagoya, Japan
'07 AS (bachelor's in mathematics)

Employment: Retired

"I am 68 years old. After retirement, I graduated from UK. I am enjoying swimming and playing golf."

Photo: Street view near his home in Nagoya, Japan



Gerd U. Graenzdoerffer
Düsseldorf, Germany
'86 EN (master's in metallurgical engineering and materials science)

Employment: Quality manager with ThyssenKrupp Stahl-Service-Center

"I also graduated from Technische Universität Clausthal-Zellerfeld in 1995. Also, my daughter (10 years old) is a very good dressage rider and won the Rheinische Championship (out of 300 starters) in July as the youngest rider with the youngest horse..."

Karen Kopanski Fenz
Budapest, Hungary
'77 AS (bachelor's in mathematics with teaching certification)

Employment: Middle and high school mathematics teacher, International Christian School of Budapest

"I've lived in Europe for over 25 years, the first 10 in Germany." (Three sons with UK ties: John, '10 EN, and David and Michael are still enrolled.)

Photo: "We live right next to the Communist Statue Park, the resting place for the memorials they erected to themselves during their years in power."



Julie Fugitt Schuilwerve
Ras Tanura, Saudi Arabia
'81 '82 SW (bachelor's and master's in social work)

Employment: English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher with Saudi Aramco Schools

She also earned a master's from Converse College in 1989, a master's from UNC- Wilmington in 1995 and a doctorate from Walden University in 2012.

Spouse: Marc Schuilwerve
'85 EN (bachelor's degree in chemical engineering)

Employment: Project engineer with Saudi Aramco

"Saudi Aramco is the government owned oil company... Ras Tanura (RT) is a company town, with about 1,800 inhabitants on 'camp.' We are located on the Arabian Gulf, and we have access to several miles of beach."

Photo: "Julie is the main user of the golf cart. She uses it to get to work most days and just to get around our little town."



Anne Wollmann-Storey
Vienna, Austria
'88 AS (bachelor's, topical major)
(after a 20-year interruption during which she moved to Brazil and then Austria)

Employment: Teaching English and serving on the Board of Teachers of English (TEA) in Austria; retired from the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as a legislative officer (She coordinates a TEA program for native speaker English teaching assistants in secondary schools in Austria.)

Photo: "The feature these days is fog. But it lifted enough for me to take this photo from my office window, showing the 'Old Danube,' now used for recreation in summer."



Jeongseok Kim
Sungnam, Korea
'88 '93 EN (master's and doctoral degrees in materials science & engineering)

Employment: Runs Global Materials Co., a small company that produces chemical-related goods for the aviation industry and does some international trading

"Lexington is like my second hometown. I really miss the UK campus, especially the Student Center, Anderson Hall and King Library."

Photo: View from 7th floor apartment

"They are middle school students, I think, and playing soccer. My son goes to the middle school. He does not like it much since my wife is sometime watching him playing in the yard from the window."





CIRCLE of BLUE

Photo: Lee Thomas

Rachelle Aker, right, is grateful her son Ross Aker received excellent care at Kentucky Children's Hospital seven years ago.

Circle of Blue helps support mission of Kentucky Children's Hospital

KCH partners with Tiffany & Co. and members of the community

When Rachelle Musgrave Aker '86 AS, '96 ED learned about UK HealthCare Kentucky Children's Hospital (KCH) Circle of Blue partnership with Tiffany & Co. forming in early 2011, she knew this was the ideal way for her to help the hospital.

Seven years ago, her then 11-year-old son, Ross, became ill after contracting a run-of-the-mill virus. But instead of getting better after several days, he became increasingly sick. His pediatrician, Dr. Rob Revelette '94 MED noted he had an unusually dark tan for November. "Have you been to Florida recently?" he asked Rachelle Aker. It wasn't small talk. Revelette had seen a patient many years earlier that presented with similar signs and symptoms when he received his training at the UK College of Medicine. His suspicion was Addison's disease, a rare chronic endocrine disorder that is potentially life-threatening and requires immediate emergency treatment.

"After speaking with a physician at the children's hospital, Dr. Revelette told us it was absolutely critical for Ross to get there without delay," says Rachelle Aker. "As we were travelling to the hospital, we could see Ross was becoming sicker by the minute. He was shivering and moaning. We felt utterly helpless."

The many caregivers at KCH were prepared to help Ross immediately. "It was all-hands-on-deck from the moment we arrived," she says. "Ross was expertly assessed and treated for Addison's, and all his vital signs began to improve rapidly."

Rachelle Aker is a Big Blue fan. "The most grateful I have been, though, for all that is blue is when Kentucky Children's Hospital was there for my son, Ross," she says.

She met her husband, Charlie Aker, when they were both RAs in the dorms at the University of Kentucky. Now she works for the UK College of Medicine. And she has also been a cancer patient at the UK HealthCare Markey Cancer Center. "As much gratitude as I have for Markey, I think all parents would agree when I say I would rather be sick myself than see my child struggle with a serious illness. Kentucky Children's Hospital understands that children are our priority. They were there for Ross, and they were there for our family, too," she says.

Thanks to receiving critical care at KCH seven years ago, today Ross Aker is a healthy young man following his dreams as a college freshman. And Rachelle Aker and her husband have become advocates and supporters of KCH through Circle of Blue and the KCH Executive Development Council.

KCH partnership with Tiffany & Co.

"The Circle of Blue is a joint venture between the Kentucky Children's Hospital and Tiffany & Co. — two big 'blues' coming together to uphold something dear, our children!" says Rachelle Aker. "This is a society of mothers, aunts, grandmothers, and friends of children — and they are leading a significant effort to support our children's hospital through an annual gift."

Rachelle Aker is one of the Founding Mothers of Circle of Blue. Founding Mothers work to grow the society and build its membership. All members' gifts support the improvement, enhancement, and expansion of care to the children of Kentucky and beyond. Circle of Blue members meet each year with physician leaders to determine and direct their collective investment to KCH's priorities in the realms of improved methods of care, programs for patients and families, continuing medical education for physicians and staff, and the improvement and expansion of KCH spaces.

To demonstrate its dedication to care for the children of the Commonwealth and to celebrate its new facility in Lexington, each year Tiffany & Co. will release a new charm which reflects the care provided at KCH. The inaugural charm is sterling silver and engraved with two tiny footprints within the Cat paw print. The charm and bracelet are available exclusively to members of this KCH giving society.

"While I hope that none of my friends or those they love would ever need the services provided by the Kentucky Children's Hospital, the reality is that having the highest level of hospital care as close to home as possible is desirable for all of us," says Rachelle Aker. "It's what we would all want for our loved ones, should they need it. So when the opportunity arises to ensure that this will be possible, I'm in."

Kentucky Children's Hospital

Charlie Aker joined the KCH Executive Development Council, which leads the community in support and advocacy of the hospital and its clinics. He has met many patients and grateful parents, and worked side-by-side with other parents whose children have been patients at KCH. He also worked with leaders in the community.

Last fall he joined head football coach Joker Phillips and former head football coach Rich Brooks on a committee hosting a fundraising event for the hospital. The event benefitted the new congenital heart clinic at KCH. Funds from the event also helped Child Advocacy Today, which is a medical-legal partnership for KCH patients and the Thomas H. Pinkstaff Medical Home Clinic, which provides primary care for children with special health care needs.

KCH annually admits more than 6,300 patients and cares for more than 80,000 children through clinics. It is a major provider of pediatric care in Kentucky and referral center for children with life-threatening illnesses or injuries. The hospital's physicians travel to outreach clinics throughout the area to provide health care and education in cardiology, diabetes, asthma and neurology.

For more information about how to join the Circle of Blue, please call Angela Clemens at 859-323-8443 or email her at angela.clemens2@uky.edu ■

Content provided by UK HealthCare Kentucky Children's Hospital.



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Congratulations to the 2012 Great Teacher Award recipients!

Remember a particularly inspiring professor from back in your college days? Meet the six individuals that today's University of Kentucky students say are extraordinarily talented in their fields, playing an important role in influencing their college experience. These accomplished faculty members were honored recently with the UK Alumni Association 2012 Great Teacher Award.

Since 1961 when the program was started, 259 faculty members have been honored. Nominated by UK students, the award recipients are selected by the UK Alumni Association Great Teacher Award Committee in cooperation with the student organization Omicron Delta Kappa.



Eric Howard Christianson, Ph.D.
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Assistant Professor

Dr. Jim Haubenreich
College of Dentistry
Associate Professor of Restorative Dentistry
(Not pictured)

See video of the Great Teachers discussing the importance of teaching. Video is courtesy of UK Public Relations & Marketing.

Photo: Tim Webb

Music and Basketball:

Former Wildcat great Walter McCarty is at home on the court and the stage

By Kelli Elam



Walter McCarty earned a degree in communications from UK in 1996. The 10-year NBA veteran is now focusing on a career in music.

Photo: Gary Davis

Basketball and music have always been a part of Walter McCarty's life. So it's only natural that now that his basketball career is over, he is embarking on a second career — in music.

McCarty '96 CIS had a standout career at the University of Kentucky, helping to lead the Wildcats to the 1996 NCAA National Championship, the seventh in the program's history. Selected in the first round of the 1996 NBA Draft (19th pick overall), McCarty spent 10 years playing in the league. His hard work during those years has enabled him to pursue his "other love" now.

"Music has always been a passion for me," McCarty said. "Ever since I was in the fourth or fifth grade, it's been a part of my life. It's always something that I wanted to do. Playing in the NBA was a dream come true for me. I'm very fortunate that my basketball career now allows me to wake up every day and do something I love."

McCarty is well-known as a basketball player. Now, he is hoping to gain that same notoriety as an R&B singer/songwriter. He released his first CD entitled "Moment of Love" in 2003. His self-produced second studio release entitled, "Emotionally," has earned critical acclaim and shows what he calls his growth as an artist and person. "With my first album, in some ways I just wanted to do it, I just wanted to have an album. There is a big difference between that project and 'Emotionally.' I wrote most all of the songs on it and I think it showcases what I have learned as an artist. I'm already working on a third album, and it will be different. And I think it will be even better. Just like in basketball the more you practice, the better you get, the more you write and produce, the better you get."

The Evansville, Ind., native is comfortable performing under pressure. Whether it's the Final Four, the NBA or on stage, McCarty has proven he can handle it.

"There are a lot of similarities between playing basketball and performing," he says. "The biggest difference is that you are part of a team playing basketball. If you are having a bad game, one of your teammates can cover that. When you are on stage and you have a bad performance, there is no one there to cover for you. You are more on your own."

While earning Parade All-American honors at Evansville Harrison High School, McCarty also found time to sing in the church choir and high school concert groups. His two passions rarely conflicted, and he always found time for music at UK.

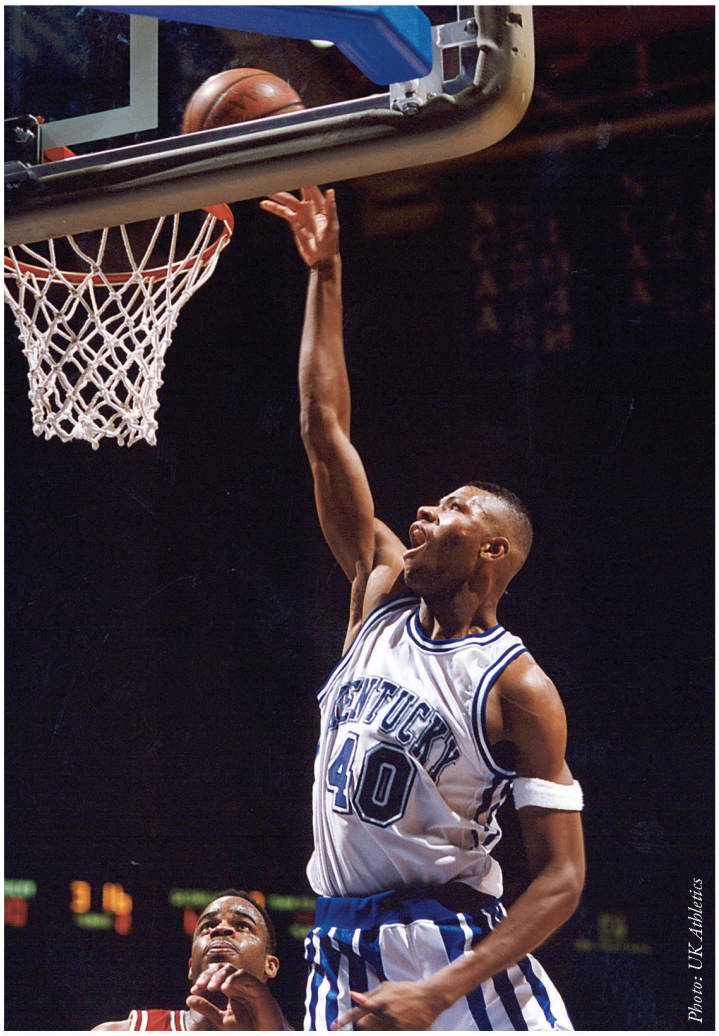


Photo: UK Athletics

Walter McCarty was a member of UK's 1996 NCAA National Championship team.

"I remember sneaking into the Fine Arts building and trying to teach myself to play the piano," he recalls. "Music has just always been a part of me. I can't imagine it not being a part of my life."

McCarty had many memorable moments on the basketball court while at UK, but some of his fondest memories are of times spent with teammates off the court who became lifelong friends, such as Tony Delk and Jared Prickett.

"We knew each other prior to coming to Kentucky. We were all very close, really a tight-knit group. We did so many things together outside of basketball, like going to the movies, bowling or just hanging out. I really believe that was why we were so successful on the court because we were so close. We really trusted and believed in each other."

McCarty was drafted by the New York Knicks, where he played one season before being traded to the Boston Celtics. He spent seven seasons with the Celtics and also played for the Phoenix Suns and the Los Angeles Clippers. After retiring from the NBA in 2006, he was an assistant coach for the Louisville Cardinals under his former college coach Rick Pitino for three seasons, and was on staff as an assistant with the Indiana Pacers for one season.

He hasn't ruled out a return to coaching someday, but for now, McCarty is focusing on spending time with his family and making music. He adds that he enjoys coming back to campus and attending games whenever he can. "Being a part of this program was a wonderful experience and continues to be for me. I really enjoy coming back and seeing familiar faces and also getting to know new ones." ■



Photo: UK Athletics

Get that outta here!

Anthony Davis set a new mark for UK's single-season block record during the Cats' 86-63 win over Arkansas on Jan. 18 in Rupp Arena. Davis, a 6-foot-10, 222 pound freshman from Chicago, Ill., had seven blocks against the Razorbacks to break the record of 83 held by Andre Riddick in 1993-94 and Melvin Turpin in 1982-83.

Dermontti Dawson elected to Pro Football Hall of Fame

Dermontti Dawson '88 '95 ED, former UK offensive lineman and Pittsburgh Steeler, has been elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He is the second Wildcat who will be enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, joining quarterback/kicker George Blanda.

A native of Lexington, Dawson played 13 seasons with the Steelers (1988-2000). He was named first-team All-Pro for six straight years, 1993-98, and played in seven consecutive Pro Bowls (1993-99). He was named the Co-AFC Offensive Lineman of the Year by the NFL Players Association in 1993 and the NFL Alumni Offensive Lineman of the Year for the '96 season. He anchored the offensive line that led the Steelers to five AFC Central Division championships and the AFC title in the 1995 season. He played in Super Bowl XXX in January 1996.

Dawson played center and guard at Kentucky from 1984-87 under Coach Jerry Claiborne. He was a member of the 1984 Wildcat team that posed a 9-3 record that included a victory over Wisconsin in the Hall of Fame Bowl. He was named All-Southeastern Conference as a senior.

Dawson is a member of the UK Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni and the UK College of Education Hall of Fame. He has served on the UK Board of Trustees and the UK Athletics Board. ■

UK Cheerleading wins 19th UCA National Championship

University of Kentucky Cheerleading won its record 19th Universal Cheerleading Association Championship. The title is Kentucky's fourth in five years and seventh win in nine years.

UK finished ahead of second-place Alabama, the squad that ended a run of three consecutive titles by UK in 2011.

The squad is coached by Jomo Thompson.

The Kentucky dance team also participated in the final round of national competition, finishing in sixth-place in the Pom category and eighth in Hip Hop.

The dance team is coached by Dawn Duncan. ■

Former Wildcat great Valerie Still receives Trailblazer Award

Valerie Still, UK's scoring leader for both men's and women's basketball, was honored with the 2012 Susan B. Feamster Trailblazer Award during halftime of the UK Hoops 82-68 win over Alabama at Memorial Coliseum on Jan. 29. The presentation of the award was part of Alumni Day, which brought over 40 basketball alumni back to campus.

Still '00 AG was a member of the 1981-82 team that posted a 24-8 record, won UK's first Southeastern Conference Championship and earned the first appearance in the NCAA Tournament. Still was named the SEC Tournament Most Valuable Player and finished the season ranked fifth nationally in rebounding (14.3), sixth in scoring (24.8) and 13th in field goal percentage (58.2).

Still recently published "Still Alive on the Underground Railroad," the first in a series of books aimed at fourth-to-eighth grade students, depicting her family's history. ■



Photo: UK Athletics

The 'Streak' is over!

Senior wide receiver Matt Roark filled in at quarterback to help lead the Kentucky Wildcats to a 10-7 win over the Tennessee Volunteers in Commonwealth Stadium on Nov. 26, 2011. With injuries to quarterbacks Maxwell Smith and Morgan Newton, Coach Joker Phillips turned to Roark and he delivered. The win snapped a 26-game losing streak to Tennessee. Later that evening, Roark made the "Y" for the "K-E-N-T-U-C-K-Y" cheer during a men's basketball game at Rupp Arena.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY ALUMNI WEEKEND 2012

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RETURN TO CAMPUS FOR ALUMNI WEEKEND WHEN ALUMNI AND FRIENDS FROM ALL AREAS OF THE UNIVERSITY COME TOGETHER FOR FOUR DAYS OF LEXINGTON-STYLE FUN!

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

PURE BLUE NETWORKING

7 – 9 p.m., Barrel House Distillery - $8 per person, $5 for UK Alumni Association members

Check out UK alum-owned Barrel House Distillery, new to downtown Lexington! Taste its wares, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and network with fellow UK alumni.

UK THEATRE PRESENTS 'THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE'

7:30 p.m. , Fine Arts Building Guignol Theatre - $15 adults, $10 students/alumni

Purchase tickets in person at the Singletary Center Box Office or online at www.uky.edu/scfa



FRIDAY, APRIL 20

UK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Helen G. King Alumni House - $8 per person, $5 for UK Alumni Association members

Join fellow alumni and friends for a light luncheon at the King Alumni House.

WILDCAT ALUMNI PLAZA & SCULPTURE UNVEILING

3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Wildcat Alumni Plaza, Free

(Event is contingent on completion of plaza and weather.)

Join the campus community and fellow alumni as we unveil the new Wildcat sculpture. There will be an unveiling and dedication ceremony to introduce this new UK tradition. You won't want to miss this opportunity to see the beautiful bronze Wildcat and find your paver in Wildcat Alumni Plaza! Join us for a light reception following the unveiling at the Helen G. King Alumni House.

UK BASEBALL TAILGATE

5:30 p.m., Field between Ingles Hall & Parking Structure No.7 - $10 per person; $8 for UK Alumni Association members

Join fellow alumni at this casual, action-packed tailgate with food, fun and fabulous prizes. At game time, take a short walk to Cliff Hagan Stadium to cheer on the UK Baseball team as they take on the LSU Tigers. Cost includes the tailgate, as well as admission to the game.

UK BLOCK PARTY

6 – 10 p.m., S. Limestone between Avenue of Champions & Maxwell St. – Free

Gather on S. Limestone for a block party with alumni, students, and friends. There will be live music, inflatables, and food on site.

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SCHOOL OF MUSIC BENEFIT CONCERT

7:30 p.m., Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall - $10 students, $24 general public

UK Choirs and the UK Symphony Orchestra present grand choruses from Aida, Meistersinger, Lohengrin and more. Call 859-257-4929 for tickets.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

UK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

9 a.m. – Noon, Helen G. King Alumni House

Committee meetings begin at 9 a.m. with the board meeting starting at 10:30 a.m. Attendance is for board members only.



BACK TO CLASS

10 a.m. -11 a.m., W.T. Young Library Auditorium - Free

Learn something new about the advertising world from UK Marketing Professor Scott Kelley. In his lecture, The Role of Sports Marketing in Reaching Today's Consumer, Professor Kelley, Gatton College of Business & Economics, discusses sports marketing impact on the marketing practices of business and sports organizations.

11 a.m. -Noon, W. T. Young Library Auditorium - Free

Go back to class, reminisce of your days as a UK student or learn something new about health care law from UK Law Professor Nicole Huberfeld. In her lecture, Health Care Before the Supreme Court: A Vehicle for Change?, Huberfeld discusses the goals of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. She will give details about the specific aspects of the law that are being challenged and the potential outcomes of the Supreme Court's upcoming decision.

AN AFTERNOON WITH THE ACOUSTIKATS

2 – 4 p.m., Helen G. King Alumni House - $5 per person; $3 for UK Alumni Association members

Enjoy a dessert reception at the King Alumni House with fellow alumni while enjoying a performance by the acoUstiKats, the all male a cappella ensemble.

LSU VS. UK BASEBALL

2 p.m., Cliff Hagan Stadium



BLUE/WHITE GAME TAILGATE

4 – 6 p.m., Commonwealth Stadium, Free

Join us at Commonwealth Stadium and enjoy free drinks, cotton candy and popcorn. We will also have music and games for all alumni and families. Then head into Commonwealth Stadium to watch the Blue/White Game.

UK THEATRE PRESENTS 'THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE'

7:30 p.m. , Fine Arts Building Guignol Theatre - $15 adults, $10 students/alumni

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UK DANCE ENSEMBLE SPRING CONCERT

8 p.m., Singletary Center for the Arts Recital Hall - $8 students/children, $10 alumni/seniors/UK employees

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

LSU VS. UK BASEBALL

1 p.m.., Cliff Hagan Stadium

UK THEATRE PRESENTS 'THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE'

2 p.m., Fine Arts Building Guignol Theatre - $15 adults, $10 students/alumni

Purchase tickets in person at the Singletary Center Box Office or online at www.uky.edu/scfa

UK DANCE ENSEMBLE SPRING CONCERT

2 p.m., Singletary Center for the Arts Recital Hall - $8 students/children, $10 alumni/seniors/UK employees

UK WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT

3 p.m., Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall – $7 adults, $5 children/students/seniors

UK JAZZ COMBOS

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

ALL WEEKEND

KEENELAND RACING

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

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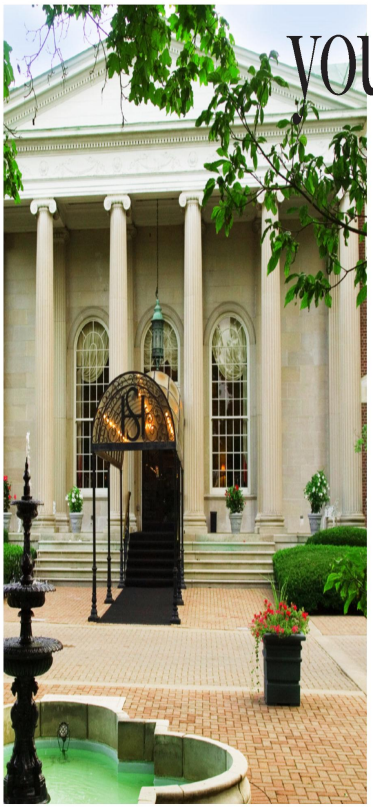
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Wildcat Alumni Plaza: It's a matter of pride!

Donald H. Stewart II '93 BE of Calexico, Calif., was the very first alum to purchase a Wildcat Alumni Plaza paver. When asked why he reacted so quickly to the opportunity he said, "I bought the paver in memory of my father, Donald Stewart Jr. He was a huge supporter of UK! When I saw the email come through, I knew it was something I wanted to do for him."

The University of Kentucky Alumni Association is pleased to establish a new UK tradition that will not only offer an opportunity for loyal alumni to leave their legacy on campus but will also become a sentimental part of the UK experience for future generations of Wildcats.

Wildcat Alumni Plaza is located off Avenue of Champions directly across the street from iconic Memorial Coliseum. The focal point of the plaza will be a beautifully detailed bronze Wildcat sculpture that represents the dignity, strength, vigilance, and pride of the University of Kentucky family. Construction of the plaza began in late November 2011, and it is on track to be completed in April 2012.



As construction moves ahead on the Wildcat Alumni Plaza, Wildcats around the world can watch the daily activity of the site via an EarthCam camera perched across the street on Memorial Coliseum, thanks to the generosity of Brian Cury '81 FA for donating the equipment. When the sculpture plaza is finished, the original camera will be switched out for another camera to allow viewers to see frequent refreshed views of the site and its daily visitors.

The Wildcat sculpture will be a welcoming ambassador to students, alumni and visitors on the north end of campus. This high traffic area between the UK Student Center and the Singletary Center is a perfect location for alumni to display their Big Blue pride through the purchase of a brick paver. An engraved Wildcat Alumni Plaza paver makes a great gift for a graduating senior, a unique way to commemorate a birthday or anniversary, or in memoriam of a loved one who has passed away. No matter the occasion or reason, the purchase of a paver will support the future of the University of Kentucky and enable alumni and friends to be engraved in UK's rich history.



"What an exciting project for the UK Alumni Association to be involved with! The response thus far is heartwarming and the enthusiasm and support of this new UK tradition among alumni nationwide is palpable," says Cammie Grant '79 ED, president of the UK Alumni Association. "This gift to the university and support for the project from its alumni family exemplifies how UK alumni and their association are active and relevant partners in achieving the goals and missions of both the UK Alumni Association and the University of Kentucky."

UK Alumni will want to be a part of Wildcat Alumni Plaza because it is a symbol of their passion and loyalty to their alma mater. To put it simply, it's a matter of pride — Wildcat Pride!

Visit www.ukalumni.net/wildcatalumniplaza to purchase your paver online with a credit card or call the UK Alumni Association at 859-257-8905. If you prefer, visit www.ukalumni.net/WAPform to download the form and fax to 859-323-1063, or mail to the UK Alumni Association.

All net proceeds from paver purchases will go to the UK Alumni Association Scholarship Endowment Fund to help generate scholarship awards for deserving UK students. Your gift is 100 percent tax deductible (excluding membership dues).

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Alumni Clubs

1) The **Greater Birmingham UK Alumni Club** Scholarship Fund received a $2,500 contribution from Ivan Harris (far right) when he was selected as a recipient of one of the Former Agents of the FBI Foundation 2011 J. Edgar Hoover Memorial Scholarships. Through that honor, Harris was able to designate the university of his choice to receive this scholarship. He chose the University of Kentucky because his uncle, William Munro '51 CIS, helped him choose the FBI as his career path. Harris and his wife are both from Kentucky and his daughter is Ashlee D. Harris '00 CIS. Also attending the FBI event in Woodbridge, Ill., were, left to right, Bob Walsh, president of the Chicago FBI Retired Agents Association; Harris' sister, Sylvia Betts, past president of the Greater Birmingham UK Alumni Club; and Diane Massie, immediate past president of the UK Alumni Association, who accepted the donation.

2) The **McCracken County UK Alumni Club** presented a check to the Salvation Army for money the club raised from the Cats Run for Kettles 10K that the club held in October. Pictured, left to right, are Glen Pearson, club president; Capt. Nicholas Garrison, Salvation Army representative; Heath Bowling, club immediate past president; and Jim Holloway and Hal Gilbert, club board members.

3) The **Houston UK Alumni Club** hosted a UK Family Day featuring kids' activities and a chili cook-off. About 30 alums and family members were in attendance at Cullen Park for a beautiful day.

4) The **Greater Knoxville UK Alumni Club** had a great turnout at the Smoky Mountain Brewery for its annual Christmas Party during the UNC vs. UK basketball game.

5) Members of the **Pittsburgh UK Alumni Club** had a rousing good time during their UNC vs. UK Game Watch Party.

6) Joshua Wilkerson, left, and Morgan and Josh Dezarn enjoyed getting together for a tour of Alltech's Lexington Brewing Company during oUKtoberFest held by the **UK Fayette County Young Alumni Club**.

7) The **Charleston SC UK Alumni Club** had a great turnout for its Louisville vs. UK Game Watch Party.

8) Members of the **Upstate SC UK Alumni Club** enjoyed getting together to cheer on the Cats during its Louisville vs. UK Game Watch Party.

9) Members of the **Tampa Bay UK Alumni Club** had a chance to get with some members of the UK Women's Golf Team for golf when the team members visited the Tampa, Fla., area. The group enjoyed "Long Drive," "Closest to Pin" & "Longest Putt" awards, and afterward there was a meet and greet with the team.

10) Members of the **Triangle Area UK Alumni Club** enjoyed a game watch party for the UNC vs. UK matchup in December.




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Alumni Club Leadership Training

Thursday, June 14 – 16, 2012

UK Alumni Association club leaders are invited to take part in the 2012 Alumni Club Leadership Training Conference. During the weekend, club leaders will enjoy learning, fellowship and fun with fellow alumni leaders from around the country. This year's conference will be held in conjunction with the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors Summer Workshop. We will honor our 2012 Distinguished Service Award Recipients and 2011-12 Club Award Winners at a special recognition dinner held on Friday, June 15. Registration information will be released later this spring. For questions, please contact Jill Smith at jhsmith@uky.edu or 859-257-8906.

Save the Date!

Homecoming 2012 and the Golden Wildcat Reunion

- Mark your calendar for Homecoming 2012, Oct. 15-21. The Wildcats will take on the Georgia Bulldogs on Saturday, Oct. 20, in the Homecoming football game.
- All Golden Wildcats (Class of 1962 and prior) are invited to come back to campus and reminisce with former classmates Oct. 18-21.

Details on all events will be released at a later date. We hope you'll make plans to join us in Lexington for this special week!

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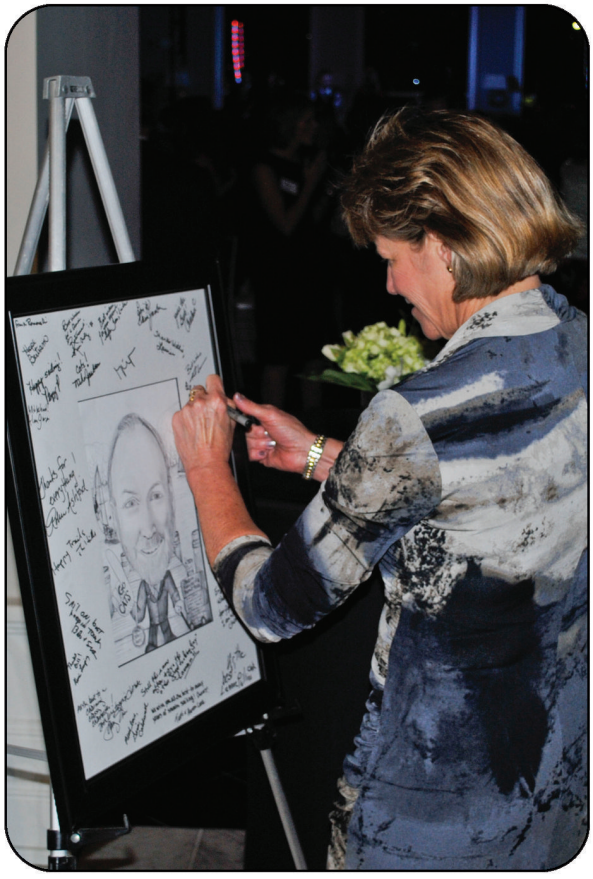
Members of the **UK College of Law** Lafferty Society gathered at the Castle Post in Versailles, Ky., for a reception and bourbon tasting. Pictured from left to right are Jerry L. Wright, Melissa M. Murphy '01, Rebecca M. Overstreet '77, and Danny Murphy '98, assistant dean for administration & community engagement.



Broderick Grimes, **College of Engineering** freshman from Atlanta, Ga., hosted his family at the college's Engineering Family Weekend Pancake Breakfast.



The **College of Public Health** inducted five new members into the Hall of Fame during its 8th Annual Public Health Hall of Fame recognition, held at the Hyatt Regency, Lexington. In addition to Dr. Lillian South (posthumous), the inductees were, left to right, Dr. James Cecil '70 DE, Dr. David Lawrence '66 MED, Eula Spears '65 NUR, '79 ED and Dr. James Holsinger '97 AS.



Sheryl Szeinbach '83 PHA signs a caricature for **College of Pharmacy** faculty member William Lubawy, who retired from the university after nearly 40 years of service, including as associate dean for academic affairs. Lubawy was a recipient of the 1981 UK Alumni Association Great Teacher Award.

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Before 1960

Donald Oberleas '59 AG was recently designated Outstanding Alumnus of 2011 by his high school class of 1951 in Sheridan, Ind. He also received an award from Trace Elements in Man and Animals (TEMA) for participating in all 14 International Symposia of TEMA and his contribution to trace element research. He received the TEMA Award in Enshi, Hubei Province, China. Oberleas lives in Lubbock, Texas.

1960s

Mary Alice Lay '61 AG, '64 ED has been an associate professor of education at Union College in Barbourville since 1985, but joined the college in 1961 as instructor of home economics. From 1978-1983, she served Union College as director of alumni affairs.

Roy N. Roberts '63 AG is the owner and operator of Nunnally Farms, a Hereford cattle operation in Monroe, Ga. He also is a former county commissioner for Walton County and a founder of Leadership Georgia. Roberts recently was appointed to the Stone Mountain Memorial Association Board of Directors, which is responsible for Georgia's Stone Mountain Park.

Jerry Raybeck '66 CIS is a staff dentist with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Las Vegas, Nev. He has served in the U.S. Air Force for 30 years and is a retired colonel. He has been adjunct professor of clinical sciences at the School of Dental Medicine at the University of Nevada – Las Vegas. Raybeck recently received the Lifelong Learning & Service Recognition Award from the Academy of General Dentistry.

P.G. Peeples '68 ED is the chairman of the Kentucky Community & Technical College System Board of Regents. He also has served for 42 years as an advocate for the disadvantaged while at the Lexington Urban League, including as president and CEO of the organization.

Donald C. Slack '68 '75 EN is professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering, watershed management and eco-hydrology at the University of Arizona in Tucson. He has promoted agricultural engineering education for more than 40 years while a faculty member at the University of Kentucky, University of Minnesota and University of Arizona. He has been named winner of the 2011 Kishida International Award for his contributions toward food and fiber production, improved living and education outside the United States.

Thomas R. Thomas Sr. '68 AS, '72 LAW has been a private practice attorney for more than 35 years serving clients in Indiana and Kentucky. Thomas has been president of the Clark County Bar Association for 12 years.

Paul F. Isaacs '69 LAW is circuit judge for Bourbon, Scott and Woodford counties. He was elected president of the Kentucky Circuit Judges Association for a two-year term. His previous positions include serving as director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, commissioner of the Kentucky State Police and secretary of the Kentucky Justice Cabinet (now the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet).

Rod Wolford '69 BE has been appointed to the board of directors of Laboratory Supply Company, a privately held supplier of diagnostic instrumentation and clinical laboratory products. He most recently served as chief executive officer of Gordian Health Solutions, a wellness company based in Nashville, Tenn., and president of the personal advocacy business unit of Blue Cross Tennessee.

1970s

J. David Richardson '70 MED is professor and vice chairman of the Department of Surgery at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. He was elected chairman of the American College of Surgeons Board of Regents. Richardson has published 342 articles in peer-reviewed publications, 46 book chapters and two books of surgical literature, and he has served as the editor of The American Surgeon since 2005.

Ken Eades '71 EN holds The Paul Tudor Jones Research Professorship in Business Administration at the University of Virginia Darden School of Business. He specializes in the analysis of financial and commodity markets and introduces undergraduates and graduate students to the field. Eades has been a faculty member there for 23 years.

William T. Robinson III '71 LAW has recently become a member of The Irish Legal 100 of 2011. The list is published each year by the national Irish Voice newspaper, based in New York, N.Y. Robinson is also the president of the American Bar Association and is a member-in-charge of the Northern Kentucky offices of Frost Brown Todd LLC.

Robert W. Heaton '72 LAW is district judge for Nelson County. He has been elected president of the Kentucky District Judges Association for a two-year term. Heaton has previously served as an attorney in private practice and as the city attorney for Bardstown for 19 years.

Woodvall R. Moore '72 CIS recently retired having served for 35 years at Evangel University in Springfield, Mo. He was director of library and media services and was responsible for overseeing the Klaude Kendrick Library, as well as Evangel's Instructional Resource Center and Music Library.

Howard Bracco '73 AS has recently retired as president and CEO of Seven Counties Services in Louisville. During his career he and his organization received many honors, including the Lifetime Achievement Award, Center for Nonprofit Excellence in 2011.

Mack Mathews '73 AS, '78 MED RES is medical director of the Regional Cancer Center – Indian Path Hospital in Kingsport, Tenn. He specializes in multidisciplinary cancer care and targeted therapies, with progress through clinical trials research.



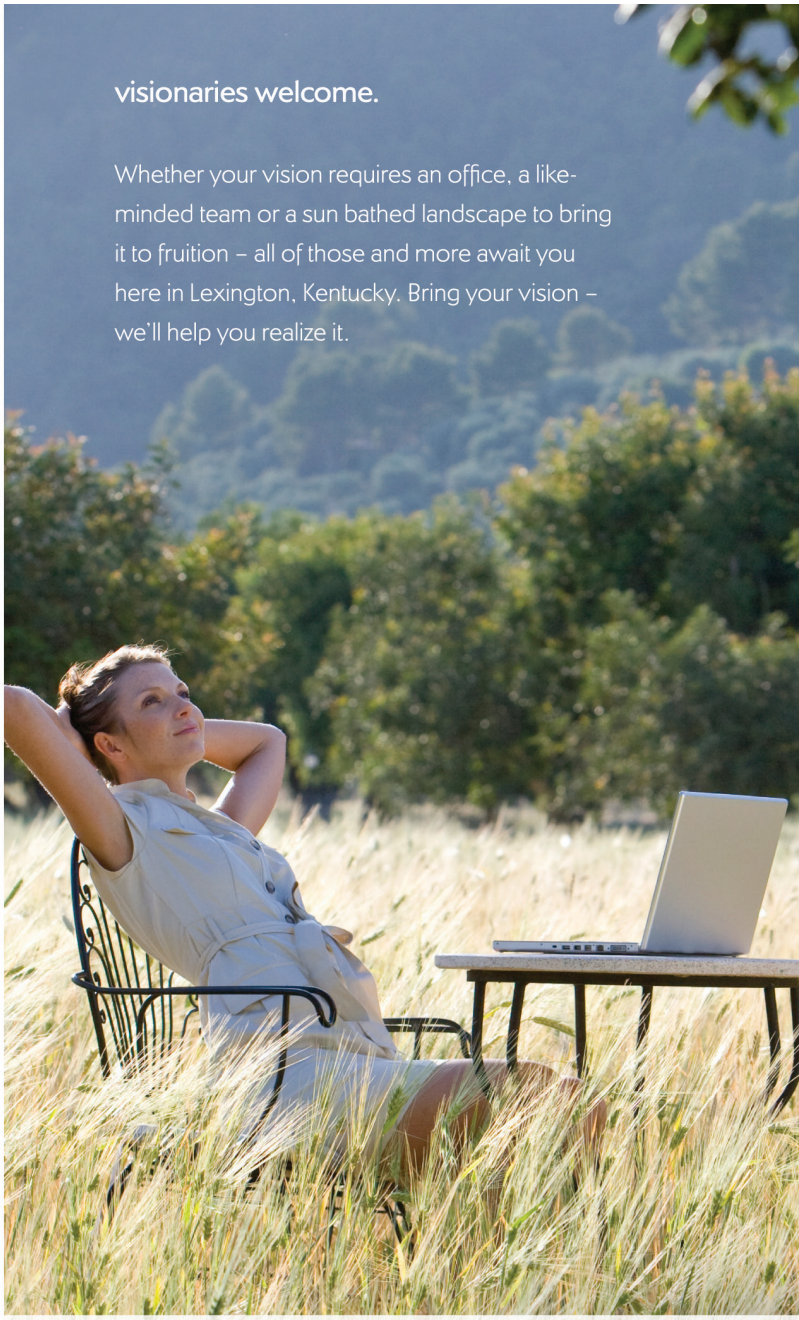
Miller Slaughter '73 BE is director of the Small Business Development Center at Western Kentucky University. He helps direct services to assist new ventures and existing businesses in the 10-county Barren River Area Development District region. He has previously worked as the director of regional development for the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce.

John T. Dever '74 AS is executive vice president for academic and student services at Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale, Va. Previously he was vice president for academic and student affairs at Tidewater Community College, as well as dean of instruction and student services for Blue Ridge Community College.

J. Steven Gardner '75 '91 EN is president and CEO of ECSI LLC, based in Lexington. Gardner has more than 35 years experience in the mining industry. In 2011, he was inducted into the UK College of Engineering Hall of Distinction.

Roger L. Peterman '75 AS, '79 LAW is a partner with Peck Shaffer & Williams LLP in Covington. He is chairman of the Northern Kentucky Port Authority, has served several terms on the Fort Thomas City Council and is a board member for Southbank Partners. He is in the 2012 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

Phil Mayer '76 '81 PHA is president of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists. He recently retired as assistant vice president of clinical pharmacology for Pfizer, and also has worked for Lederle Laboratories. The UK College of Pharmacy honored him by selecting him as the 2011 UK Outstanding Graduate Program Alumni for the Pharmaceutical Sciences. Mayer lives in West Chester, Pa.



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Lori Cheek builds relationships one card at a time

Lori Cheek '96 DES is founder and CEO of Cheek'd Inc., a unique "online dating in reverse" company, based out of New York, N.Y., that helps people find love or friendship in a whole new way.

Cheek'd allows users to purchase a deck of cards with unique codes leading to a personal profile and witty expressions, such as "don't over think this" or "act natural. we can get awkward later." Much like business cards, the idea is to slip a card to strangers that you'd like to meet or reconnect with later. If the receiver is interested, he or she can visit cheekd.com, enter the unique code, view a short personal profile and, if the stars align, set up a date to meet in the offline world.

"This whole idea was really an accident," said Cheek. "One night I was out to dinner with a guy. I had to leave the table to take a phone call. When I got back, I saw him slip his business card with an invitation to dinner to a woman at another table. It was a lightbulb moment."

Cheek'd exploded on to the dating scene in 2010 after the New York Times Fashion & Style section touted it as "...the next generation of online dating." Currently, Cheek'd has shipped cards to 46 states and 22 countries.

If not for this "accident," Cheek'd may have never come to fruition. Before becoming an entrepreneur, Cheek led a successful, satisfying career as an architect in New York City working for the likes of Karkula, Vitra and Christian Dior Couture.



"I tell people that now I am not building structures, I am building relationships," she said.

Despite living in New York City for almost two decades, Cheek has not forgotten her Kentucky roots.

"At heart I feel like I am a true Kentuckian," said the Taylorsville native. "I had a great experience at the UK College of Design. As most architecture students, I feel like I practically lived at Pence Hall. I love the Southern charm tied to Kentucky. Every year I throw a derby party in New York City. I also watch every UK game that I can."

Cheek is regularly invited to speak nationally and internationally at conferences such as the European Online Dating Summit and at Lexington's Global Entrepreneurship Week.

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Joseph H. McKinley '76 BE is chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky. McKinley was appointed to the federal district court bench in 1995 and was elected Daviess County Circuit Court judge in 1992.

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George Rogers '77 '82 ED is an assistant executive director of the International Coach Federation Board of Directors. He primarily serves as a member of the leadership team, providing expertise in the area of credentialing and program accreditation. Previously he was the director of human resources for the Fayette County Public School System in Lexington.

Jane Futrell Winslow '78 AG is a landscape architect with the URS Corporation in Tampa, Fla. She has been recognized by the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) as one of 40 ASLA fellows in the nation for 2011. This recognition is among the highest honors bestowed by the organization.

Carolyn Marie Brown '79 AG, '82 LAW is deputy chairwoman of the Lexington office of Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC.

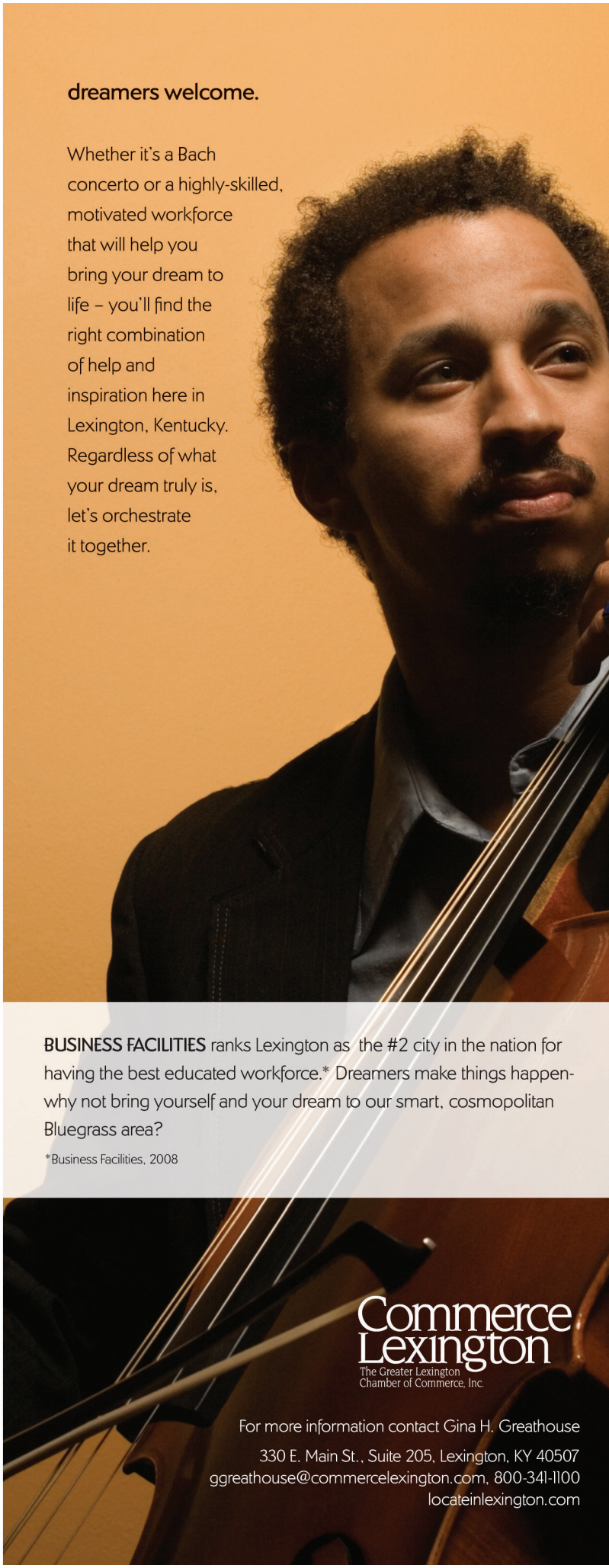


She focuses her practice in the areas of commercial litigation, environmental and agribusiness law. Brown also serves as chairwoman of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Energy & Environmental Council and is a Fellow in the American College of Environmental Lawyers.

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Jim McWilson '79 AG is vice president, North American strategic accounts and government sales, for Zebra Technologies Corp., headquartered in Lincolnshire, Ill. Before joining Zebra, McWilson acted as vice president of sales at The Winvale Group.



1980s

Carla S. Chance '80 ED is the executive vice president of Cincinnati State Technical and Community College. She previously served as vice chancellor for finance and business services at St. Louis Community College, president of the Missouri Community College Association and as vice president for administration at Northern Kentucky University.

Helen Wright Cornell '80 BE is retired as executive vice president and chief financial officer of Gardner Denver Inc., a global manufacturer of compressors, blowers, pumps, loading arms and fuel systems. She has been appointed to a seat on the Hillenbrand Inc. Board of Directors. She lives in Quincy, Ill.

Alphonso Ogbuehi '80 AS, '83 BE is dean of the College of Business at Clayton State University in Morrow, Ga. He has 20 years of experience with business education and building international programs, institutional relationships and external development. He previously was dean for the School of Business for Park University in Parkville, Mo.

Mark Riddle '80 BE, '83 LAW is chairman of the litigation and dispute resolution group at Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC in Louisville. He represents clients in trial courts, on appeals and in mediation and arbitration. Riddle also is experienced with commercial contract claims and environmental litigation.



Kenneth R. Sagan '80 AS, '83 LAW is the incoming chairman at Stites & Harbison PLLC, a law firm with offices in five states, including Kentucky. Sagan is a business lawyer who has spent his entire legal career with Stites & Harbison beginning in 1983. He has held several leadership positions within the firm as a member of the Management Committee, as chairman of the business and finance service group and executive member of the Lexington office.

Claude "Chip" Bowles '81 AS, '84 LAW is a partner in the Louisville office of Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC. Bowles is also director of the American Bankruptcy Institute, a member of the ABI Grant Committee and serves as co-editor of the American Bankruptcy Institute Journal Ethics Column.

Dale Boyd '81 BE is senior vice president of homebuilder finance at State Bank & Trust Company. She has 30 years of experience in the banking industry. Boyd was recently appointed to the board of directors for Home-Aid Atlanta, a nonprofit organization that builds housing for the homeless.

Kimberly Muir Huston '81 CIS is president and COO of the Nelson County Economic Development Agency. She also wrote a book in 2009 called "Small Town Sexy: The Allure of Living in Small Town America." She previously was executive director of the Bardstown-Nelson County Chamber of Commerce.

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Janet Jakubowicz '82 LAW is chairman of the class action defense team at Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC in Louisville. She focuses her practice on business and commercial litigation, with an emphasis in the areas of financial institutions, intellectual property, securities and RICO litigation and arbitration.



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David R. Turner '84 AS is professor of history and chairman of the Department of History and Political Science at David & Elkins College in W.Va. He has taught at the college since 1985.

David D. Allen '85 '93 PHA is dean of the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy in Oxford, Miss. Before this appointment, he was the founding dean of pharmacy and professor of pharmaceutical sciences in the College of Pharmacy at Northeast Ohio Medical University and also professor of physiology and pharmacology in the university's College of Medicine.

Francene L. Botts-Butler '85 LAW is the director of the Office of Equity/Diversity Services at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. She is responsible for monitoring, managing and integrating equal opportunity and diversity in the university climate. Previously she directed multicultural student services at Morehead State University and has also served in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps.

Donna June Ebelhar '85 '90 ED was selected as the Kentucky Science Teachers Associ-

ation 2011 Middle School Science Teacher of the Year. Ebelhar has taught for 10 years at Southern Middle School in the Fayette County Public School System. This is her 26th year in the teaching profession.

Adrienne R. Takacs '85 MED is senior director of drug disposition at Lilly Research Laboratories. She began her post-doctoral career in pharmaceutical research as a senior scientist at Hoffman-LaRoche Inc. She later continued research with Ciba-Geigy and at R.W. Johnson Pharmaceutical Research Institute. Her research focuses on hepatic transport mechanisms of organic anions. Takacs resides in Carmel, Ind.

Allen Breeze '86 EN is senior vice president for Schneider Electric Power Business USA. He has been with the company since 1984, when he joined as a marketing engineer in the commercial product group while finishing his undergraduate degree. He recently was a keynote speaker at the first National Electrical Contractors Association Energy Forum, held in San Diego, Calif.

Lora Humphrey Beebe '89 '00 NUR is associate professor and coordinator of psychiatric mental health graduate programs at University of Tennessee College of Nursing. Beebe recently received the Alumni of the Year award from the UK College of Nursing.

Mark Suttor '89 '91 '93 DE is a periodontist and dental implant surgeon and recently celebrated 20 years in the profession in the Bloomington, Ind., area. He also is the founder of the Hoosiers for Dental Excellence program, the first in Indiana, which is affiliated with the Seattle Study Club.

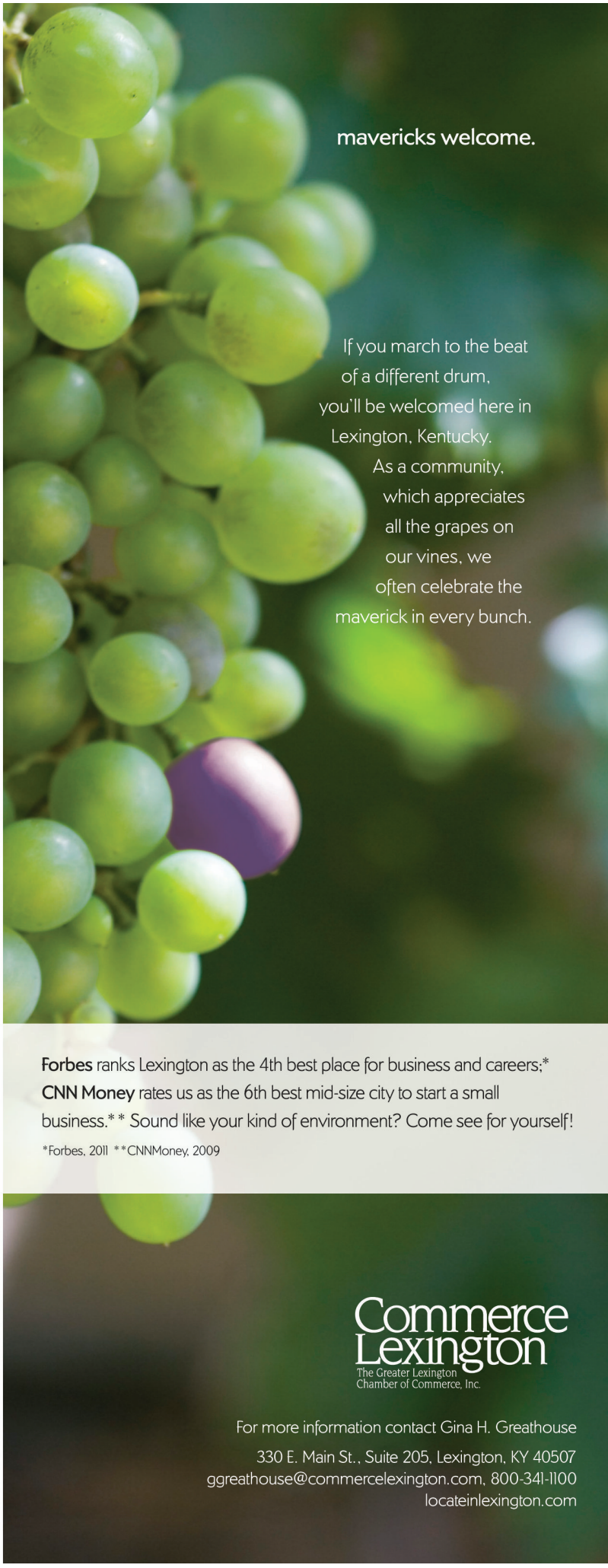
1990s

M. Greg Filbeck '90 BE is professor of finance at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, in Erie, Pa. Filbeck previously worked at Miami University, the University of Toledo and as senior vice president of Schweser, a division of Kaplan Inc.

Lee Tatum '90 GS is vice president, chief of staff at Brown-Forman in Louisville. He focuses primarily on developing and coordinating CEO communications, providing proactive consulting and advice to the CEO on internal and external issues, and facilitates the work of the executive leadership team.

David Yates '90 EN has been awarded the Vanguard Cleaning Systems Inc., Cincinnati Master Franchise rights. Yates co-founded Premier Energy Services, an engineering and construction company in 2002. Before that, he spent 12 years in management positions with Cinergy Corp.

James C. Baughman Jr. '91 BE is chief executive officer and president of Office Suites PLUS, headquartered in Lexington. Baughman is co-founder of the company. He has been executive vice president and chief financial officer for the company. He also currently serves as president-elect of the Global Workspace Association.



Charlie Kern '91 AS is a social studies teacher at York Community High School in Elmhurst, Ill. In addition to teaching, Kern is a running coach and motivational speaker.

Nicole Musgrave Price '91 ED, '94 LAW is commonwealth attorney of Washington County in Abingdon, Va. Prior to this position, she served as chief deputy commonwealth attorney and as a prosecutor for Washington County.

Stacey Spencer '91 CIS is the founder of Teen Tyme Productions, a nonprofit organization based in Tampa, Fla., that mentors youngsters and produces "Just Teens," a cable television show. The show aims to reinforce positive values and showcases high achievers.

Woodford Webb '91 BE is president of The Webb Companies, a commercial real estate management company that manages downtown/suburban offices and retail/industrial properties in Lexington. He serves on several community boards, including his role as chairman of the Hospice of the Bluegrass board officers.



James Boddy '92 ED is a T-6 instructor pilot at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas. He was the 19th Air Force chief of flight safety and T-1 instructor pilot at Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Boddy was in the UK Air Force ROTC program.

Sandra Holbrook Browning '92 DE owns Vicco Dental Center in Vicco, where she also practices dentistry.

Michael D. Day '92 EN is senior vice president of engineering and the West Virginia Central region operations for Patriot Coal. Day previously served as Patriot Coal's senior vice president of engineering and surface operations.

Michael Drescher '92 AS is director of network communications for BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee. He has been the communications director for Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen, as well as the director of public affairs for the Bureau of TennCare. He has also held leadership positions in public relations firms such as McNeely Pigott & Fox and the Ingram Group.



Janet Sharkey Carpenter '92 '96 NUR is the Sally Reahard Chair in the Indiana University School of Nursing Center for Enhancing Quality of Life in Chronic Illness. In 2009 she was inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. In 2010 she was named one of 50 Outstanding Alumni of the UK College of Nursing.

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25 years ago...

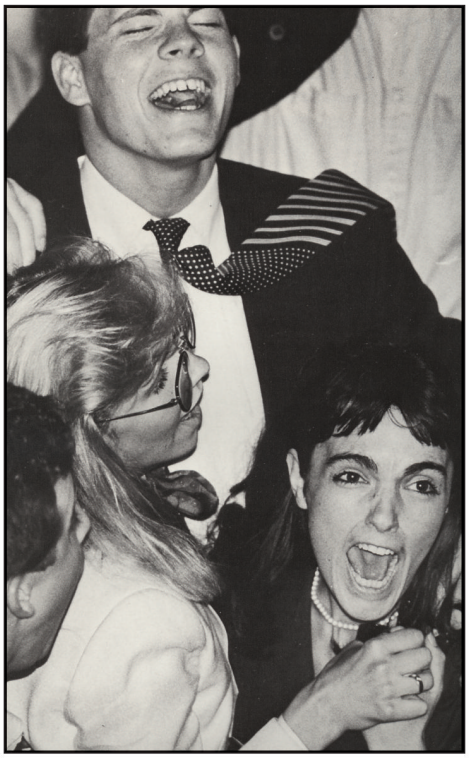


Photo: 1987 Kentuckian

Cyndi Weaver, congratulated by her supporters, won the SGA presidential race by only six votes.



Photo: 1967 Kentuckian

45 years ago...

Members of the Kernel staff mulled over endorsements, ultimately deciding on William Murrell, the SDS candidate for Student Government president.

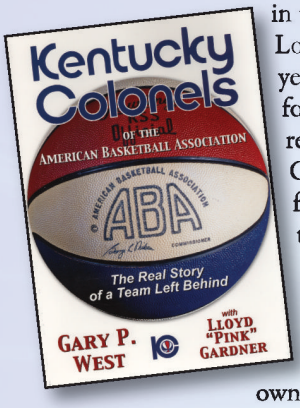


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60 years ago...

Dean of Men A.D. Kirwan met with officers of Student Government during the 1951-52 academic year to discuss a situation on campus.

Creative Juices



Gary P. West '67 CIS is co-author of "Kentucky Colonels of the American Basketball Association," a book that gives an inside look at one of the most intriguing times in the history of professional basketball, when Louisville participated in the ABA for nine years and even won a championship. The information is presented largely through the retelling of the experiences of Lloyd "Pinky" Gardner, co-author of the book, and trainer for the team, which was in existence between 1967 to1976. His role in the organization allowed him close proximity to the coaches, fans, other team owners and players. The Kentucky Colonels, once owned by Joe and Mamie Gregory, later was owned by a group that included John Y. Brown Jr., Stuart Jay, David Grissom, David Jones and Wendell Cherry. Although the team showcased some of the best players in the world, such as Dan Issel and Artis Gilmore, the organization came to an end in June 1976. Gardner went on to be a teacher, athletic trainer and assistant basketball coach at Fairdale High School.

West lives in Bowling Green and also published "King Kelly Coleman: Kentucky's Greatest Basketball Legend" in 2009.

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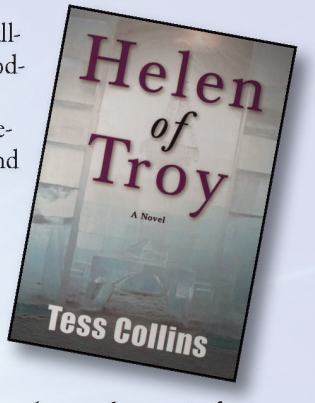
Osvaldo Di Paolo '11 AS is the author of "Cadaveres En El Armario" ("Cadavers in the Closet"), a book written in Spanish which looks at how the stability of society in Argentina can be gauged by the types of books and television programs people are interested in.

Teseo
www.amazon.com

Donia Friar Lawson '93 PHA has written "Always," a fictional novel that features University of Kentucky pharmacy students and the central Kentucky area in a suspenseful story that features love, betrayal and faith.

Tate Publishing
www.tatepublishing.com

Tess Collins '78 CIS has written "Helen of Troy," a novel of mythic mischief that is a quirky and lively retelling of the classic Greek legend in small-town America. Helen Ramsey and her good-old-boy husband, Rudy, fight like caged roosters. When their bachelor neighbor becomes Helen's confidant, rumors spread and sides square off until the entire town joins the ruckus. After Helen is kidnapped by her would-be lover, Rudy resorts to a clever Trojan Horse stratagem, and Helen wages a war worthy of a goddess. But will even that be enough to triumph over the gossip of a small-town Cassandra?



Collins grew up as a coal miner's granddaughter and was raised in the southeastern crater town of Middlesboro. She says living in a crater made for bad TV reception and after the town's only movie theatre burned down, she spent most her time in a one room Carnegie Library reading everything she could get her hands on. Eventually, this led to her writing several books, including "The Law of Revenge," "The Law of the Dead," and "The Law of Betrayal." She also has written a nonfiction book called "How Theater Managers Manage," which is published by Rowman and Littlefield's Scarecrow Press.

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Paul W. Murphey '75 CIS has written "Living Life, Facing Death," a book that offers a reflective perspective on how dying fits into our living, whether we are facing our own death or that of a loved one.

Amazon
www.amazon.com

Rona Roberts '73 '87 CIS has written "Sweet, Sweet Sorghum: Kentucky's Golden Wonder," a book that offers tasty bits of information about this caramel syrup's origins, cultivation, nutrition and uses.

CreateSpace
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Robert G. Simpson '74 ED has written "Childhood Memories of the 1950's: A Nostalgic Look at the Last Decade of Innocence," which is a humorous account of a boy who grew up in Louisville at a time when the world did not intrude on people's lives through television.

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