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2015 UK  
Homecoming:  
100 Year Anniversary!

# UK Homecoming turns 100!

By Linda Perry



Members of the 1915 varsity football team took their mission seriously.

## First homecoming occurs in 1915; football team beats Tennessee 6-0

The year 2015 has been a special one for the University of Kentucky — the university observed its 150th anniversary and the UK Alumni Association recognized 50 years of its Hall of Distinguished Alumni — and now the year will culminate this fall, Oct. 1 - 4, with the marking of 100 years since the first celebration of Homecoming, which took place on Thursday, Nov. 25, 1915.

Referred to as “Home-coming” back then, the eventful weekend wasn’t consistently celebrated every year until beginning in 1946. But that first 1915 Homecoming was heralded as the place to be and be seen in Central Kentucky that weekend, and the highlight of the weekend was the university’s final football game of the season, with the Blue and White playing against the Tennessee Volunteers. The weekend also coincided with Thanksgiving weekend, so it made the event that much more special to many.

One day before the game, The Kentucky Kernel told of the myriad upcom-

ing activities planned for returning alumni. It was expected that alums would be flooding into Lexington to see the big game, due to the fact that the Wildcats had won their previous challenge going up against Purdue and

emerging 7-0. The Purdue game had sparked national interest and alums were writing to the university announcing their intentions to be present for this last game of the season and to celebrate the first Homecoming.



Members of the Horticulture Club in 1966 decorated Homecoming corsages in preparation for the big weekend. Other organizations, including Links, the junior women’s honorary society, also sold mums.

The visiting alumni were entertained at an open house on Thursday and Friday at the Phoenix Hotel, which would also serve as headquarters for Homecoming alumni. At one end of the lobby, it was expected that guests would find a Tennessee banner and at the other end, a Kentucky banner. The railings were to be decorated with individual class colors and pennants with class numerals on them.

A “smoker” for alumni was held Wednesday evening at the Phoenix Hotel, and strains of “My Old Kentucky Home” were heard coming from men of advancing age, as well as younger men and college students. A snake dance was started and 300 alumni were circling the tables, all the while vocalizing college yells of long ago.

On Thursday morning, vehicles decorated with State’s colors carried alumni through the city’s streets in a parade formation, led by the school’s battalion band and four companies of cadets. Then alumni headed for Barker Stadium for the showdown between Kentucky and Tennessee. Between halves, the snake dance was performed again by students and alumni, with alumni throwing their hats over the goal post.

On Friday night, an alumni “luncheon” took place at the Phoenix Hotel and many old Wildcat football warriors attended. Those same football veterans — K men — had been paraded onto Stoll Field before the start of Thursday’s Homecoming game, to give the 5,000 attendees in the crowd a chance to show their respect and appreciation for their previous athletic prowess.

One of the largest reunions that first Homecoming weekend included the meeting up of the “Immortals of ’98.” It was expected that at least half of the team would be available for reminiscing about its grandiose accomplishment — the only

### 1915 Wildcat Schedule

Oct. 2: Butler College.....	33 - 0
Oct. 9: Earlham College .....	54 - 13
Oct. 16: Mississippi A & M .....	0 - 12
Oct. 23: University of the South (Sewanee).....	7 - 7
Oct. 30: University of Cincinnati.....	27 - 6
Nov. 6: University of Louisville.....	15 - 0
Nov. 13: Purdue .....	7 - 0
Nov. 26: Tennessee .....	6 - 0

undefeated, untied and unscored upon team in UK football history. The 1898 squad was coached by W.R. Bass and ended the year a perfect 7-0-0, despite an average weight of 147 pounds per player. Victories came easily for this squad, as the Immortals raced by Kentucky University (18-0), Georgetown (28-0), Company H of the 8th Massachusetts (59-0), Louisville Athletic Club (16-0), Centre (6-0), 160th Indiana (17-0) and Newcastle Athletic Club (36-0).

For the 1915 Homecoming football game, a section of the bleachers on the side of Stoll Field was reserved for alumni and special badges were worn, granting alumni admission. There would have been much speculation in the stands about whether this Blue and White team was capable of emerging victorious because the team was hampered by recent injuries. Coach J. J. Tigert was uncomfortably aware that “Simpson” had a cold, “Thompson” had a charley horse and “Brittain” had not appeared in uniform for four days.

Tennessee and Kentucky had met 11 times since 1899, with each team winning five and a scoreless tie took place in 1907. Both teams desperately wanted to prove their mettle and take the rubber game — which Kentucky managed to do, emerging victorious 6 - 0.

Tennessee had tried to play a defensive game early to wear out the Wildcats and then opened a dangerous offense in the last quarter, but the sheer will and power of the Blue and White was maintained whenever threatened. The Wildcats rushed the ball 237 yards to the Vols’ 77. Then State’s William “Doc” Rodes, playing with an injured shoulder, made two goals from placement, one from the 41-yard line and one from the 45-yard line, and the game was won, thrilling spectators.

It was noted in the following week’s

Kernel that the enthusiasm of alumni and students was unprecedented in school history, with much cheering and carrying on from the sidelines, showing just how much school pride alums and students had for their alma mater. Attendance at the game had been high and was



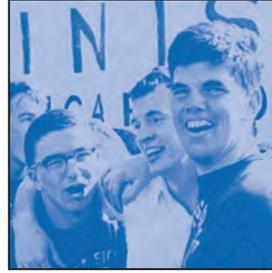
**John J. Tigert was head football coach in 1915, succeeded by Stanley Boles in 1916. He was an athlete while attending Vanderbilt and later in Oxford. Tigert was also chairman of the Department of Philosophy.**

further proof that Lexington was a football town.

All this enthusiasm and Wildcat pride spilled over into Homecoming traditions that popped up over the years, from women wearing white mums to the game years ago to visitors taking photos today in Wildcat Alumni Plaza with Bowman, the Wildcat sculpture. One Homecoming tradition that continues today but apparently was not in effect in 1915 is the crowning of a queen and king during half-time ceremonies. There have been many other traditions that have come and gone but one with unquestionable staying power has proven to be tailgating with friends outside Commonwealth Stadium and enjoying some of the best grub you can get your hands on east of the Mississippi River!

What memories will YOU be sharing this fall at Homecoming? Make sure to register for all the festivities ASAP!

GO CATS! ■

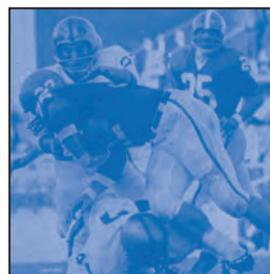


## 2015 University of Kentucky Homecoming 'Race to 100'



This year marks many special milestones for our University of Kentucky family. As we wrap up the monumental sesquicentennial anniversary of the university, 2015 also denotes a special 100 years since the first UK Homecoming! Homecoming week allows alumni, students, family and friends to come together and celebrate the university that we all cherish. In conjunction with University of Kentucky Family Weekend and the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Roundup, we will create new experiences and honor old traditions.

The following pages give you details about campus events that are scheduled. It's easy to register, too! Go to [www.ukhomecoming.com](http://www.ukhomecoming.com) or call 800-269-2586 (ALUM) to start planning your trip back to campus, check for schedule changes and information about parking. Come back to your beloved alma mater!



## **Saturday, Sept. 26 – Sunday, Sept. 27**

### **Paint the Town Blue Painting**

**Time:** 8 a.m. (Sat.) through 8 a.m. (Mon.)  
**Location:** Various on-campus locations, TBD  
Student organizations depict UK's Homecoming "Race to 100" theme through Paint the Town Blue. Artwork will be displayed throughout campus and various Lexington business locations beginning the week of Sept. 28. Paintings will be displayed all week long.

### **Banner Competition**

**Time:** 8 a.m. (Sat.) through 8 a.m. (Mon.)  
**Location:** William T. Young Library and the Johnson Center  
Student organizations begin Homecoming's "Race to 100" with a banner competition. The banners will hang in William T. Young Library and Johnson Center throughout the week beginning Sept. 28. Banners will be on display all week.

## **Monday, Sept. 28**

### **Royalty Showcase**

**Time:** 7 – 9 p.m.  
**Location:** Singletary Center for the Arts, 405 Rose St.

Come out and support the Royalty Court as all of the wonderful qualities of each candidate are highlighted. There will be a question and answer portion, a talent competition, voting for your favorite candidate, and a few awards will be given. This showcase will partially determine who will be the 2015-2016 Homecoming King and Queen, crowned at the Homecoming game on Saturday, Oct. 3.  
*Free*

## **Tuesday, Sept. 29**

### **Kitty Karnival**

**Time:** 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Administration Lawn, 410 Administration Dr.

Kitty Karnival features small carnival games created by student organizations for children to come and enjoy on campus. This event has become a UK and community tradition that both students and children love to attend! This event welcomes local schools, UK alumni family and UK faculty, staff and student families.  
*Free*

## **Thursday, Oct. 1**

### **Homecoming Street Fair**

**Time:** 6 – 9 p.m.  
**Location:** Area surrounding William T. Young Library

Celebrate Homecoming and being a Wildcat with the second annual Homecoming Street Fair located around William T. Young Library. Enjoy free food, games, activities, giveaways and much more. There will also be appearances by UK Cheerleaders, Dance Team and Pep Band. The Homecoming Royalty Court will also be announced and present.

## **Friday, Oct. 2**

### **College of Dentistry - Continuing**

#### **Education Course with Dr. Craig Miller**

**Time:** 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Hilton Lexington Downtown, 369 W. Vine St.  
Join the College of Dentistry and Dr. Craig Miller for "Decision Making in Dental Management of Medically Compromised Patients: Uncomplicating the Risks."

### **Royalty Reunion**

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
**Location:** Commonwealth Stadium, 1540 University Dr.  
Celebrate 100 majestic years of Homecoming with the UK Alumni Association at our Homecoming Royalty Reunion! Join all past UK Homecoming Kings, Queens and Royalty Court for a special luncheon in your honor. Take a trip down memory lane and reminisce about the days when you wore the crown as the tradition of Homecoming continues!

### **Keeneland Racing and Lunch**

**Time:** Noon – 5 p.m.  
**Location:** Keeneland – Saddling Paddock Chalet, 4201 Versailles Rd.  
Catch all the racing action while enjoying a buffet lunch in one of Keeneland's best locations. The Saddling Paddock Chalet, a new luxury chalet, offers premium views of the winner's circle contenders as they walk the saddling paddock before each race. Reserved solely for UK alumni. Join us for this unique horseracing experience.

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### **College of Engineering State of the**

#### **College Program & Celebration: A day of vision, celebration and networking**

**Time:** 3 – 4:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Memorial Hall, 610 South Limestone St.

All engineering alumni and friends are invited to learn about the vision of Dean John Y. Walz for the College of Engineering, as well as successes, opportunities and current standings.

### **Roundup: Forestry Department Alumni-Student Fall Picnic**

**Time:** 4:30 p.m.; Dinner 5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** T.P. Cooper (Forestry) Building, 730 Rose St.  
Alumni: RSVP to forestry.department@uky.edu or 859-257-7596 before Sept. 23, 2015

### **Roundup: Animal & Food Sciences Reunion**

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Roundup Tent, 1451 University Dr.  
A casual evening of family fun includes sampling various foods and enjoying the fellowship of other Animal & Food Sciences alums during a lively recognition program, including the 2015 Hall of Fame induction.  
*\$10 per person*

### **Community, Leadership & Development Reception**

**Time:** 5 - 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** E.S. Good Barn, Weldon Suite, 1451 University Dr.  
Join us for an evening of conversation, social networking and just catching up as we celebrate 100 years of Agricultural Education being taught at UK with both current and past CLD faculty.

### **College of Medicine Class of 1965 Golden Anniversary Reception**

**Time:** 5:30 – 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Home of Dr. and Mrs. Karpf

### **College of Medicine Class Parties**

**Time:** TBD  
**Location:** TBD  
Whether your class is celebrating an anniversary year or simply wants to get together, call the Office of Alumni and Development at 859-323-5834 or email Kristin.Shattuck@uky.edu so we may assist you with logistics and coordination of your party.

### **STEM Education Alumni Night**

**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Location:** Taylor Education Building Lawn, 597 S. Upper St.  
College of Education STEM alumni present the Second Annual Mathematics, Science and STEM Education Alumni Night. Experience dinner under the stars paired with a silent auction and an evening of fun for students, faculty and alums — a night you won't want to miss.

### **College of Engineering Reception and Dinner**

**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Location:** Lexington Center, Thoroughbred Ballroom  
*\$25 per person, free for new Quadrangle Society members and 1965 Golden Wildcats and their guests. Includes hosted bar reception, plated dinner, recognition of Engineering Golden Wildcats and Quadrangle Society members and entertainment. Attendees must RSVP through reply card or online.*

### **Race to 100 Homecoming Celebration**

**Time:** 6 - 9 p.m.

**Location:** William T.Young Library, 401 Hilltop Ave.

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Free

### **African-American Homecoming Celebration**

**Time:** 6 - 8 p.m.

**Location:** King Alumni House, 400 Rose St.

Celebrate with the Lyman T. Johnson African-American Alumni Constituent Group as we honor outstanding alumni and students at this special event. Food will be provided. RSVP at [www.ukalumni.net/ltjhomecoming](http://www.ukalumni.net/ltjhomecoming).

### **College of Dentistry Class Reunion**

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. (Reception),

7:30 p.m. (Dinner)

**Location:** Hilton Lexington Downtown, 369 W.Vine St.

Join the College of Dentistry in honoring the classes of 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005 and 2010. The UKCD Distinguished Alumnus of the Year will be announced.

### **College of Law Class Reunion**

**Time:** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** The Round Barn at the Red Mile, 1200 Red Mile Rd.

Calling all graduates from the UK College of Law classes of 1975, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2005 and 2015. Join your classmates for a fun-filled night with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and reminiscing. If you are willing to help contact classmates to encourage their attendance, please email [uklawalumni@uky.edu](mailto:uklawalumni@uky.edu).

### **Saturday, Oct. 3**

#### **Homecoming Breakfast**

**Time:** 8 - 9:30 a.m.

**Location:** King Alumni House, 400 Rose St.

Begin a full day of Homecoming events by joining fellow Wildcats for breakfast at the King Alumni House.

### **College of Medicine Medical Alumni Association Open Board Meeting**

**Time:** 8:30 a.m.

**Location:** TBD

### **Classes Without Quizzes**

**Time:** 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** King Alumni House, 400 Rose St.

Go back to class, reminisce of your days as a UK student, and learn something new along the way from one of UK's finest educators. (TBD)

### **College of Education Alumni, Student and Family Brunch**

**Time:** 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** College of Education Courtyards, (Dickey Hall Entrance) 251 Scott St.

Calling all College of Education alumni, students, family and friends! Cheer on the Cats with fun, food and entertainment. For further information, contact 859-257-4014 or [jeannine.schaefer@uky.edu](mailto:jeannine.schaefer@uky.edu).

### **College of Medicine Medical Campus Tour**

**Time:** 10 - 11 a.m.

**Location:** Albert B. Chandler Hospital, 800 Rose St.

Current medical students will guide tours through the new Pavilion A at UK Albert B. Chandler Hospital.

### **Campus Bus Tour**

**Time:** 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Location:** Tour departs from and returns to the King Alumni House, 400 Rose St.

Tour campus in the midst of a major transformation! Board a campus bus that will make stops at the W.T.Young Library and the Wildcat Alumni Plaza.

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### **UK Alumni Association Luncheon**

**Time:** 1 - 2:30 p.m.

**Location:** King Alumni House, 400 Rose St.

Enjoy lunch as you mix and mingle with fellow UK alumni and friends.

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### **Roundup Reunion**

**Time:** Four hours prior to kickoff

**Location:** KY Farm Bureau Tents (E.S. Good Barn), 1451 University Dr. 42nd Annual Roundup will take place at E.S. Good Barn. Come reconnect with fellow alumni and friends and learn about the exciting advancements of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

### **HES Reception**

**Time:** Four hours prior to kickoff

**Location:** E.S. Good Barn, Culton Suite, 1451 University Dr.

Alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends are invited to celebrate Human Environmental Sciences at UK! Enjoy refreshments and fellowship with fellow graduates.

### **College of Agriculture, Food and Environment 50 Year Reunion (1965)**

**Time:** Four hours prior to kickoff

**Location:** E.S. Good Barn, Weldon Suite, 1451 University Dr.

Enjoy refreshments and fellowship with fellow graduates from the Class of 1965.

### **Homecoming Tailgate Tent Party**

**Time:** 2 1/2 hours prior to kickoff

**Location:** Tobacco Research and Development Center Lawn 1, 1401 University Dr.

Get ready to cheer on the Cats as they take on Eastern Kentucky University at our Tailgate Tent Party. Enjoy tailgate food along with exciting games, entertainment, giveaways and performances by the UK Cheerleaders and Pep Band. Hosted by the UK Alumni Association, in conjunction with Dentistry, Medicine and Pharmacy.

### **College of Law Homecoming Tailgate**

**Time:** 2 hours prior to kickoff

**Location:** Tobacco Research and Development Center Lawn 2, 1401 University Dr.

Join us for complimentary Billy's Bar-B-Q and beverages as the Cats prepare to take on the Eastern Kentucky Colonels! Contact Alyssa Thornton via email with questions or to RSVP at [uklawalumni@uky.edu](mailto:uklawalumni@uky.edu). Hosted by Law Alumni Association.

### **Eastern Kentucky University vs. UK Football Game**

**Time:** TBD

**Location:** Commonwealth Stadium, 1540 University Dr.

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### **Sunday, Oct. 4**

#### **DanceBlue 5K**

**Time:** 2:30 p.m.; Race 3 p.m.,

**Location:** Coldstream Park, 1500 Bull Lea Rd., Ste. 100

The DanceBlue 5K is a Homecoming tradition. DanceBlue is a student-run philanthropy, which raises awareness and funds for the DanceBlue Kentucky Children's Hospital Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic. Come be a part of the 5K to learn more about these brave children and families and run for the kids! Please visit [www.ukhomecoming.com](http://www.ukhomecoming.com) for more information, including preregistration for the race.

# CLASS OF 1965 GOLDEN WILDCAT REUNION

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## Thursday, Oct. 1

### Golden Wildcat Society Reunion

#### Registration

**Time:** Noon – 4:30 p.m.

**Location:** Hyatt Regency Lexington, 401 W. High St.

Welcome to Lexington! Attendees are asked to stop by the Hyatt Regency Lexington to pick up all event tickets, nametag and itinerary.

*\*If you are unable to stop by during the times listed above, all materials will be transported to future events.*

### Golden Wildcat Reception & Dinner

**Time:** 5:45 – 11 p.m.

**Location:** Hyatt Regency Lexington, 401 W. High St.

Enjoy an elegant evening of dinner and recognition as members of the Class of 1965 receive their pins and are inducted into the Golden Wildcat Society. After dinner, enjoy a time of reminiscing with fellow Golden Wildcats.

## Friday, Oct. 2

### Reunion Breakfast

**Time:** 8 – 10 a.m.

**Location:** The Club at UK's Spindletop Hall, 3414 Iron Works Pike

Enjoy a delicious breakfast in the heart of horse country! This will be a great time for you to reminisce with former classmates and make some new friends.

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### Farewell Breakfast

**Time:** 8 – 10 a.m.

**Location:** Hyatt Regency Lexington, 401 W. High St.

Say goodbye to fellow alumni during breakfast at the Hyatt Hotel. Food and drinks are available for purchase on site. Join us for one final event to wrap up the festivities of 2015 Homecoming.

Bus transportation will be provided to all events. This schedule is subject to change. Visit [www.ukalumni.net/golden](http://www.ukalumni.net/golden) or call 800-269-2586 or 859-257-8905 for the most current information.

