

**University of Kentucky Northern Extension Center and
University of Kentucky Northern Community College Records
RG-048**

ABSTRACT

The University of Kentucky (UK) Northern Extension Center (1948-1964) and the UK Northern Community College (1964-1968) preceded Northern Kentucky State College (1968-1976) which progressed into Northern Kentucky University (1976-present). The University of Kentucky Northern Extension Center and University of Kentucky Northern Community College Records (1948-1970) primarily consist of the Directors' correspondence files, subject files containing reports and publications, course catalogs, and news clippings and memorabilia scrapbooks.

SUMMARY INFORMATION

Creators: Directors of University of Kentucky Northern Extension Center and Northern Kentucky Community College

Span Dates: 1948-1970

Extent: 14.5 cubic feet (23 boxes), 667 megabytes

Languages: The materials are in English.

Repository Location: Eva G. Farris Special Collections and Schlachter University Archives, W. Frank Steely Library, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Kentucky

ACCESS POINTS

Subjects:

Northern Kentucky University
Northern Kentucky State College

Names:

Northern Kentucky University
Northern Kentucky State College
Thomas L. Hankins
University of Kentucky Northern Extension Center
University of Kentucky Northern Community College

Places:

Special Collections and University Archives
W. Frank Steely Library
Northern Kentucky University

Covington (Ky.)
Campbell County (Ky.)
Kentucky, Northern

RELATED MATERIALS

Related Archival Materials: see UK Explore UK digital repository for photos, search on Northern Center Covington. Example:

https://exploreuk.uky.edu/catalog/?q=northern+center+covington&offset=20&per_page=20

The site is located under the Special Collections Research Center.

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ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY

The University of Kentucky Northern Extension Center and University of Kentucky Northern Community College were predecessors to Northern Kentucky State College (NKSC) and Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

In 1968, the University of Kentucky Northern Community College in Covington, Kentucky officially transitioned to an independent college, Northern Kentucky State College.

The establishment and growth of these institutions occurred as follows:

The University of Kentucky, a public university, was founded in 1865 in Lexington, Kentucky. As early as 1946, it initiated some extension courses at the Trailways Bus Station in Covington. On July 1, 1948 the University of Kentucky (UK) officially established the Northern Extension Center to offer a limited two-year college program in Northern Kentucky.

Administrative offices and classrooms were rented in the Covington First District School, an elementary school at Sixth and Scott Streets. Extension Center students used the chemistry labs at Ft. Thomas and the physics labs at Holmes high schools while the Covington YMCA was used for student recreational and athletic activities. The program was developed to meet the educational needs of returning military veterans and to provide professional and general education for part-time undergraduates and graduates.

Dr. W.C. Wesley began the 1948-49 year as Director of the Northern Extension Center, but Thomas L. Hankins replaced him before the year ended. Hankins stayed on to become the first and longtime director of the successor institution, Northern Community College. ... UK began planning for its own permanent facility as early as 1958. A 40-

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acre site in Devou Park, Covington was selected. Mt. Allen Road was extended to connect Dixie Highway to the new UK Northern Center campus. On November 19, 1961, the new building and Covington campus were dedicated. ... Student enrollment in 1960-61 was 500-550 per semester. ... The Northern Center had 8 staff and 26 full and part-time faculty....

Between 1957 and 1960, UK created four additional extension centers. In November 1961, a state study on education recommended development of a statewide community college system. In 1962 the state legislature approved creation of the community college system, the addition of new colleges and the conversion of existing university facilities at the five extension centers to the use of the community college system. UK was delegated the task of managing the entire system. By 1964 UK began converting the extension centers to community colleges. The Northern Center became the UK Northern Community College (UKNCC), using its new name for the first time in 1964-65. UKNCC's first graduation ceremony was held in 1966; twenty-eight students received associate's degrees or certificates.

In 1966 a Kentucky Council on Public Higher Education study recommended that one more public state college be established in Northern Kentucky because it lacked one, despite being the state's second largest metropolitan region. In 1967 Louie B. Nunn was elected Governor. In return for support in his election, he advocated the establishment of Northern Kentucky State College (NKSC), signing the establishing legislation on March 14, 1968. In order for the UKNCC assets to be transferred to the new NKSC, the University of Kentucky, the Kentucky Council on Public Higher Education (now the Council on Postsecondary Education) and the state legislature all had to approve. This was completed by July 31, 1969.

Although the Covington campus was deeded to NKSC on June 20, 1969, UK continued to be responsible for conducting classes until NKSC took that over in July 1970.¹

In 1976, NKSC gained university status and became Northern Kentucky University.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

University of Kentucky Northern Extension Center and University of Kentucky Northern Community College RG-048 consists primarily of the Director's office records accumulated from the establishment of the University of Kentucky Northern Extension Center until the assets transferred from the University of Kentucky to the newly established Northern Kentucky State College. The collection received minimal processing.

This is an open record group (RG) meaning new additions to the record group are expected to be added.

The record group contains six series: Administrative Records, Publications, Publicity, Faculty Records, Student Records and Photographs.

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Series I, Administrative Records (1948 - 1970), contains the Director's annual financial and other reports, and subject files which include correspondence.

Series II, Publications (1949 - 1971), includes course catalogs, class schedules, commencement program, campus dedication records and other publications.

Series III, Publicity (1950 - 1969), consists of press releases, advertisements and news clippings.

Series IV, Faculty Records (1967-1969), contains the faculty governance constitution and faculty schedules.

Series V, Student Records (1963 - 1969), includes Student Government records, student news and newspapers.

Series VI, Photographs (1949 - 1961), contains Snow Queen candidate head shots and administrator group photographs.

SYSTEM OF ARRANGEMENT

The University of Kentucky Northern Extension Center and the UK Northern Community College records contain six series: **I Administrative Records, II Publications, III Publicity, IV Faculty Records, V Student Records, VI Photographs**. Series I, II, III, V and VI contain minimally processed boxes arranged by category and chronologically, unprocessed boxes arranged alphabetically. Series V contains unprocessed boxes arranged alphabetically.

CONTAINER LISTING

Description	Date	Box
Series I: Administrative Records		
Reports: annual, financial, other	1948-1969	1031, 1035, 1036, 1038, 1040, 1042, 1046
Minutes	1948-1966	1031, 1034
Directors' subject files, correspondence	1948-1070	1031-1039, 1046- 051
Series II: Publications		
Course catalogs (bulletins)	1949-1971	1685
Class schedules	1948-1970	1033, 1035, 1042

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Description	Date	Box
Various publications	1948-1970	1033, 1035
Commencement program	1970	1042
Dedications	1948-1970	1042
Northern Center dedication brochure	11/19/1961	Digital-see archives staff
Series III: Publicity		
Press releases	1950- 1967??	1032
Advertisements	1949-1950, 1960-1970	1033
News clippings and news clippings scrapbooks	1950-1969	1032-1033, 1043-1045
News clippings	1951-1968	Digital-see archives staff
Scrapbook –“Praise and Prayer”	1954-1955	1459
Series IV: Faculty Records		
Faculty Assembly constitution	1967-1969	1036
Faculty schedules	1957-1969	1046
Series V: Student Records		
Student Government papers	1960-1962, 1965-1966	1034
Student Government activities	1957-1969	1046
Student newspaper	1963-1969	1041
Student news	1954-1965	1035
Series VI: Photographs		
Photographs	1949-1961	1031, 1038, 1042
Course catalogs (bulletins)	1949 -1971	1685

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ACQUISITION AND APPRAISAL

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Transfers prior to 2007 were not accessioned. Transfers from University of Kentucky Archives: 19 record boxes, 5/20/2004; 2 files, 9/14/2009, accession NKU2009-020. "Praise and Prayer" scrapbook transferred on 11/2/2009 by James Votruba, Northern Kentucky University President, accession NKU2009-017.

Custodial History: The majority of the records in this collection were received in the University of Kentucky Archives transfer of the Northern Community College records in 2004.

Dr. Votruba received the "Praise and Prayer" scrapbook on 11/2/2009 from Patrick Lake, President and Chief Executive Officer of Henderson Community College. Dr. Lake had received it in a box of Henderson College materials transferred to the college from the University of Kentucky Archives.

Appraisal, Destruction, and Scheduling Information: Transfers from University of Kentucky Archives.

NOTES

Processing Information: Processed by Vicki Cooper, 2023. Initial finding aid creation, C. Jankowski, student employee, 2017.

Endnotes

1. Lois, Hamill, "Our Rich History: The Northern Extension Center Was the Start of Something New and Special." Northern Kentucky Tribune, October 22, 2018, <https://www.nkytribune.com/2018/10/our-rich-history-the-northern-extension-center-was-the-start-of-something-new-and-special/>.