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**Kent School Attracting Millions In Outside Funding**

Since 1998 the Kent School has more than tripled the dollars coming from sources outside the university for an ever-widening range of research and evaluation projects. You can see the growth on the bar chart proudly kept by Associate Dean for Research, Riaan van Zyl. The bars strut taller and taller from a low of under \$1 million in fiscal year 1998-99 to an impressive \$3.66 million for fiscal year 2001-02!

You can also see the increase in the school's phone directory. There are currently 18 full-time tenured and tenure track faculty at the school. Many of the other 55 faculty and staff are there because of "soft" money—money generated by the research program.

The numbers tell a dramatic story. In research dollars Kent School now alternates second- and third-place honors with the School of Education and the Speed Engineering School, schools that are twice

our size. First place is always taken by the School of Medicine which is many times larger!

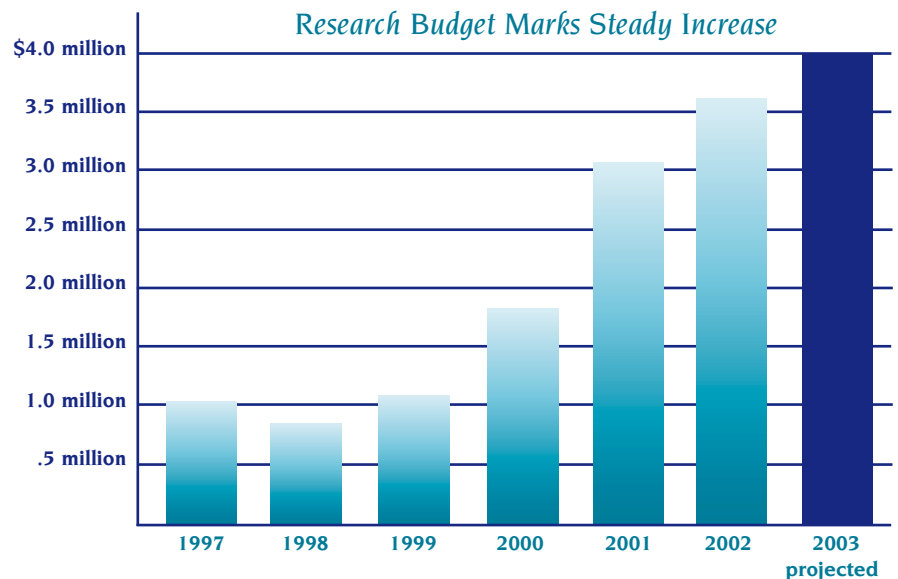
Dr. van Zyl gives all the credit for the increase to the full-time faculty. They conceive the projects and write the winning grant proposals that drive the extramural funding engine.

The doctoral program which began with the Fall 1997 semester has given the research program great impetus. In fact, van Zyl describes the doctoral and research programs as highly interdependent. "The school creates the context for the doctoral students to immerse themselves in research. Often a student will take on a project within a larger project, working closely with the principal investigator. It's the classic recipe for creating researchers," says van Zyl. Without the doctoral students the school

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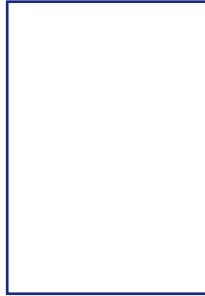
## Dean's Forum

### *Dreamin'*

I don't know about you, but I find myself dreaming a lot more these days, and I have tried to figure out why. Somehow it seems to correlate with mounting pressures on a dean. Years ago in my more clinical days, I actually studied dreams within a Jungian context, but I do not remember any references to a more active dream life corresponding to external pressures. In fact, I used to find my dream life connected to greater tranquility. Maybe it's the move to the second half of life or perhaps it's related to all the exciting opportunities presenting themselves at the School.

The Kent School is in a very quiet phase (I suppose not so quiet now) of exploring an addition for Oppenheimer Hall. After growing into six different locations on campus, it is time to bring everybody home, under one roof. While the dream has existed for years, the active work to do something about it has been ongoing for a little more than a year, even in the face of naysayers who say that social workers do not have the capacity to raise "that kind of money." And I say, "Oh yeah, watch us!" And the dreams begin.

This happens at a time when the state finds itself in a budget crunch and is passing the pain on to the universities. I realize that my colleagues around the country are taking bigger hits, but the pain is still very real. The School is facing the dual challenge of raising more funding to accommodate all of its growth while at the same time finding ways to cut operating expenses. The real challenge now presents itself as to how to save the excellence that has evolved, protect the jobs of those who have made it happen, and keep getting better. And the dreams grow in intensity.



**Dean Terry Singer**

Those who work at the Kent School have so many ideas about how to become even better that our meetings often require most of the time getting caught up on the details of current work and the enthusiastic presentation of possibilities for further change. I struggle, not with whether we can do it all, but how we can do it all. By now, the dreams want to scream out for release.

Finally, the community is on our doorstep for help. How do we assist in improving child welfare services? Does training make a difference? What can we learn from Kentucky welfare reform that can inform the rest of the country? Do the mandatory domestic violence reporting laws really work? When the success of service is related to how well we can engage those who need assistance, what can we learn about the engagement process that will strengthen the likelihood of success? The community wants answers, and I get unremitting, interminable dreams.

There are oppressive moments like the one in which I find myself now wanting the dreams to stop so I can sleep at nights. Then, in more reflective moments, I remember the dream that Martin Luther King, Jr. had, and I accept that there are many more mountaintops to reach. So here I am, just dreamin', looking for great things to come, and hoping to get a good night's sleep every now and then. Write and tell us about your dreams.

## Sign Up For Continuing Education!

Kent School is the preferred provider of continuing education workshops for today's mental health professional. Whether you need a class to meet a licensure requirement or just want an update on the latest approaches in theory and practice, Kent School has a program to meet your needs. All our workshops are taught by outstanding faculty or licensed professionals with the knowledge and experience to meet your high expectations.

Do you have a number of employees to train? If so, your organization might benefit from exclusive presentations and/or corporate discounts.

For more information on workshop offerings visit our website at:  
[www.louisville.edu/kent/conteducation.html](http://www.louisville.edu/kent/conteducation.html)

## Retired? Looking For A Volunteer Opportunity?

Kent School has a place for you! If you're looking for a way to reconnect or to contribute on a part-time basis, give us a call. We have lots of ways to make your time and energy count. For more information, call Theresa Jagers Christopher at (502) 852-0423 or e-mail [tjchri01@louisville.edu](mailto:tjchri01@louisville.edu).

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## Kent School Attracting Millions

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couldn't conduct much research; without the research program the school wouldn't attract doctoral students.

The Challenge for Excellence which is the plan to remake UofL into one of the top research institutions in the country and the strategic plan of the Kentucky Office for the New Economy strongly support the creation of Kent's research infrastructure. A number of forces are at work to increase the quality of higher education in the state. The goal is to generate new high-paying high technology jobs in Kentucky. Jobs with the potential to transform the state's economy and to help stem the outflow of talented young people.

Dean Singer is spearheading the school's commitment to research. "Research is one of the Kent School's strategic interests. It aligns very well with the direction and Challenge for Excellence of the university. I believed from day one that if we were going to be a serious player in this university that we needed to engage scholarship with a new fervor. The faculty has really met that challenge," says Singer.

Since coming to Kent School from Rand Afrikaans University in Natal, South Africa only two years ago, Associate Dean van Zyl has been working to increase our capacity for research—building the supporting infrastructure. He acts as the visionary for what is possible while grappling with the practicalities of budgets, assisting faculty with grant writing and overseeing the implementation of projects.

He also serves as internal mentor to faculty on research issues. The mentoring

opportunities don't stop there, however. Faculty are in touch with investigators outside the university as well as leaders in the field.

Van Zyl has also put into place critical systems for budgeting and accounting. He credits Elana Nance and the several staff who assist her with keeping the school financially accountable to grantors.

The school is also creating a solid base in content areas. Kent is slated to become the first national resource center on child welfare training evaluation. An acknowledgment of the school's leadership in the field, the federal funding for the project will begin flowing this summer.

Kent School has also developed strong capabilities in welfare reform evaluation and services to families following divorce. Marriage and Family Therapy program faculty, Joe Brown and Dana Christensen, with support from Jefferson County Family Court, have created an educational program for families in divorce. The program mandates counseling for divorcing couples with children between the ages of 5 and 16. The outcomes are reduced ongoing conflict among the individuals following divorce and decreased instances of juvenile offenses by the children.

Look for more record-breaking numbers in the future. The school is working toward a goal of \$4 million for fiscal 2002-03. Van Zyl says there are so many research opportunities available that faculty don't have time to pursue them all. He is even looking at using outside grant writers to help bridge the gap!

## Traci Simonsen, '97 Honored By Presentation Academy

The Tower Awards for Women Leaders program was created in 1996 to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of women in the Kentuckiana area, while identifying role models for students.

Traci Semones Simonsen received the award in the Business, Technology & Trade category. She is owner of Kids Insight Child Care and Development Center which is located near Papa John's Stadium. Having worked at the University of Louisville Athletic Department raising funds for the \$64 million dollar Papa John's Stadium, Traci saw that UofL employees had a need for child care services. For 12 months she juggled her full-time job and family responsibilities while overseeing construction and renovation of the new child care facility. Kids Insight has been recognized by four local newspapers, every local television station, and by *Fortune* Small Business Magazine. Traci prides herself on providing a safe, nurturing, educational environment for children.

Traci says "Young people are good role models for me. They are connected to their truth and have the ability to keep things simple." Her children provide the drive for her to be a better person.

Simonsen is an LCSW and maintains a private practice where she provides services for individuals, families, and children. In addition to her many achievements, Traci is a certified instructor for Dale Carnegie training where she presents workshops in human relations and public speaking.

Traci continues to juggle her busy life since she has returned to Kent School as a staff person. She is responsible for creating the school's continuing education program. "I am so excited to be back at Kent to develop a new program to serve not only social workers, but other disciplines as well... MFTs, psychologists, CADCs, and others."

## We'll Be Expecting You At The Annual Meeting!

**Thursday, May 16  
5:30pm  
The University Club**

**Hors d'Oeuvres**

Join fellow alumni at the elegant University Club for a social evening. Find out what's going on at the school. If you've never attended, you don't know what you've missed. Contact Judy Gordon at (502)852-6186 or [judyg@louisville.edu](mailto:judyg@louisville.edu) to RSVP today!

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## Kent Alumni Council Funds Student Presentation

At its January 17, 2002 meeting, the Kent School Alumni Council earmarked \$1000 to send two students to Nashville to attend the annual Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) conference. Held on February 24–27, 2002, at the Opryland Hotel, the conference brought together social work educators from around the country.

Ed "Papito" Burns and Tina O'Grady are Masters-level students who are in their advanced macro practicum at Arcadia Park Homes. They were invited to share their experiences working to establish a community center and programs for 1500 immigrant residents who have come to Louisville from a variety of cultures.

The conference provided a showcase for an exciting project and gave Kent School a forum to share one of the outstanding collaborations between the school and the larger community.

In addition to covering all the expenses of the students, the allocation made it possible for three of our field liaisons to attend the conference.

This and many other services of the Kent Alumni Council are made possible by your gifts to the Annual Fund.

## Recent Graduates

### Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work December 2001

Nancy Keeton  
Linda Blair Taylor

### Master of Science in Social Work December 2001

Aundria D. Burkhardt  
Kimberly A. Higdon  
Dana Marie Johnson  
Jason Wayne Keith  
Sharon L. Mitchell  
Frances Elizabeth Moore  
Kisha Tart Wheat

second place as "Best Shrink" in *Ace Weekly Magazine's* "Best of Lexington 2001" poll. She has worked for Bluegrass Comprehensive Care Center for ten years in various capacities, including coordinator for both Emergency Services and Intake. Carla has also maintained a private practice since 1976. Congratulations, Carla!

**Mitchell A. Charney, '78** was included in the 2000-2001 edition of "Best Lawyers in America."

**Michael Davis, '78** is president of Pueblo Community College in Colorado. He previously served as executive vice president and interim president.

**Lynn Ihring, '98** has been working at a community mental health center in Cincinnati for the past two years. She reports that she recently earned her LISW which is equivalent to Kentucky's LCSW. Lynn resides in Covington, Kentucky.

## Class Menagerie

**Holly VanScoy, '69** reports that a party is being planned at Louisville's Spalding University to celebrate Kent Professor Emerita Lil Milanof's 80th birthday. October 12 is the tentative date. Contact Holly at (512)252-0985 or at [AcademRes@aol.com](mailto:AcademRes@aol.com) for further details.

**Carla Zelle Wolff, '69** recently tied for

## "Camp" Edwards Receives Alumni Service Award

Ernest S. "Camp" Edwards, '69, longtime community leader, will officially accept the 2001 Alumni Service Award at the Homecoming football game on Saturday, November 16. The president of the University acknowledges all the recipients from the various schools and colleges

during halftime ceremonies with the presentation of an engraved silver bowl. Edwards has served multiple terms on the Kent School Alumni Council Board of Governors and is well known in the community for his work with the Presbyterian Community Center.

## Go And Sin No More

Dr. Harry Butler, '69 reports that when he was a professor, he posted Gandhi's *Seven Deadly Sins* on the bulletin board outside his office. Every day it turned up missing. So, each day as he came into his office, he would just post a new one. In time, he placed a note under the posting telling passersby that they were welcome to take it, if they wished. Perhaps we would find it useful to post the list in our minds

1. Wealth without Work
2. Pleasure without Conscience
3. Science without Humanity
4. Knowledge without Character
5. Politics without Principle
6. Commerce without Morality
7. Worship without Sacrifice

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## Dr. Wanda Lott Collins Appointed To State Task Force

On November 16, 2001, Governor Paul E. Patton appointed the Governor's Task Force on the Economic Status of Kentucky's Women. First Lady Judi Patton and former Governor Martha Layne Collins will serve as Honorary Co-chairs of this Task Force, and the Kentucky Commission on Women will manage the project.

The mission of the Task Force is to identify obstacles to the economic progress of Kentucky women, find solutions, and develop a plan of corrective action. Committees have been formed to focus on five areas: Education and Leadership, Economic Development and Employment, Women in Positions of Power, Social and Cultural Barriers, and State Government Employees.

Dr. Collins will co-chair the Social and Cultural Barriers Committee.

An assistant professor at the Kent School, Dr. Collins' research interests include: social work practice issues related to spirituality

and religion, caregiving practices among baby boomers, the African American church and family supports, and psychosocial aspects of Alzheimer's. She teaches first year foundational direct practice classes and has developed a class entitled Spirituality and Social Work that is slated to be taught in Fall 2002.

Dr. Collins has more than twenty-five years experience in helping individuals struggling with life and career problems to examine how to get what they want out of life. With experience that ranges from social service related organizations to religious institutions and community based programs, she has extensive clinical knowledge regarding self-esteem development. Her focus is directed towards showing people how to become the producer, director, scriptwriter, and star of their lives.

The recommendations of the Task Force should be available in November, 2002. More information about the Task Force can be accessed at: <http://women.state.ky.us>.



**Dr. Wanda Lott Collins**

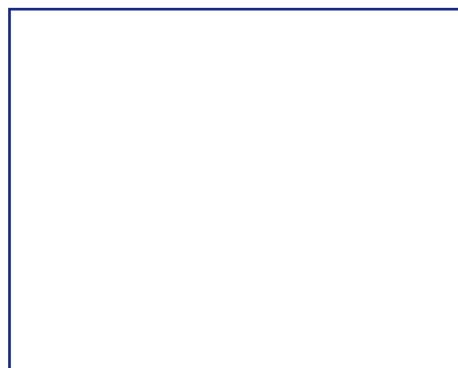
## Homecoming 2001 Brunch And Open House

Members of the Kent School Alumni Council provided brunch goodies for visitors on Homecoming Day, November 10, 2001.



**Kent alumni attend Dean Singer's update on progress at the school. Fifty-plus visitors attended the brunch open house at Oppenheimer Hall.**

**Dean Terry Singer revealed an early concept for a possible addition to Oppenheimer Hall. Faculty and staff are now housed in six separate buildings.**

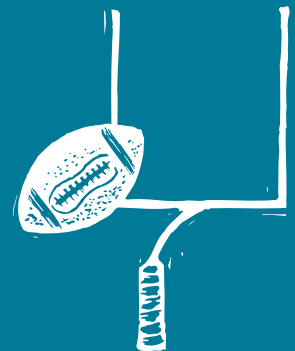


## Homecoming 2002

Plan to attend Homecoming 2002 on Saturday, November 16.

Enjoy picnicking, campus tours, events at Kent School and the homecoming football game and more.

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## E-mail Exchange

With so many people going online we've received requests from the following alumni to publish their e-mail addresses. These individuals invite correspondence from other Kent alumni.

If you would like to be included in future listings, or if your address should change, please send your request or update to Terry Laun at [KentRecord@aol.com](mailto:KentRecord@aol.com).

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## Husband And Wife Team Direct Family Therapy Program

Kent School is the only school of social work to house a Marriage and Family Therapy program. It may also be the only program at UofL to have a married couple as co-directors. Dan Wulff and Sally St. George took on this challenge in February 2001 at the request of the MFT faculty. Suzanne Hanna, who had previously directed the program, chose

to step down from the directorship and to focus her efforts on the university's Family Support Center. When they approached Dean Singer with the proposal he immediately asked, "How strong is your marriage?" When he sought the provost's reaction to the plan, she promptly asked the same question.

Sally and Dan have both brought children into their marriage, creating their own blended family. Married since 1997, they met while they were graduate students at Iowa State University.

A real advantage to the arrangement is that they already know each other well and have already worked out a way to divide up tasks. Each gives the other credit for their unique strengths. On the other hand, they must avoid the temptation to always be at "work" and discipline themselves to take time for themselves.

There are twelve students in the MSSW specialization and six in the post-Master's certification program. At this writing they were preparing for the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapist's site visit which they hope will result in final certification for the Master's program which has been in candidacy for five years.

Marriage and Family Therapy as a discipline has been around since the 1940's, but it was generally seen as a sub-specialty of another field. It was not until the 1970's that it was recognized as a separate discipline. The National Institute for Mental Health now recognizes

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**Sally St. George and Dan Wulff direct Kent School's Marriage and Family Therapy Program**

## LET'S HAVE @ IT!

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Please put "Kent E-Mail" on the subject line, and include your class year.

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# Dynamic Faculty Member Champions School Social Work

Assistant professor Andy Frey is passionate about what he does. He speaks about the challenges and promise of school social work with an easy animation that encourages you to share his vision.

It comes as no surprise to learn that he received the Outstanding Faculty Award in 2001 from the Kent School Student Association. But that's probably an item you would have to pick up from his curriculum vitae. He is not compelled to trumpet his personal honors.

Frey came to Kent School in 2000 after a speedy drive from school social worker to academic. He received his MSW from the University of Michigan in 1994. Following graduation he worked in a variety of social work and behavioral consultant roles for the Douglas County School District at Castle Rock, Colorado. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Denver's Graduate School of Social Work.

As a school social worker he shared space and worked closely with the school psychologist. As a behavioral consultant he would work with special education teams who needed insight on handling an especially difficult student. He would craft a behavioral plan for both home and school.

Frey says that Kentucky's system of Family Resource Centers is recognized among the top three states nationally. He hopes that in the future the coordinators of these centers will be required to be social workers.

However, Kentucky has only 300 school social workers compared to Illinois' 3000, for example. The school social worker's role is much broader in most other states. In Illinois each social worker covers one to three schools and is funded by special education dollars. They assess kids and provide direct services; consult on

emotional and behavioral issues and deliver in-service training to school district teachers and staff on diversity, classroom management, disability and other issues. They are seen as liaisons with other systems such as child protective services as well as with parents. The traditional school social worker functions equally in a macro and micro world. In contrast, the Family Resource Center staff focus more on macro issues versus the school counselor who focuses on the micro view.

Kent School, the University of Kentucky and Spalding University are working with the Kentucky Department of Education to examine the certification standards for school social workers. They hope to include requirements that applicants have a practicum, prior work experience and course content in school social work.

Thanks to Dr. Frey, Kent School will begin a specialization in school social work in the Fall 2002 semester. In addition to taking the same first year foundational courses as well as the required second year advanced classes, students must take one elective



**Assistant Professor Andy Frey**

each in special education, behavior management and school social work. Dr. Frey will teach the school social work course, but the other two are given at the School of Education. Finally, an approved school setting is required for the field practicum. Frey hopes for as many as twelve students this Fall.

Dr. Frey is originally from the Detroit suburbs. Both he and his wife are graduates of the University of Michigan School of Social Work. Ms. Frey attended Centre College in Danville, Kentucky and came to Louisville as a VISTA volunteer. She has family connections in Kentucky as well as Michigan and is employed as a research manager at the Kent School. The Freys are expecting their first child in May.

## School Social Work Course Open to Alumni

For those Kent Alumni working in school settings or even in other children's services settings, it is easy to enroll in Dr. Frey's School Social Work class. The process is simplified for alumni.

For more information, contact Dr. Frey at (502)852-0431 or at [ajfrey01@louisville.edu](mailto:ajfrey01@louisville.edu)

Also, see the website at [www.louisville.edu/kent/masters/specialization](http://www.louisville.edu/kent/masters/specialization)

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## Get Involved!

*Make a Difference by Joining the Kent Alumni Council Board of Directors.*

### The Kent School Alumni Council exists to:

- Cultivate the relationship between Kent School and its alumni
- Promote professional and social activity among its members
- Assist in the Annual Fund campaign
- Assist Kent School in student recruitment
- Promote the general welfare of the Kent School and further the values and profession of social work.

### There are four fundamental expectations of Board members:

To commit to a 3-year term of active involvement

The Board meets quarterly in addition to the annual meeting open to the general membership  
Meetings are held on Thursdays from 5:30–7:00pm  
Attend all scheduled Board meetings

To serve on a committee

Fundraising, Social & Community Relations, Student Relations, Newsletter  
Attend all scheduled committee meetings

To be available to mentor a Kent School student

Complete a Mentor application  
Have at least monthly contact with your protégé

To contribute to the Kent School Alumni Fund

Make an annual contribution  
Be willing to assist the Fundraising Committee in the Annual Fund campaign

If you would like to be a part of this dynamic alumni organization, email [KentRecord@aol.com](mailto:KentRecord@aol.com). You will be contacted by the nominating committee. Each year, balloting is scheduled in the weeks prior to the May annual meeting.

## Tracy Zaparanick, '92 Trains Veterinarians

Most social workers are familiar enough with compassion fatigue. However, Tracy Zaparanick has been given a unique opportunity to study this problem at Tuskegee University's School of Veterinary Medicine. The Center for the Study of Human-Animal Interdependent Relationships at Tuskegee explores the human-animal bond. They explore how pets may help the chronically ill and other ways in which animals may impact human health. Among her duties at Tuskegee, Tracy helps train veterinary students in human communication, aiding people in crisis, and combating compassion fatigue.

Tracy is also involved in a study to identify the factors that contribute to compassion fatigue among veterinarians. Tracy wrote the grant to fund the project. A survey instrument designed for health care workers is being given to staff at animal shelters, an animal oncology clinic, and other animal health care related venues. The results of the study will be used to teach students how to combat compassion fatigue.

Tracy has worked at Tuskegee for three years after finding the job while browsing the Delta Society's website. She has long been interested in animal assisted therapy. Her previous jobs have been in clinical work in Charlotte, North Carolina. A native of Dawson Springs, Ky, she graduated from the University of Kentucky's undergraduate social work program, and commuted to Kent School to complete her MSSW in the weekend program. She is considering working toward her doctorate to pursue her newfound interest in research.

## Doctoral Program: The Ins And Outs

Kent's Doctoral Program continues to grow, shrink, grow, shrink in an exciting dance of students coming into the program and others walking across the stage and emerging with doctoral degrees in their hands. We began the 2001-02 academic year with 38 students in the program until Drs. Nancy Keeton and Linda Taylor received their degrees in December, 2001.

On April 4, 2002, Dr. Kathy Lay successfully defended her excellent qualitative dissertation entitled *How Feminism Informs Theory for Social Work Practice*. Four days later student Kevin Borders became Dr. Kevin Borders after defending his dissertation: *The Efficacy of Utilizing Two Public-Use Datasets to Learn More about Institutional Abuse*.

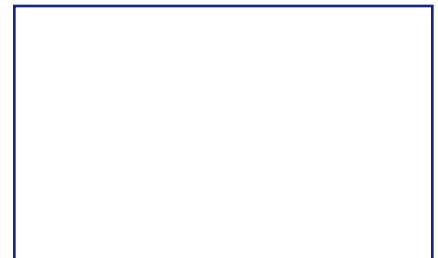
The 2002 incoming cohort of 12 includes Melody Allen, Major Carol Copeland, Trish Desrosiers, Tony Hall, Barbara Head, Suk-Hee Kim, Lori Nicholas, Amy Picklesimer, David Pooler, Betty Shiels, Tina Studts, and Elaine Wright. They bring the number of doctoral students to 46. An impressive number for a program only five years old!

New applicants who wish to be considered for fellowships or

assistantships should have their applications complete by January 2, 2003.

One feature of the joint UL/UK doctoral program is Professional Seminars. "ProSems" are held here or at UK where faculty speak about their research interests. In the March ProSem at the Kent School, Drs. Anita Barbee, Bibhuti Sar, Wanda Collins, Terry Singer, Annatjie Faul, Dan Wulff, and Andy Frey presented their research activities to about 25

students from both universities. Another recent ProSem featured the first three graduates of the program who returned to give sage advice to current students: Dr. Iris Phillips, University of Southern Indiana; Dr. Nancy Keeton, Brescia University; and Dr. Linda Taylor, Commonwealth of Kentucky.



Pictured from left to right are Carla Lemon, UK, Chris Hall, Kent, and Valerie Bryant, UK.

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## In Memoriam

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## Professor Theresa J. Wood Dies

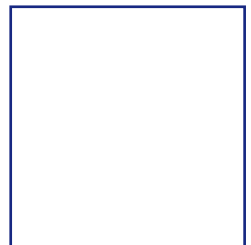
Former Kent School of Social Work professor Theresa J. Wood died at her home in Louisville on Saturday, December 15, 2001.

Wood received her BA and MS in clinical psychology from the University of Louisville and earned her MSSW from the Kent School in 1959. She went on to complete advanced studies at a number of top institutions around the country.

As an educator and therapist, she was a nationally known pioneer for the advancement of sex education in public schools. She worked to promote treatment for adult survivors of incest and for abused children and founded T.J. Wood & Associates, her private practice.

Wood's *Counseling on Family Planning and Human Sexuality*, was published in 1977.

She was a docent at the J.B. Speed Art Museum, a board member of the Executives Club of Louisville and the ACLU. She was also a volunteer therapist at the Louisville Rape Center.



**Professor Theresa J. Wood**

# Kent Alumnus Helps Lead Award-Winning Program

Before he began treatment at The Healing Place, John Byers says, he lost his mother—partly because of his drug and alcohol addictions.

Byers had moved in with her to assist with her care, and one night she fell. “I was in a blackout and didn’t find her until the next morning,” he said. She died of a broken neck.

“The guilt was too much to bear” recalled Byers, 40, of Louisville. He reacted by losing everything to drugs. But while living on the streets, he heard about The Healing Place and made his way there.

After completing the homeless shelter’s recovery program, Byers is clean, sober and an assistant staff supervisor there.

For its success in helping people like Byers, and because its program can be copied in other communities, the Healing Place won \$26,000 in January for placing among the five finalists for the national Premier Cares Award. The award is sponsored by Premier Inc., a purchasing alliance of hospitals and health-card systems across the country.

The recovery program begins when a person spends up to seven days in its non-medical detoxification center and decides to stay,

said Jay Davidson, chief clinical officer of The Healing Place. Davidson is a 1991 graduate of the Kent School and a former president of the Kent School Alumni Council.

What sets this program apart from others is that participants “are accountable to colleagues” for offenses such as tardiness or sleeping in class, Davidson said. That means their colleagues choose the punishment

For one person, it might mean writing an essay, for another, extra duties.

The program also includes privileges based on progress, classes on life skills and the twelve steps of Alcoholics Anonymous.

“It’s not clinical, it’s a 12-step model of peers helping peers to get them clean and sober,” Davidson said.

The Healing Place, which occupies several buildings on West Market Street, is Louisville’s largest homeless shelter and the only one with an on-site medical clinic. It was founded by the Jefferson County Medical Society Outreach Program.

More than 230 applications were considered for the award.

## Husband and Wife Team Direct Therapy Program

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MFT as the fifth core mental health profession and Kentucky’s legislature passed the licensure statute for MFT in 1998.

UofL began offering courses in MFT in the 1970’s, but in October 1994 the MFT program was officially transferred to Kent School to develop a specialization for the MSSW. The post-Master’s certification is done in conjunction with Family and Children’s Counseling Centers, and has been accredited since 1990. This certification is open to any candidate with a master’s degree in the helping professions.

For more information about the Marriage and Family Therapy Program at Kent School, visit [www.louisville.edu/kent/family/](http://www.louisville.edu/kent/family/).

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the University Club and Alumni Center.*

*The annual meeting will take place May 16, 2002.*

## Music Expert Teaches How To Heal

The great American composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein once said that music “can name the unnameable and communicate the unknowable.”

Alice Cash, a therapist and musicologist, believes that music also has many healing properties, and she is spreading that message.

“My goal is to help the average person understand how to use music as a tool for healing,” Cash said. “Going to just one of these talks would help anyone better understand how music can help harmonize the mind, body and spirit.”

Cash’s program, “Tuning Your Life: Using music for health and wellness on life’s journey,” is a five-part seminar she gave as part of Second Presbyterian Church’s Second Wind Ministry. Second Wind is a series of weekly seminars devoted to topics as varied as the healing properties of music, financial

planning and biblical studies. Each of the five presentations range from “Using music before, during and after surgery, pain management and oncology” to “Using music to treat depression, anxiety and addictions.”

Cash is quick to point out that her advocacy of music in health care is “not any kind of ‘New Age’ phenomenon,” but is backed up by well-established research and practice.

Cash is a behavioral-health therapist at Baptist Hospital East, working on “everything from addictions to marriage counseling,” she said.

Music, Cash said, can serve as a springboard to therapeutic discussion or help people simply by the power of positive association. She said music can be as powerful as any drug. She also said she does not use it to replace prescribed medication, but as an adjunct treatment.

She uses a wide range of music for varying effects—from having pregnant mothers listen to classical music, to eliciting responses from Alzheimer’s patients by playing them familiar music like old swing classics from their youth.

Cash has a doctorate in musicology from the University of Kentucky as well as a master’s degree in social work from the Kent School of Social Work where she graduated in 1995. Before working at Baptist Hospital East, she was the coordinator of music and medicine at the UofL School of Medicine’s department of psychiatry, where she performed research on the therapeutic effects of music and the psycho-physiological aspects of tone and chant.

Dr. Cash is president of Healing Music Enterprises. Visit her web site at [healingmusicenterprises.com](http://healingmusicenterprises.com).

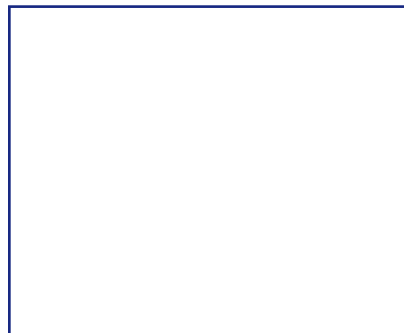
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## Virginia Dever, '95 Lives Life On Purpose

Take a minute and imagine someone listening to your words and hearing the unemphasized and unspoken. Imagine someone who will be a partner with you, helping you to live the life of your dreams, both personally and professionally while also helping you to strengthen your personal foundation.

The Kent School has produced yet another unique entrepreneur, a “Life on Purpose Coach.” Virginia says it all started when she received her MSSW. She worked for five years at Louisville’s Center for Women and Families as Director of Creative Employment. She enjoyed the work but wanted the flexibility of working out of her home.

A friend introduced her to Life on Purpose



Virginia Dever, '95

Coaching and she enrolled in a development course with classes ranging from “Defining a Life Purpose” to “Discovering One’s Life Purpose.” This discipline teaches that one’s true life purpose is the vessel that holds and shapes your life. It is composed of a vision you

hold for yourself and others, your core values and your being.

Virginia has been coaching clients for about 6 months. Her company is called Purposeful Living! The Personal Coaching Company. She has built a client base of locals and some out-of-towners who participate in coaching sessions by phone. She eventually wants to include coaching for small businesses.

Virginia feels she is expressing her own life purpose by inspiring others to create a more beautiful life for themselves. She welcomes inquiries at (502)454-0554 or [vdever@win.net](mailto:vdever@win.net).

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