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Dear Harold and Lil:

Survived Friday the 13th. Only had a little bad luck- the gutter over my office was overflowing, and I got soaked coming back in! So wet my belt had to be dried.

I just heard on the radio the song I told you about that was played to me Nov. 23 over the phone. I had forgotten th first line-- "I was downtown working for the FBI!" ~~XXXX~~ Now that has to be proof of something!

My father is much better-went to a board meeting this afternoon. The tractor business is great- sold \$46 million worth of parts, used machines and new in May. Most in strip mining. Kentucky is still the first or second biggest coal state.

My brother is in Eastern Kentucky hammering for Habitat for Humanity. John. Said he spoke with Jimmy Carter yesterday. Newt Gingrich is supposed to be there, too. Trying to help his imgge, no doubt.

I sent Dal McGuirk the computer disk and also a copy of the letter to OAH that Dave Wrone sent me. Also, a copy of my article which I hope he likes.

The Noblesville Ind. high school that studies the JFK case has failed to respond, though I wrote about the nicest letter I know how. One thing that amazes me is howguys who hold out that they have some expertise are so damn rude. That is why I always liked you, you answered my letter! I know you have had the same experience many times over. You try to help people, and I guess you are lucky to get a "Go to Hell" about half the time.

All I can say is Thank you, Thank you , Thank you for being so nice to me. I have known enough jerks to last a lifetime. All I can say is I hope I can carry on your work in some small, but accurate way.

I hope to speak to my friends at Legal Aid to see if they are interested in me doing a JFK speech as a fundraiser for them. Bar Meeting this week. Our big outside speaker is John Stossel, ~~XXX~~ Mr. ABC big shot.

Enclosed is a brochure with 3 pictures of the lovely Betsy. She almost singlehanded got the program accredited. Beauty and Brains! I am always afraid she will wise up and find a better husband. But so far, she is stuck with me

By the way, no matter what team you cheer for, it must be better than being a Cincy Reds fan. They have muzzled Marge, but have actually fallen behind the Cubs, though the Cubs lost the first 14 games. The Reds no longer even have a local TV contract. For years, I have gone home early, or skipped school, to watch the season opener. It was not even on free American TV. I guess it was on cable. Baseball is truly run by a bunch of idiots.

Harold, here are my thoughts about the topics I want to cover in my speech.

1. The Warren Commission was not unanimous. Re Sen. Russell.
2. The Warren Report is contradicted by its own exhibits.
3. LBJ did not believe Oswald acted alone.
4. The official "spin" was put on early that Oswald was alone. Re Katzenbach memo.
5. FBI did a poor investigation.
6. NRA experts could not match Oswald. His shooting.
7. Altgens' picture of Oswald.
8. Undercurrent of coverup- EX Self healing curb in Dallas.
9. Impossibility of single bullet theory. Sen. Russell and Cooper.
10. Grassy Knoll gun- Zapruder testimony, Secret Service testimony. Shots in front of car.
11. Oswald had some type of intelligence background- help to Russia, help coming back, Nosenko.
12. Movie JFK and Jim Garrison- not accurate, Garrison off base and trying to build a career, Clay Shaw absolutely innocent.
13. No mysterious deaths. Probably no Mafia or Corsican connection. No shooters apparently apprehended at scene.
14. Errors- Allowing traffic to resume in Dealey at once, no closing of site, part of JFK's skull found by tourist or civilian. Poor police work, poor autopsy, failure to look at all photo evidence.

15. Read Harold Weisberg if you want to learn anything!

These are the high points. I will take any suggestions you have.

Well, I better get back to work. Say HI to Lil, and give her a kiss. For me!

PS I guess I should mention the poor, shallow reporting done by most of the press. Re Case Closed.

I await your comments.



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# NEWS

Kentucky College of Business

*See p. 2 for Betsy!*

## Students Year-Round

## Advantage of Enrollment

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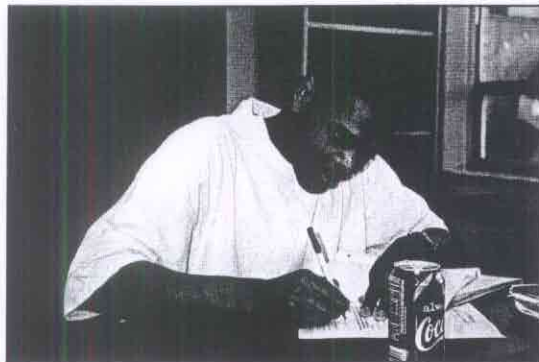
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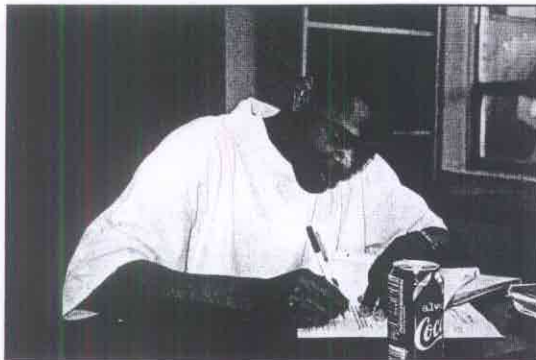
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# Healthcare Careers Get H.I.T.!

Despite all the rapid changes taking place in healthcare, one constant remains: the need for qualified healthcare professionals. Experts project the current fast pace of job growth in the health service sector to continue.

Many students at Kentucky College of Business prepare to take on healthcare careers as medical secretaries and medical assistants, but a growing special niche is emerging in the healthcare industry. The overwhelming amount of medical data - patient medical files, doctor reports, operative notes, insurance records, research literature, and medication records - must be processed, organized, and maintained. Students enrolled in the Health Information Technology (H.I.T.) program, offered only at the Louisville campus, are on their way to exciting and challenging careers enabling them fulfill this vital function. The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that more than 47,000 additional health information management professionals will be needed by the year 2005.

## **Authorities on medical data**

Health information (medical records) professionals are important members of the healthcare team, combining the disciplines of medicine, information management, and computer technology. The training is rigorous. Program Coordinator Betsy Neichter describes her students as "organized, detailed-oriented, sequential thinkers who are interested in the field of medicine." She explains, "Students considering this field need to realize this program requires a high level of motivation and determination."

Ms. Neichter speaks from personal and professional experience as an Accredited Records Technician, and state consultant of medical records for the Department of Corrections. "Health information technicians do not have direct contact with patients," she says, "but we receive much of the same intensive training as those healthcare professionals who do." However, health information technicians use the training to provide the healthcare community reliable, timely, accurate, and accessible medical information.

Ms. Neichter joined the Kentucky College staff in 1995



Students Pleshette Morrow, Michelle McFarland, Michele Brooks, Shelia Lyons with instructor Betsy Neichter, who describes her students as, "organized, detail-oriented, sequential thinkers who are interested in the field of medicine."

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### Accreditation means results

Ms. Neichter says, "Students who successfully complete the College's Associate's Degree in Health Information Technology may sit for the national accreditation examination administered by the American Health Information Association." The result is earning the credential of Accredited Records Technician (A.R.T.).

Medical transcriptionist Michelle McFarland and her coworker in the medical records department at a local hospital Shelia Lyons say their supervisor encouraged them to enroll in the program. "To advance in a medical records career," Michelle says, "we have to have degrees and earn our A.R.T." Shelia points out, "The combination of our experience, knowledge, degree, and A.R.T. certification will allow us to earn higher salaries."

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Pleshette Morrow,  
H.I.T. student

### Challenging course requirements

"This is not a static profession," Ms. Neichter says. "Medical terminology constantly changes, and new procedures and medicines are developed." As program director, one of Ms. Neichter's responsibilities is ensuring the health information technology courses include new and updated medical information.

The curriculum is driven by the established national requirements and includes medical terminology, clinical classification systems, body control systems, anatomy and physiology, diseases of the human body, pharmacology, statistics, and computers. Student Pleshette Morrow admits, "This material takes a lot of outside-the-classroom study and preparation. But the reading and projects are not frivolous — the goal of this program is to prepare us to pass the A.R.T. exam."

In addition to the science courses, general education courses



Shelia Lyons and Betsy Neichter review a homework assignment.

are included as part of this program, providing students with written and oral communication skills needed in a health information management career. And students get on-the-job experience. "The program requires 300 hours of externship to graduate," Ms. Neichter notes.

### H.I.T. on the healthcare team

Health information technicians are responsible for the information generated by other healthcare practitioners. The H.I.T.

professional secures, compiles, organizes, analyzes, and evaluates information for the healthcare industry. They are called upon to analyze medical records for accuracy and completeness; code and classify all diagnoses, therapies, and operations; retrieve information to prepare statistics and reports for public health authorities; create disease registries for researchers; prepare special studies for medical staff; respond to inquiries authorized for insurance or legal purposes; and supervise department employees.

### Employment opportunities

H.I.T. professionals put their strong process and data management skills to use in a broad spectrum of employment opportunities. Positions range from health record analysts and coders to quality assurance and utilization review coordinators as well as supervisors of health information functions. Hospitals, ambulatory and long-term care facilities, home health agencies, clinics, physicians' offices, health maintenance organizations, pharmaceutical companies, insurance companies, and law firms all seek H.I.T. professionals. Ms. Neichter adds, "Even vets and zoos hire health information technicians to manage animal medical records and data!"

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# Accounting: A Degree Of Unlimited Possibilities

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Since the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the economy of the United States has transformed from primarily rural and agricultural to urban and industrial. These changes have required the specialized knowledge of accounting professionals. Historically the accountants' role has been to count, compare, record, and report financial information - but today the role is expanding.

James Hurst, Accounting Department Chair at the Lexington campus, says, "Employers need people in accounting, bookkeeping, and financial transactions positions. Lexington and the whole Central Kentucky area are continuing to expand rapidly in both business services and manufacturing areas, and they need accounting professionals."

Business growth, technological advances, and the increasing complexity of tax laws and government reports all mean the demand for accounting skills will continue to increase faster than for most other skills. Employment is projected to grow by 35% nationally. In 1994, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics predicted that accounting will be one of the ten fastest growing industries during the next ten years.

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Student Rochelle White and Accounting Instructor James Hurst.

emerging specialties are management consulting, tax, environmental accounting, forensic accounting, software development, entertainment, and telecommunications.

## Specialized training required

"Students realize it isn't enough to have just any degree," Mr. Hurst observes. "It's the type of degree that's important. And students know good jobs will go to people with specialized business training, such as accounting."

Robert Jackson, accounting major under Mr. Hurst, states, "I know I will be able to apply this degree in getting a job - this is a stepping stone to get me where I want to go." Robert likes the "seriousness of the program" and its carefully organized curriculum.

Kentucky College's accounting program is designed to meet the need for trained executives and professional accountants who are capable of grasping the broader problems in the fields of business, industry, and government. The program - both practical and comprehensive - is especially strong in the technical subjects of accounting and computer information systems.

### Accounting technology

Accountants who plan to be in practice in the 21<sup>st</sup> century must have the knowledge to understand, specify, recommend, and manage computer hardware and software for all areas of accounting. Computers now perform many accounting functions, allowing accountants to incorporate and analyze more information.

Students at Kentucky College receive applied computer training to meet the accounting field's increasing demand for technical knowledge and sophistication. "Using modern computer techniques, students are exposed to every important phase of the accounting process," Mr. Hurst says. "As a result, students graduate prepared to begin their careers."

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Robert Jackson, student

### Success begins in the classroom

Becoming a successful accounting professional begins in the college classroom, gaining solid technical knowledge. Accounting student Brian Case says Mr. Hurst keeps the class involved in what



Brian Case, "Mr. Hurst keeps me involved in what he's teaching."

he's teaching. And Robert Jackson says, "Mr. Hurst makes accounting understandable and fun!" Both Brian and Robert maintain 4.0 grade point averages. "Making good grades is important to me," Robert says. "It shows I'm serious about my major, and I'm prepared."

"My teaching philosophy is to combine a thorough understanding of classroom material and hands-on experience to prepare students to find employment," notes Mr.

Hurst. "The accounting program at KCB takes the student from day one of their college training and guides them step-by-step through the learning process." The program integrates students' academic knowledge with practical applications. "From course work, to seminars, to field trips, to an office simulation, students learn the actual steps and procedures a working accountant follows on the job," explains Mr. Hurst.

The Department of Accounting at KCB in Lexington has initiated a new externship program, whereby second-year accounting majors can participate, on a voluntary basis, in the daily operations of local accounting firms and financial institutions. This participation, in conjunction with their course studies in preparation for an accounting degree, will give the accounting student invaluable experience in some of the real-life business situations they will face upon graduation.



Robert Jackson, "Accounting is fun!"

### The successful accounting professional — not just numbers

The externs will assist in accounting, operational, and administrative activities that occur at businesses in their local community, which in turn will give them a better understanding of the business and accounting principles they are learning, as well as an opportunity to apply those principles in real life.

"In the accounting program at KCB we don't just teach accounting; we train students to be good accountants!" says Mr. Hurst. "I always liked and was good at math," says accounting student Brian Case. "But an accountant has to be able to work well with people, too." Success hinges on the ability to speak "numbers" fluently to those who are not in the accounting profession.

### Encouragement for the future

Mr. Hurst has the honor of being the '97 graduation speaker at the Lexington campus. "I've been speaking to these students for the two years they've been here — I know them," he says. "I will encourage graduates to continue developing professionally and personally and to strive to make a difference in their career, family, community, and faith."

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# Results Speak For Themselves

**Jill Bargo,  
Business  
Management,  
'97**



*"I returned to college after raising a family – you're never too old to go to college and get a degree! I liked KCB because of the small classes – I didn't get lost in a large group. Business Management is an excellent program – the courses are pertinent to the major, and there is no wasted time. I had two goals in finding a job: I wanted to work in the finance business and for a young company. KCB's Career Center Director Barbara Guenther told me about Check Exchange – a new company filling a niche in finance. I got the job, and now I'm Regional Manager. I love it! I went to KCB for a two-year degree, and I got a career!"*

**Teresa  
Milburn,  
Legal  
Secretarial,  
'96**



*"I liked attending KCB because of the small classes; there was always one-on-one assistance when needed. The Career Center was very helpful in finding this job. I'm a legal secretary at the law firm of O'Hara, Ruberg, Taylor, Sloan, & Sergent."*

**Pamela Daley,  
Accounting, '93**



*"Prior to attending KCB, I was in a dead end job. I knew I needed a degree to get a better job, but returning to school after 21 years was challenging. I worked full-time, raised two teenagers, and attended classes in the evening.*

*I had great instructors at KCB who were always willing to help. I maintained a 3.85 grade point average, and when I graduated, I received the Hurns Academic Achievement Award in Accounting!*

*KCB prepared me for a good job, and the Career Counselor helped me find the one I wanted. Four years later, KCB's Career Center helped me update my resume. When I discovered KCB needed a Financial Assistance Director, I applied and was offered the position! It was like coming home. I love working here.*

*I know all students have obstacles to overcome to achieve the goal of getting a degree and a better job. But if we have the willpower and desire, we can do it."*



**Ernestine  
Kinder,  
Administrative  
Assistant, '97**

*"I chose KCB because of its small size and one-on-one attention. I acquired the computer skills and abilities I needed to re-enter the workforce. I love my job here at WZLK radio station. The KCB staff was friendly and welcoming; they re-kindled my self-esteem, so now I know I Can Do It!"*

# Medical Assisting

## A Special Career for Special People

I like the challenge of teaching even better than nursing," says Pat May, R.N. and medical assisting (M.A.) instructor, who recently joined the Pikeville staff as medical program director.

Medical assisting student Vernis Larsons says there is a vast amount of information to learn in a short period of time and "Ms. May does an excellent job in getting that information across to us." Vernis was drawn to the program because medical assisting requires training in a variety of skills. "There won't be any boredom!"

Ms. May says the students receive "in-depth" training in all clinical and administrative aspects of medical assisting. "There is a big demand of professionals with medical background and training."

Student Leshia Mitchell said the boom in healthcare opportunities led her to pursue a degree in medical assisting. "I worked in a doctor's office, and with no degree I was stuck working behind a desk!" Leshia is looking forward to having direct interaction with patients instead of just the paperwork.



Vernis Larsons



Sherry Cox



Leshia Mitchell

Sherry Cox also worked in a physician's office before attending Kentucky College. "I love working in the medical field and with a degree, I'll be able to have a job I love."

Classmate Tiffany Thacker attended a four-year college but prefers the "personal attention" she receives at Kentucky College. "Ms. May stresses professionalism in our medical assistant training." Tiffany says the instructors' attention and the intensive training have given her "a lot of self confidence! I know I will be prepared to get a job as a medical assistant!"

The medical community is catching on to medical assistants' versatility. Ms. May notes, "One local doctor hired four of our M.A. graduates to work in his office." Note: Kentucky College of Business offers the medical assisting program at the following campuses: Danville, Florence, Louisville, Pikeville, and Richmond.



Tiffany Thacker



Pat May, R.N. and Medical Program Director, Pikeville campus.

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