Members, Board of Trustees:

GIFTS AND PLEDGES TO THE
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY ORAL HISTORY ENDOWMENT FUND

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept gifts of $72,293 and pledges of $500 from 102 donors for the University of Kentucky Oral History Endowment Fund in the UK Libraries and submit these gifts and pledges for matching funds from Kentucky’s Endowment match program. Council on Postsecondary Education guidelines require that the Board of Trustees acknowledge its responsibility for UK’s participation in the program and for all university endowment funds.

Background: The Oral History program, established in 1973, is nationally recognized for the quantity and quality of its oral history interviews. The collection contains more than 6,000 interviews that document Kentucky’s history and culture. This endowment will help to ensure that the program maintains its national prominence and that recording and preserving of historically and culturally significant interviews will continue in perpetuity. Governor Louie B. Nunn chaired the fundraising effort for the endowment until his death in January 2004. His children, Steve Nunn and Jennie Nunn Penn, established the Louie B. Nunn Foundation in Governor Nunn’s memory. The Foundation contributed $63,000 of the funds accepted today.