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## 1. Legislators Support UK's Top 20 Business Plan in Biennial Budget

The Kentucky General Assembly has approved a biennial budget for 2006-2008 that represents a clear signal that Kentucky's leaders support UK's Top 20 Business Plan. The budget, which was passed overwhelmingly by both the Kentucky House and Senate, would provide full funding for UK's Top 20 Business Plan in the second year of the biennium. That funding was UK's top priority during the legislative session. Highlights of the budget, which now goes to Gov. Ernie Fletcher for his signature, include: a \$4.6 million increase in general fund dollars for 2006-2007 year and a \$20.9 million increase in 2007-2008; \$80 million in bonds to build the bio/pharm building; authorization to let \$150 million in bonds – backed by UK HealthCare revenues – to complete the \$450 million patient-care facility expansion; and \$13.5 million in state bonds for the animal diagnostic lab, a top priority of the College of Agriculture.

## 2. UK HealthCare Construction Remains on Schedule

During March, UK HealthCare administrators notified neighborhoods surrounding the construction site for a new parking garage of changes to traffic flow, most of which will be in effect until the garage is completed in fall 2007. The current hospital parking garage will be torn down in mid-2007, following completion of the new structure. The new patient care facility will subsequently be constructed on the site of the former parking garage. Most of the demolition of properties acquired by UK to make room for the new garage was completed in early April.

## 3. Robinson Scholars Program Makes a National Impact

The Robinson Scholars Program continues to receive accolades for its work with first generation college-bound and college students from Eastern Kentucky. The program was recognized as one of only seven National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Gold Excellence Award winners. The Robinson Scholars Program earned its Gold Award in a category for Enrollment Management, Orientation, Parents, First-Year, Other-Year Services, and Programs. The program was represented in a poster session with the other winning programs at the conference and will be further recognized through NASPA Forum and a showcase at the NASPA Excellence Awards Web resource center. The program also won a \$50,000 grant from the IFSA Foundation to fund \$5,000 scholarships for 10 students to study abroad. Administrators hope these students will return to their home counties and encourage others to study abroad, a necessary underpinning for leaders in the 21st century global society in which Kentuckians must compete.

4. National Effort to Privatize Child Welfare Services Examined by UK Social Workers

The College of Social Work will lead the nation in determining the impact of efforts to privatize child welfare services. In partnership with Planning and Learning Technologies, Inc., the college received a \$5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Children's Bureau. The funding will be used to establish a quality improvement center to evaluate the impact on children and families of using private agencies to provide child welfare services. The National Quality Improvement Center on the Privatization of Child Welfare will serve as a resource for information on child welfare privatization and provide lessons learned from these efforts. Additionally, through the initiative, research and demonstration projects will be administered to test the effectiveness and efficiency of selected privatization models.

5. Showcase of Undergraduate Scholars Slated for April 25

UK presents its first Showcase of Undergraduate Scholars at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, in the Student Center. The showcase will include a number of events and displays promoting undergraduate study and achievements at UK. Students will display, perform, present, and/or demonstrate designs, developments, research, performances, and achievements. Those taking part in the showcase will be included in a book of abstracts of student participants' projects, which can be cited by the participants as a publication. The event, sponsored by the Office of Experiences in Undergraduate Research and Kreative Activities; Society for the Promotion of Undergraduate Research, an undergraduate research club; and the Office of the Executive Vice President for Research, aims to demonstrate UK's commitment to undergraduate education and share the extraordinary achievements of students from all of UK's colleges.

6. College of Education to Study Effectiveness of Literacy Program

The Collaborative Center for Literacy Development (CCLD) in the College of Education received a \$2.8 million grant to research the effectiveness of a literacy program to help struggling adolescent readers catch up with their peers. The award is part of a U.S. Department of Education \$16 million educational improvement grant awarded to the Kentucky Content Literacy Consortium. The grant was one of only eight awarded across the country. The consortium will use the funding to implement the Striving Readers Program in seven Kentucky school districts, including 23 middle and high schools across the state. UK's CCLD is charged with evaluating the program's effectiveness.

7. Funding Received for Appalachian Regional Education Laboratory

The College of Education is a partner in a five-year, \$26 million project to establish an Appalachian Regional Education Laboratory (AREL). The project award was made recently to the CNA Corporation (CNAC) by the U.S. Department of Education. Serving Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, AREL is an important component of the Department of Education's efforts to conduct rigorous research and disseminate results that will support continuous improvement in student outcomes, help close achievement gaps between advantaged and disadvantaged students, and achieve other key goals of the No Child Left Behind Act. The AREL will work directly with local and state education agency leaders in identifying problems,

designing research-based innovations, and launching a wide range of research and evaluation studies. As employees of a partner institution, UK faculty will have opportunities to participate in regional education needs assessment and planning research and technical assistance activities; to serve on key operating committees (program development, technical working group, implementation, and outreach) as well as to serve as subcontractors.

8. UK Shines in National Media Spotlight

A reporter with the *Chronicle of Higher Education* visited campus in March working on a feature about President Lee T. Todd, Jr. and the Top 20 Business Plan. The reporter interviewed several administrators and members of the faculty about Todd, the Top 20 Business Plan, and UK's research environment. The article is slated to run in late April. Todd and UK's Top 20 Business Plan were prominently featured in a major story in the March 22 edition of the national newspaper, *USA Today*. The story focused on the growing pressures confronted by university presidents. Todd was one of only a few presidents featured in the story, which discussed the ambitious goals outlined in the Top 20 Business Plan.

9. NSF Grant Funds Algebra Cubed to Enrich Math Skills in Bath and Powell Counties

The University of Kentucky received a \$1.8 million National Science Foundation grant to enrich mathematical skills and the depth of content knowledge of middle and high school students in Bath and Powell counties. The grant, known as Algebra Cubed, will fund 10 science, math, or engineering graduate students (fellows) each year for three years as math specialists in the counties as well as 10 teachers who will serve as mentors to the fellows. The fellows will work with teachers to introduce new ways of understanding mathematics and its usefulness to the students. Bath and Powell counties were chosen for the grant because of their low percentage of high school graduates that go on to earn bachelor's degrees and the quality and desire of teachers and administrators for improved mathematics learning in the schools.

10. UK HealthCare First to Track Women's Health in Kentucky

UK HealthCare has initiated the first statewide registry in the country to track the health of women. The Kentucky Women's Health Registry is a project of Dr. Leslie J. Crofford and the Center for the Advancement of Women's Health. Over the next 10 years, Crofford hopes to collect data from 25,000 Kentucky women. The registry, which debuted March 1, will ask the women of Kentucky to input their health information, via the Internet or a mail-in survey, into a database that will allow Crofford and her team to analyze the health concerns facing women across the Commonwealth. The study will collect data from women of all ages and races, and from every part of Kentucky. Registry participants will receive health information updates and access to clinical trials of new therapies for conditions that affect them.

11. 15 Varsity Sports Met or Exceeded National APR Average

The NCAA recently released its second-annual Academic Progress Rate report, showing that none of UK's 22 varsity sports are subject to penalties, such as scholarship reductions or post-season restrictions. Fifteen of the 22 teams exceeded or tied the national average in their

sports among public universities. Women's soccer led the way for UK with 990 out of a possible 1,000 points, followed closely by women's cross country (989), women's outdoor track (984), women's indoor track (983), women's basketball (982), and women's swimming (982). Men's basketball made significant improvement during 2004-05 and was the only UK team to post a perfect mark of 1,000 for that year. Men's basketball's two-year score of 922 also exceeded the national average for basketball teams at public universities (917). The marks are a two-year composite score, covering the 2003-04 and 2004-05 school years, that measures academic eligibility and retention of student-athletes. Eventually, the APR will become a four-year composite score.

12. Markey Cancer Center Forms Network With Three Kentucky Hospitals

The Chandler Medical Center's Markey Cancer Center announced its first formal network affiliation agreement with three hospitals throughout the state that would create a collaborative provider network and keep cancer patients close to home for treatment. Markey Cancer Center is taking a step toward moving its advanced cancer care into communities throughout the state, while also assuring that when more advanced treatment is needed beyond the community level, patients have access to quality and continuity of care at the Lexington campus location.

13. Photo Feature of Pediatric Patients Appears in National Magazine

"I'm a Kid, Too!," a photography project documenting the lives of medically fragile children in the Bluegrass, was featured in the March issue of *Popular Photography & Imaging*. The project, which included a photo exhibition, was presented by the UK College of Social Work, LexArts, and the Lexington Division of Parks and Recreation.

14. Black Women's Conference Marks Women's History Month

The 12th annual Black Women's Conference, sponsored by the African American Studies and Research Program, marked March as Women's History Month with the theme "Soul Well: Black Women and Mental Health." The Anna J. Cooper Address featured Linda James Myers, dean of the graduate psychology program at New College of California, and the Mary McLeod Bethune Luncheon and Lecture featured Lynda Brown Wright, chair of educational and counseling psychology at UK. The Doris Wilkinson Distinguished Lecture featured Kumea Shorter-Gooden, professor at the California School of Professional Psychology and co-author of *Shifting: The Double Lives of Black Women in America*.

15. Idea Fair Designed to Encourage Student Entrepreneurs

The UK Entrepreneurs Club and the Gatton College of Business and Economics Von Allmen Center for Entrepreneurship hosted the fourth annual Idea Fair Business Concept Competition in April. The competition is designed to encourage, showcase, and support UK's innovative student entrepreneurs. The 2006 Idea Fair Competition is sponsored by the Bluegrass Angels, the Shumate Family Foundation, ELAN Home Systems, and the University of

Kentucky's Commonwealth Collaborative initiative. Thirteen student teams entered the competition, vying for cash awards totaling \$3,500 plus professional assistance.

16. John Cohen Presents Bingham Lecture

John Cohen, noted artist and folk archivist, presented the Mary C. Bingham Lecture March 9, in the John Jacob Niles Gallery. The opportunity was made possible by the UK Gaines Center for the Humanities with the assistance of Ron Pen, director of UK's John Jacob Niles Center for American Music. Held every other year by the Gaines Center, the Bingham Lecture is a special topical humanities seminar that provides faculty and students an opportunity to explore a subject not in the university's regular course offerings and combines course work with funding for a four-week study abroad or in the United States.

17. UK Participates in Colloquium on Peace

The UK College of Social Work in conjunction with the Lexington Theological Seminary and the Lexington Commission on Race Relations presented "A Colloquium on Peace, Social Justice, and Reconciliation: Linking Social Work to the Global Community" in March on the Lexington campus. The keynote speaker was visiting scholar Lengwe-Katembula Mwansa, an associate professor of social work in Africa.

18. College of Engineering Inducts Four to Hall of Distinction

Four graduates of the College of Engineering were inducted into the college's Alumni Hall of Distinction. The four are Patrick R. Atkins of New York City; Carlos A. Cabrera of Northbrook, Ill.; the late Robert D. Hayes; and D. Ralph Young of Stanford, Ky.

19. UK Hosts International Journalists at State Department Event

International print and broadcast journalists visited UK recently as part of a U.S. Department of State program for foreign media to observe U.S. journalists and discuss the role of journalism in a democratic society. The Edward R. Murrow Journalism Fellows Program included interaction between the visiting international media and reporters from the Bluegrass. The journalists participated in discussions on topics such as the First Amendment and media law and viewed the movie *Good Night and Good Luck*, followed by a panel discussion of journalists' rights and responsibilities and recent instances of conflict between journalists and the government.

20. Todd Names New Commission Members

New members of the President's Commission on Diversity and the President's Commission on Women were recently announced. Terms for the commissions' new members begin July 1, 2006. New Commission on Women members are Ginny Sprang, College of Social Work; John Wilson, College of Medicine, Behavioral Science; Lina Crocker, College of Arts and Sciences, English as a Second Language; Jenny Minier, Gatton College of Business and Economics; Diane Snow, College of Medicine, Anatomy and Neurobiology; Anthony T. Ralph,

associate director, Residence Life; Dianna August, supervisor, Bulk Mail Department, Postal Services; Deborah Murray, associate director, Health Education through Extension Leadership (HEEL), College of Agriculture; and Terri Kanatzar, Elder Care coordinator, Human Resources. Newly appointed community members for the Commission on Diversity are Rev. Bob Brown, One Community, One Voice; Mwabi Murdock, Friends of the Kentucky Women Writers Conference; and Marilyn Lyons, Kentucky Council on Post Secondary Education. The UK staff representative is Laverne Carter, associate director for Recruitment, School of Public Health, and the UK faculty representative is Lars Bjork, associate professor, College of Education.

## 21. Student Awards and Achievements

Two UK architecture students received top honors in the first JELD-WEN Student Door Design Contest, selected from a pool of student design contestants from 44 colleges and universities around the nation. Brandi Berryman and Amanda Hardaway, seniors in the College of Design, each won a \$2,000 scholarship and a trip to the International Builders' Show in Orlando, Fla.

Twenty-two of the nation's top young opera vocalists vied for three prizes in the first Alltech Opera Scholarship Competition held March 5 at UK. Graduate students vied for two full UK graduate assistantships with the first-place winner earning an additional \$10,000 cash award and the second-place winner receiving an additional \$7,500 cash award. Undergraduates vied for a full UK undergraduate scholarship for tuition and an additional \$5,000 cash award. The first-place graduate winner was Eric Brown, a UK master's student in opera from Washington, D.C., and the second-place graduate winner was David Baker, a University of Tennessee master's student in opera from Knoxville, Tenn. The undergraduate winner was Antonia Tamer, a senior at The Summit Country Day School in Cincinnati, Ohio.

An awards ceremony, co-hosted by the James W. Stuckert Career Center and the UK Alumni Association in March, honored five UK students who excelled during their internships, along with their internship employers. The following students and their internship employers were honored: Bethany Chamberlin, senior majoring in English, College of Arts and Sciences, for her work at the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning; Kristin Halloway, senior majoring in marketing, Gatton College of Business and Economics, honored for her internship work with Thomas & King; Leah Pear, senior majoring in marketing, Gatton College of Business and Economics, honored for her internship work at AD-SUCCESS Marketing; Sarah Schneider, senior majoring in integrated strategic communications, College of Communications, honored for her internship work at the Girl Scouts – Wilderness Road Council; and John Winstead, MBA December 2005, Gatton College of Business and Economics, honored for his internship work at University Press of Kentucky. At the same event, NVR/Ryan Homes, Inc. of Reston, Va., received the New Employer of the Year Award, and Enterprise Rent-A-Car, of Louisville received Outstanding Employer of the Year Award.

Four students from the College of Law Black Law Student Association (BLSA) have taken second place in the nation in the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial National Competition held recently in Washington, D.C. It is the highest any UK Law mock trial team has finished in a national competition. The UK team of Viola Forbin, Anthony Gray, Valorie Smith, and Brandi Stewart was one of 12 teams competing for the nation's top spot. They defeated teams representing prestigious law schools such as Texas A&M School of Law, Howard University School of Law, and Pepperdine University School of Law. Twice UK's team defeated

Pepperdine, the top-seeded team for part of the tournament, before losing to the University of Georgia in the final round; a team they had beaten in the regional qualifying competition to win the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Southern Regional Competition in February.

Twelve UK Department of Art advanced sculpture students competed in the Lexington Extraordinary Art Project (LEAP) to earn a commission for a sculpture to be placed outside Family Practice Associates of Lexington. Four students' sculpture models earned recognition from the project that aims to enrich the Lexington community with privately funded public artwork. The winners will be on display to the public as part of the Lexington Art League's "A Southern Presence" exhibit running through May 7 at Loudoun House. UK student Matthew Herron took the first-place honor, receiving a \$1,300 commission to fund the construction of his public sculpture titled "Angelic Form," to be installed in front of the Family Practice Associates (FPA) and an additional \$500 cash award. Patrick White took second place with a sculpture titled "Comfort," receiving a cash award of \$250 and a commission from FPA. Will Tucker's "Forks of the Elkhorn" and Chris Bohach's "Dimensions of Wellness" shared the third place position, and each received a cash award of \$100. LEAP was made possible with the guidance of Garry Bibbs, an associate professor and head of sculpture at UK, and Dr. David Dubocq, a family physician at FPA.

Bosnia's national news magazine, *Slobodna Bosna*, has selected a UK alumnus as one of the 50 most successful Bosnian immigrants in the world. The magazine chose Ajlina Karamehic in part for her work on a unique St. Louis campaign to educate Bosnian women about breast cancer. The daughter of a Bosnian engineer and a physician based in Dubai, Karamehic moved to the United States in 1995 to attend the University of Kentucky. She graduated with her doctorate in health communication in 2003. Karamehic joined St. Louis University in 2004 as a research fellow in the Health Communication Research Laboratory within the School of Public Health.

Greg Napier, a third-year law student, was one of six law students nationwide to be selected by the American College of Bankruptcy as a Distinguished Bankruptcy Law Student. He was selected from a group of students nominated by law schools throughout Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee on the basis of academic achievement and interest in bankruptcy law.

UK 2005 journalism graduate Ben Roberts won first place in the William Randolph Hearst Foundation's Sports Writing Competition. Roberts won for "A Disputed Legacy," an article about Adolph Rupp that appeared in the March 24, 2005, issue of the *Kentucky Kernel*. Roberts received a \$2,000 prize, with a matching grant going to the UK School of Journalism and Telecommunications.

Elizabeth Scoville, a UK junior majoring in agricultural biotechnology and chemistry, has won a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship. Scoville was one of 323 students nationwide awarded the prestigious scholarship on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,081 mathematics, science, and engineering students. The scholarship covers expenses for tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to a maximum of \$7,500 for students pursuing careers in mathematics and the natural sciences, as well as many engineering fields.

College of Law students Adrienne Thakur and Brandi Stewart have been named to the National Black Law Student Association (NBLSA) Executive Board in the southern region. Thakur will serve as director of sub region one, which includes Kentucky and Tennessee, and Stewart will serve as secretary.

## 29. Faculty and Staff Awards and Achievements

The Sudan government presented William Adams, UK professor emeritus of anthropology, with Sudan's highest civilian decoration. Adams was awarded the Order of the Two Niles medal from the president and governing council of the Republic of Sudan in recognition of his ongoing work and contributions to Sudan and its people.

The Women's Forum presented the 13th annual Sarah Bennett Holmes Award to staff member Jeanie Caldwell of Human Resources Development and associate professor Nancy Brown Johnson of the Gatton College of Business and Economics School of Management and director of the Center for Labor Education and Research.

Gina Caldwell, associate director of alumni and advancement at the College of Pharmacy, received the 2006 American Pharmacists Association and Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award presented March 20 in San Francisco at the APhA-ASP Annual Meeting.

Six professors have been honored for their excellence in the classroom as the UK Alumni Association announces the recipients of its 2006 Great Teacher Awards. The 2006 recipients are: Jody Clasey, associate professor, College of Education; Barry Kew, assistant professor of landscape architecture, College of Agriculture; John Mink, professor and acting division chief of pediatric dentistry, College of Dentistry; Daniel Rowland, director of the Gaines Center for Humanities, associate professor, College of Arts and Sciences; Sidney Whiteheart, professor, College of Medicine; and Ross Zirkle, assistant professor, College of Fine Arts.

The National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE) recognized College of Education Professor Debra Harley as the 2006 Rehabilitation Educator of the Year. Harley was cited for her distinguished record as a researcher and educator in Rehabilitation Counseling.

Mandy Polley, UK sports information assistant director and a UK journalism graduate, authored "How to Write a Sports Recap: 10 Rules for Success When Covering an Athletic Event" featured in the Spring 2006 issue of *Journalism Education Today*, the quarterly publication of the Journalism Education Association. Originally developed as an assignment for JOU 460, Journalism in Secondary Education, Polley's rules serve as guidelines for high school journalism advisers without much (or any) sports knowledge, but who need to prepare student sports reporters. Three UK sports recap stories authored by Polley and UK Athletics Media Relations specialists Jeff Salmon and Andrew Lange illustrate the application of the rules. The magazine's sports feature concludes with a piece by UK School of Journalism and Telecommunications sequence coordinator and associate professor Scoobie Ryan, "Teacher's Guide: Turning the 10 Rules Into an Entire Class."

Thomas Leinbach, professor of geography, has been named the 2006-07 College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor. The award is the college's highest professional recognition, and recipients are honored for outstanding teaching, research and service.

Shawn Livingston and Gordon Hogg of UK Libraries have been chosen to work with reference specialists and publishers ABC-CLIO on numerous works, including the nationally recognized *Encyclopedia of World War I: A Political, Social and Military History*. Recently the American Library Association (ALA) chose the *Encyclopedia of World War I* as one of the top reference works for 2006. The list, selected by the ALA's Reference and User Services Association, represents high-quality reference works that are suitable for small to medium-sized libraries. Livingston, a faculty librarian and reference director, served on the Editorial Advisory Board for the encyclopedia. Hogg, academic liaisons director for the UK Libraries, has been



asked to work on ABC-CLIO's forthcoming The Encyclopedia of the Cold War, slated for publication in 2007. Hogg serves on the Editorial Advisory Board for the Cold War encyclopedia project, to which he also is a contributor and of which he is associate editor.

College of Education professor John R. Thelin was honored at the 2006 Kentucky History Awards Program, held March 4 at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort. Sponsored by the Kentucky Historical Society and the Historical Confederation of Kentucky, the annual awards recognize the best history achievements and projects relating to state and local history. Thelin received the Certification of Commendation for an Educational Program for the Public for his 2004 lecture series about Kentucky's "Town and Gown" heritage, delving into the role college campuses have played in the economic, intellectual, and cultural development of Kentucky's college towns. A grant from the Kentucky Humanities Council supported the series.

William Turner, UK vice president for University Engagement and associate provost for Multicultural Affairs, was the keynote speaker at the 29th annual Appalachian Studies Conference, "Both Ends of the Road: Making the Appalachian Connection," held in March at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio.

Stephen Wyatt, dean of the College of Public Health, will serve as chair of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) 2007 International Cancer Conference, to be held in Atlanta in September 2007.