

# *STAFF CONGRESS NEWS*

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## **NEW CO-EDITORS!!!!**

There was Burns and Allen, Bogart and Bacall, Lewis and Martin, now there is "Pettit & Goodrich". (That's more like Matthau and Lemon). That's right folks, for the next few months your newsletter will be co-edited by Chuck Pettit, past president of Staff Congress, and Peg Goodrich, past, present, and future secretary of the Staff Congress/Faculty Senate Office. Our former newsletter editor, Jim Parker, has resigned from Staff Congress. Thanks for all the great Newsletters Jim. Jim's term was due to expire June 30, '97. We will attempt to catch everyone up on what was going on the past few months.

## **SPEAKING OF "CATCHING" UP - CAN WE SAY FOOTBALL!!!!**

As we all are aware, the Board of Regents has approved an intercollegiate athletics enhancement package that includes the possibility of starting a football team. It was an unfortunate situation and we apologize that surveys requesting your feedback were not sent out in a timely manner. Congress did receive some post-decision comments (pro and con) which are on file in the Congress office. Thanks to those who felt compelled to give their opinion!

## **TUITION WAIVER SURVEY**

A sub-committee comprised of members of the Faculty Senate and Staff Congress Benefits Committees are working on a presentation for administration on the concept of a tuition waiver for dependent children and spouses. Our hope is to have a document ready by the end of May to present to administration.

We sent out 1100 surveys and 700 were returned. 650 were used to compile the data for our presentation. I can not express how important the comments were that we received. Some of the most important and impressive comments were those that attempted to find a Win-Win situation between faculty, staff, and the university as it related to the tuition waiver; and there were many.

Let's keep good thoughts that we will be listened to!!!!

## **OTHER STUFF**

Starting with the new fiscal year and a new Congress for 97-98, the Policy Committee will start reviewing the Redbook with personnel services to see if any of the policies may need to be discussed and possibly updated. Some of the policies date back to the Nixon years. That is frightening!!!!

## **OTHER STUFF cont'd**

For those who get the impression that sometimes Congress is moving a little slow it probably is, as it is now. When the climate at the University is in a state of major change, Congress is preparing for that change. You can bet the farm that you will hear some commotion coming your way soon.

## **"THANK YOU"**

Clothes and money donations - the follies - Easter baskets - lasagna bakeoff - a 2500 foot sub, and the list goes on. To attempt to thank each individual that helped with the flood relief efforts would take pages and pages. The NKU family that some believe no longer exists once again stepped up and took care of not only their own, but many others. So let us just know that each faculty, staff, student and administrator that did something to help, is being thanked in the hearts and prayers of those we assisted.



The Easter Basket drive the Staff Congress organized under the leadership of Cheryl Bloomer Weber, with donations from faculty and staff, resulted with 583 baskets filled with candy, toys, coloring books and other goodies. An additional 328 baskets contained everything but the candy for those children not permitted sweets, and also due to the fact we ran out of candy although additional candy was purchased with the money donated towards filling the baskets. A special thanks to KENNER TOYS as they heard of the letter Staff Congress sent to all NKU faculty and staff requesting donations and they sent over boxes and boxes of things to include in the baskets, and to DISPLAY SPECIALTIES of Wilder. Doug Bray, a graduate of NKU and owner of Display Specialties, donated 800 baskets to be filled. He is the brother of Linda Bray Schaefer in University Relations. Last but not least, a BIG thanks to the approximately 20 staff personnel for their labor filling all those baskets. It was a job well done!

## **ELECTION 1997-99 UPDATE.....**

Nomination forms have been sent to all Staff employees eligible to serve on Staff Congress. There are 18 terms that will expire on June 30, 17 members will be serving their second year. Please feel free to nominate yourself or nominate someone you know who would like to serve on Staff Congress. To date we have only received a few, so help us make this an exciting election by volunteering to run or getting someone to agree to serve.

## **MESSAGES FROM THE STAFF CONGRESS OFFICE:**

If your department is not receiving the proper number of copies of the Staff Congress Newsletter for the staff employees, please notify the office, X6400, so the records can be corrected. (Academic Secretaries Please Note: Also contact the office if you also do not get enough faculty mailings when they are sent to your office!) Due to the turnovers it may be necessary to change the number of copies on the department's address label. Please feel free to share our Staff Congress newsletter with faculty and others in your office.



Once again, the supply of the large interdepartmental mail envelopes in the Faculty Senate/Staff Congress Office is almost depleted and your old used ones are desperately needed. If you will contact X6400 we will gladly arrange a pick-up.

### **A.D.ALBRIGHT & STAFF CONGRESS SCHOLARSHIP INFO**

Twelve applications for the Staff Scholarships have been received in the office and will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. We expect to announce the results at the May Staff Congress meeting on May 8.

### **NOMINATIONS ARE DUE FOR STAFF REGENT**

Nominations are now being accepted for the position of Staff Regent. The Staff Regent represents all non-teaching employees and serves a three-year term beginning July 1, 1997. Any full-time staff member with three consecutive years of service, excluding the president, vice presidents, academic deans, and academic department chairpersons, is eligible to be nominated for Staff Regent.

According to state statute (KRS 164.360), those individuals with family members who are employed by the University are not eligible to serve as regents. A copy of the statute addressing this policy is available from the University's Office of Legal Services.

To nominate a non-teaching staff member, the nominator must obtain a written statement signed by the nominee indicating a willingness to serve if elected. Nomination forms have been distributed to staff members and additional nomination forms are available in Personnel Services. Nominations must be received in the Staff Congress Office, Lucas Administrative Center 105, **by 4 p.m. next Monday, April 21.**



### **BIRTHS!!**

*"I flew back home to NKU"*

Melissa Gorbandt, Asst. Director in Admissions, gave birth to a girl born on February 26, weighed 7# 11 oz, and named her Allison Kelly.

Cheryl Torline, our Staff Congress President and employed in the Bookstore, became a proud grandmother to Savannah Georgia Allene Jones, born January 21st, weighed 9# 6 ozs. This is the second time she has become a grandmother. The baby's mother was a former Physical Plant employee, Carla Torline.

Before Linda Pettyjohn left NKU's University Relations she became a proud first time grandmother. Her new granddaughter was named Brooke Taylor Pettyjohn, born February 1, 1997, weighed 8 lb. 6 oz.

Cathy Cottingham, Community Ed, gave birth to a baby boy April 3, 1997. He was named Chad Wesley Cottingham and weighed in at 7# 10 oz.

## **PARKING REGULATION CHANGES**

Just when you thought we wouldn't change again! Look forward to some changes in the parking regulations and decals for the upcoming fiscal year. Word also has it that a parking structure will be going up next to lot J. Stay tuned to the grapevine for more information on these subjects.

## ***Strictly Personnel:***

### **NEW HIRES**

**Janice Brashear-Chase**  
**Jeffrey Chesnut- Career Devl. Ctr.**  
**Joyce Couch-Student Support Serv.**  
**Mary Dawn-Registrar**  
**Julie Hess-Communication**  
**Nancy Howard-Research, Grts. & Conts.**  
**Natasha Jude-Residential Life**  
**Pamela Koeninger-Transitions/Admissions**  
**Brook Mundy-Printing Services**  
**Lee Purdon-Education**  
**Janet Rogers-Soc/Ant/Phil**  
**Carol Skawinski-Community Ed**  
**Diane Temming-Admissions**  
**Venita Woodson-Admissions**  
**Michelle Wray-Admissions**

### **TRANSFERS**

**Bert Brown-Registrar to Academic Computing**  
**Peggy DeJaco-Chase Environmental to Chase Dean's Office**  
**D. Gail Jewell-Accounts Payable to Copying Services**  
**Brenda Shields-Residential Life to International Student Affairs**

### **DEPARTURES**

**Danny Bayes-Physical Plant RETIRED**  
**Angela Carrier-Admissions**  
**Theresa Combs-Public Safety**  
**Cynthia Cummings-Physical Plant**  
**Jeffrey Dektas-Public Safety**  
**Merle Doering-Chase**  
**Lisa Ellis-Student Activities**  
**Diane Guenzi-Johns - Business Affairs**  
**James Hartig-Physical Plant RETIRED\***  
**Aaron Jeter-Copying Services**  
**Michael Kirk-Printing Service**  
**Linda Pettyjohn-University Relations**  
**David Pfvan-Printing Services**  
**Elaine Richardson-Steely Library**  
**James Tenney-Admissions**  
**Carolyn Turner-Academic Advising Res.**  
**Laura Walther-Chemistry**  
**Julyan Watkins-Physical Plant**

### **PROMOTIONS**

**Melvin Bayless-PP Automotive Shop Asst. Supervisor to Supervisor**  
**Irene Boling-Research/Grants/Cont. Admin. Secretary to Coordinator**

### **TEMPORARY TO PERMANENT**

**Tonya Blevins-PP Custodian**  
**Carla Carl-PP Custodian**  
**Frances Crow-PP Custodian**  
**Tonya McCarter-PP Custodian**  
**Shirley Sumner-PP Custodian**

\* A retirement coffee will be held for James Hartig at 8:45 a.m. on April 29th in the University Center Ballroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and wish him well.