PIKEVILLE COLLEGE

President’s View from the hill

Pikeville College celebrated a new chapter in the history of the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine on Oct. 8, with a groundbreaking ceremony for the medical school’s $25 million educational facility and expanded clinical skills center. Construction is under way on the nine-story structure being built in the former location of the Marvin Student Center. Among those participating in the groundbreaking were Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear and U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers.

On behalf of the college’s board of trustees, President Paul E. Patton announced that the facility would be named the “Coal Building” in recognition of the coal industry’s longstanding support of Pikeville College and its status as the primary industry of Central Appalachia. The building is scheduled for completion in March 2012.

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Counting our blessings

Pikeville College has been blessed with many good things this year, including the largest freshman class in the school’s history. Undergraduate students now have opportunities to pursue guaranteed acceptance programs at the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine or continue their education through our partnership with Midway College’s proposed pharmacy school. Earlier this year, we introduced a Teacher Leader master’s degree program in cooperation with Morehead State University.

We broke ground on a $25 million facility that will greatly enhance the excellent medical education our student-doctors receive and provide opportunities for the college to improve health care in Kentucky and Appalachia for many years to come.

Equally important are our alumni, like Doug and Judith Walters Hinkle and J.W. and Anne Walters Worthington, whose generosity made possible the renovation and dedication of the Walter P. Walters Sr. Room in Wickham Hall, which will become a gathering place for intellectual exchange and collegial conversation in the grandest tradition of the academy.

Mr. Walters believed in the mission of Pikeville College and thought Eastern Kentucky was a better place because of it. For that, and many other things, we are grateful.
Pikeville College experiences record growth, freshman class doubles

When undergraduate classes began in August, Pikeville College welcomed the largest freshman class in the school’s history. But the good news didn’t stop there. Early registration for freshmen and transfer students climbed to 525, which more than doubled from last year. Classes are full, the campus is buzzing with excitement and President Paul E. Patton couldn’t be happier.

“Our goal was to increase enrollment and to share the opportunities this college provides with as many prospective students as possible. These numbers are a significant achievement and have exceeded our expectations,” said Patton.

Total enrollment, with the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine, is 1,325. Students are housed in five residence halls, including two recently remodeled suites for fraternities and sororities in Wickham Hall and PC South, the former Days Inn property owned by the college. To prepare for the influx of students, the college hired additional faculty and increased student services, including tutoring and mentoring programs.

Save the Date

Pikeville College Alumni & Friends Weekend
April 2, 2011

Activities will include an awards dinner and dance.

For more information, please call Alumni Relations at (606) 218-5276.

Hope to see you there!

Bears return to Rupp

In the end, the records will show the University of Kentucky posted a 97-66 win over Pikeville College on Nov. 1 in an exhibition game at Rupp Arena. What may be forgotten is that with 14:20 left, senior Andre Thornton scored on a tip-in to pull the Bears within 12 at 52-40 before things got out of hand. Several hundred fans sporting orange and black traveled to Lexington. The game was played before 21,127, the largest crowd to ever see a Pikeville College basketball game.

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