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Office of the President
June 11, 2002

Members, Board of Trustees:

R. C. DURR GIFT AND PLEDGE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a gift of \$50,000 and a pledge of \$150,000 from R. C. Durr of Florence, Kentucky, for the Governor's Scholars Program/Governor's School for the Arts (GSP/GSA) scholarship fund.

Background: Mr. Durr is the owner of R. C. Durr Company, one of Kentucky's most successful highway construction firms. His interests include banking, cattle and thoroughbred horses. He has been a generous supporter of the University. Mr. Durr's commitment to the GSP/GSA scholarship fund is the largest gift to date in UK's effort to raise \$1 million to fund 250 new full and partial scholarships for the 2002-03 year.

Beginning this fall, UK will offer full tuition scholarships to all students who completed the Governor's Scholars Program and who have at least a 28 on the ACT and a 3.3 cumulative grade point average. Other alumni of that program will be eligible for lesser awards. Awards to alumni of the Governor's School for the Arts will be based on evaluation of their creative work. Both the scholars program and the arts program are summer residential programs that attract about 1,200 of Kentucky's brightest high school students. Colleges and universities across Kentucky and the nation compete to enroll these students.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____