

## Journalism and Telecommunications Get Unanimous Approval

UK's School of Journalism and Telecommunications has been reaccredited for another six years by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications. The journalism school is a part of the UK College of Communications and Information Studies.

The unanimous stamp of approval by the accrediting panel came after a yearlong self-study by the UK school's faculty and staff and a four-day inspection last fall by a team of educators from several collegiate journalism schools in America. Accreditation is based on compliance with standards in such areas as quality of faculty, instruction, scholarship and public service.

A report by the visiting team of journalism educators said that "a student-centered culture pervades the (UK) school." The team's report also said members were "impressed with the important role the school is playing, especially in the Commonwealth, in advancing the public discussion of journalism and the First Amendment."

## Plant Science Building Opens

UK researchers are combating parasites and pathogens while improving farmer profitability in a new Plant Science Building on campus.

Home to the departments of Agronomy and Plant Pathology, as well as some horticultural scientists, the four-story \$21 million building contains laboratories, faculty offices and a lecture hall in 96,000 square feet. The building's two upper floors house research labs devoted to plant genetics and molecular biology, crop physiology, seed biology, plant biochemistry, and weed science. Plant pathological research will primarily be conducted on the second floor. The first floor will provide space for diagnosis of plant problems, the UK Advanced Genetics Technology Center, undergraduate research, plant growth and containment facilities and a collection of historic Kentucky weeds. Research already under way includes the development of disease resistant and higher yielding plants, improved seed quality, prevention of forage toxins, pathogen control with less use of chemical pesticides, and bioengineering of plants, which is a growing segment of Kentucky's economy.

The building was financed primarily by the sale of 43 acres of the UK South Farm in Lexington.

## New BOT Members

Two new members of the UK Board of Trustees are replacing two members whose terms have expired. The new members are James F. Hardymon of Lexington and Phillip R. Patton of Glasgow. Hardymon previously served on the UK board from 1993 to 1999. The James F. Hardymon Building at the corner of Rose and Maxwell Streets was named for him. Patton is circuit judge for Barren and Metcalfe counties.

They replace Grady Stumbo of Hindman, and former Ashland Inc. chairman and CEO Paul Chellgren of Covington.



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Gov. Paul Patton, President Lee T. Todd Jr. and College of Agriculture Dean M. Scott Smith prepare to snip the "vine" at the dedication of the UK Plant Science Building.

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