

## THE CASE FOR A GREAT STATE UNIVERSITY

Since 1865 the University of Kentucky has been engaged in its land-grant mission of providing education and services to the people of the Commonwealth. From the Pennyrile to the Big Sandy, and in every county of the state, UK has a presence of people and services, of alumni and of students.

At campuses in Lexington and the statewide network of fourteen community colleges, the University of Kentucky educates over 36% of all the students attending college — public and private — in the Commonwealth.

A celebration of this 125 years of land-grant service and education would be hollow, however, if one did not pause to realize that the University of Kentucky must do more:

- We are not able to provide the people with the same educational opportunities offered people in other states.

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- We are not able to provide the environment that attracts business and industry to the state and helps it prosper here.

1990 marks not only the 125th anniversary of the founding of the University of Kentucky, but also it heralds another biennial session of the Kentucky General Assembly. Education reform will surely be the key issue in this session. But while governmental leaders and legislators concentrate on the mandate of the State Supreme Court which declared the common school system unconstitutional, the hope is that higher education also will come in for serious consideration.

The University of Kentucky wholeheartedly supports efforts to improve all of education because in the end UK is a consumer of the educational product produced in the