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Hall of Fame Weekend
October 25-27, 2007

2007 Blazer Lecture in the Humanities

Ellen Goodman
Pulitzer Prize winning journalist

Thursday, Oct. 25
7:30 p.m. Memorial Hall
Free and open to the public

Hall of Fame Induction & Scholarship Dinner

Benny G. Johnson
BA, Chemistry, ’89
BA, Math, ’90

Dr. John E. Keller
MA, Spanish/Italian Speech, ’42

Vivian Shipley
BA, English, ’64
MA, English, ’67

Dr. G. Samuel Hurst
MS, Physics, ’48

Friday, Oct. 26
5:30 p.m. Cocktail reception
7:00 p.m. Dinner & program
Thoroughbred Ballroom, Lexington Convention Center
$50 per person; reservations required

Arts & Sciences Homecoming Tailgate

UK vs Mississippi State football game

Join us for a tailgate party with live Bluegrass music and food from Billy’s BBQ. The party begins two hours prior to kickoff. White tent off University Drive in front of E.S. Good Barn.

Saturday, Oct. 27
$40 per person (includes game ticket); $15 (meal only)
Reservations required

For reservations or additional information, please contact:
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A Garden in Kentucky

Under the fluorescent sun inside the Kroger, it is always southern California. Hard avocados rot as they ripen from the center out. Tomatoes granulate inside their hides. But by the parking lot, a six-tree orchard frames a cottage where winter has set in.

Pork fat seasons these rooms. The wood range spits and hisses, limbers the oilcloth on the table where an old man and an old woman draw the quarter-moons of their nails, shadowed still with dirt, across the legends of seed catalogues.

Each morning he milks the only goat inside the limits of Versailles. She feeds a rooster that wakes up all the neighbors. Through dark afternoons and into night they study the roses’ velvet mouths and the apples’ bright skins that crack at the first bite.

When thaw comes, the man turns up the sod and, on its underside, ciphers roots and worms. The sun like an angel beats its wings above their grubbing. Evenings on the viny porch they rock, discussing clouds, the chance of rain. Husks in the dark dirt fatten and burst.

*Jane Gentry, “A Garden in Kentucky”*