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STAFF CONGRESS NEWSLETTER

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SYNOPSIS OF STAFF CONGRESS MEETING ON AUGUST 13, 1987

Appointments: Don McKenzie to serve on the Screening Committee for Assistant Vice President for Business Affairs.....Nancy Trimbur to serve on the Search Committee for Affirmative Action Coordinator.....Margaret Groeschen to serve on Task Force on health insurance and benefits.....The Benefits Committee and Staff Congress Review Committee each will have a survey distributed in the near future, for your input. Please be on the lookout for both survey forms.....The Emergency Evacuation Evaluation Committee (not an official name) is working on safety measures to enhance exit procedures to aid the whole NKU community, including the handicapped, in case of any emergency.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Sandy Flora - A.C.T.
Albert Burton - Minority Students Program
Betty Jo Walters - Math
Stephen Krutka - Physical Plant
Janis Reynolds - Registrar
Mary McGrath - Education
Ginny Poynter - Campus Management
Marie Hornsby - Physical Plant
Terri Fisher - Chase
Geneva Morris - Education
Carolyn Walsh - Bursar

Mike Turney - Communications
Debra Lipscomb - Main Library
Robin Byerly - Math
Stanley Fondon - Physical Plant
Lisa Brown - Career Development
Tim Schoonover - ReEmployment Center
Deedra Derrick - Education
Darryl Harley - Bursar
Susan Bushey - Financial Air
Marian Connor - Accounting & Budgetary Control
Diane Davis - Nursing

TERMINATIONS

Jeannette Bryson - Media Services
Cindy Feldman - Chase
Donna Beatsch - Registrar
Virginia McGaha - Accounting & Budgetary

Betty Jo Walters - Math
N. Edd Miller - Communications - Retired
Jack Edgley - Public Safety - Retired
Donna Brooks - Math - Retired

TRANSFERS

Joann Scharf - Campus Rec
Tom Skinner - Accounting & Budgetary

Jean Shisler - College of Business

PICNIC UPDATE

If you turn in the reservation form by August 20th whether or not you are going, you will receive one ticket good for up to six persons at a discount price of \$6.95 each for The Beach.

Menu: Hot dogs, brats, metts, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, vegetable trays and dip, potato salad, baked beans, cookies, ice cream, soft drinks, beer and snacks consisting of chips, pretzels and nacho chips.

Sign-up for euchre tournament by 3 p.m..
Storytelling hours: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m..
Rain or Shine!!!! Be Cool! Be There!

If you have misplaced your invitation please call Carole Vulhop, X6366, and place your reservation.

A REMINDER

Don't forget the Pops Orchestra free performance on September 5th at 8 p.m. on the front lawn of the BEP building. See your Campus Digest for more details.

CLASSIFIEDS

Kodak Ecktra 2 Instamatic camera, extended flash, uses 110 film.
Vidal Sassoon curling iron with brush attachment, new, case included
New bicycle carrier, trunk mount, carries 2 bikes.
26" girl's bicycle, AMF, purple, needs tires, 3 speed.
If interested, contact Darlene Miller, Ext. 5290 or 441-6986.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Nomination forms attached. Shirley Gallicchio is the Chairperson. Deadline for submitting nominations is 4:30 p.m., September 11, 1987. The awards luncheon will be September 28, 1987. Faculty are also encouraged to nominate staff personnel for these awards.

August 13, 1987

SAD NEWS

Everyone is shocked and saddened by the injury to Roger Goins and the death of Russell Burris.

I'm sure everyone will remember these men in their thoughts and prayers and join together in wishing a speedy recovery for Roger.

In remembrance of Russell, I would like to write the following:

There is a Bulgarian saying which reads: "God promises a safe landing, but not a calm passage".

Russell's passage was not calm, but I am sure he enjoyed a safe landing.

Perhaps some can gain solace from something I recently learned in my "Holistic Health" class. We had a guest speaker tell us about a near death experience he had as a result of a severe illness. During this experience, his spiritual being left his physical body and interacted with the supernatural.

His talk described a great variety of perceptions and impressions, but the one which remains most clearly in my mind was the importance awarded the little things we do in life. Things as simple as opening a door for someone struggling with packages, being friendly or offering a word of kindness.

If the small things in life are what truly matter then I think Russell Burris could best be described as a man who did small things in a big way.

Russell's day was not complete until he made someone else smile. His most endearing quality, and that for which he will best be remembered, was that his kindness and generosity were genuine, for they came from his heart.

I think I speak for all when I say, "We love you, we miss you, and we will always remember you, Russell".

Submitted by: Jerry McLafferty
Supt. Bldg. Svcs.

Russell Burris died August 1, 1987 in a tragic automobile accident on U.S. 27 in Butler, KY. Roger's address is R.R. #1, River Road, Butler, KY 41006.

To the Northern Kentucky University Staff:

On behalf of my children, Michelle Lynn and Stephanie Nicole Burris, I take this opportunity to thank you for your support, love and understanding during the recent loss of their father, Russell Harlow Burris.

Looking back I can remember ten years ago, Russell had been laid off from work and was so worried that he would no longer be able to support his family. He was sent to the Northern Kentucky University for a job interview and was hired. He came home with a big smile on his face and the look of worry was gone. He was so proud of the fact that he was going to work for the University.

Russell would talk to me about his work, especially of his co-workers, Bonnie Lowe and Jerry McLafferty. Their working relationship was very special.

So many times, we try to blame others for taking someone from our lives that mean so much. We all know that Russell had a loving heart and would not blame anyone for his death. Just three hours before his death, I heard the words I Love You from his lips. I thank God for giving me such a gift.

Although our marriage had ended, we tried to remain friends and keep our children's best interest at heart. I thank God for giving me the eighteen years of marriage with Russell and for the two beautiful children resulting from our love. All I have to do is look at my children and I see Russell and it seems as if he has never left us at all.

As our six year old daughter, Stephanie said to me just yesterday, Mommy don't cry, Daddy isn't really gone, he is still alive in our hearts.

Thank you again for all your support and kindness during the loss of someone so dear to us.

Sincerely,

Jessie Paulette Burris
Jessie Paulette Burris & Family

These days you get the impression nobody ever fails on his own.
It's always the fault of parents, teachers or somebody.

No one ever ruined their eyesight by looking at the bright side of life.



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**NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
STAFF EMPLOYEES
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
NOMINATION FORM**

Northern Kentucky University wishes to honor those staff employees who have made exemplary contributions to the growth, image, or efficient operations of the University. Nominations for Distinguished Service Awards will be judged on the basis of criteria which demonstrate such exemplary contributions. Please consider each quality listed below and provide an example, if applicable. If you wish to elaborate, please provide narrative comments, letters of commendation, or other documentation in support of the nomination.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. All permanent non-faculty employees are eligible for nomination.
2. Only nominations made by University students or employees will be accepted; eligible employees may nominate themselves.
3. Nominations are to be submitted in an envelope marked "confidential" and sent to Shirley Gallicchio, Registrar's Office.
4. All nominations must be justified by the nominator to receive consideration.
5. A separate nomination form must be used for each nominee.
6. Nominations received after 4:30 p.m., September 11, 1987, will not be considered.

NOMINATION:

I hereby nominate _____ who works in the Department of _____,
for a 1987 Northern Kentucky Distinguished Service Award.

1. **Enthusiasm:** _____

2. **Leadership:** _____

3. **Loyalty to the University:** _____

4. **Cooperation, Courtesy, and Fairness with Other Employees:** _____

5. Outstanding Job Performance and Willingness to Go Beyond the Call of Duty:

6. Initiative, Creativity:

7. A Record of Good Attendance:

8. Recognition from Co-Workers or Others in the Same Field of Work:

9. Acts of Bravery or Heroism:

10. Efforts Toward Good Public Relations for the University:

11. Community Service or Service with a Professional Organization Which Directly or Favorably Reflects Upon or Benefits the University:

12. Suggestions for Improvement of Specific Work Procedures, General Operations, or the Quality of University Worklife:

13. Other Activities or Characteristics which Enhance the University or Foster its Basic Missions:

Signature of Nominator

Date

Department

Telephone