



Staff Congress Newsletter



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Tidbits from Congress:

- Martha Malloy's term as Staff Regent will end June 30th. The Staff Regent Election Committee is being formed. Their duties will include; calling for nominations, publishing eligibility status and tallying the votes. **Now** is the time to consider whether you are up to this challenge or to seek out others to nominate.
- We extended our thanks to Martha Malloy for her three years of dedicated service as our Staff Regent.
- Ken Ramey, Assistant Vice President of Business Services, spoke concerning changes in regards to the Bookstore and Food Services. He reported that the University is exploring the option of outsourcing the bookstore services. RFP's (Request For Proposal) will go out to private vendors. If, after thorough investigation, this proves to be beneficial for the University, the bookstore could be run independently and the employees would not be considered NKU employees. McDonald's 5-year lease will soon expire. The Food Services Company is investigating the expansion of their management and bringing in Burger King and Chick Fillet to the first floor. This will allow more flexibility for the University and variety for the students.
- Jeff Chesnut, Career Development Center, will replace Sgt. Allen Thomas, Jr. on Staff Congress.
- The Campus Work Environment survey has undergone its final touches and should be mailed soon. You are asked to give it serious consideration and return it within ten days. Your input is valuable and necessary.
- The Board of Regents met January 26, 2000, and installed two new members: Joyce Griffin, Elsmere, Kentucky and Brenda Wilson, Grant County, Kentucky. The board's next meeting is March 15 (the ides of March).
- Martha Malloy encourages everyone interested to run for Staff Regent. She stated it was a very positive experience and is willing to discuss it and answer questions with anyone interested in running.
- Peggy DeJaco will take the responsibility of checking the Suggestion Box in Norse Commons.
- Performance Evaluation Training will be held February 15th a.m. & 17th p.m. Dr. Michael Carrell, Dean of the College of Business, will lead the training. This is a must for new supervisors and is open and welcome to anyone else.

- A question was asked concerning the Reclassification of a position. According to Human Resources, funding is provided for this once a year, in the spring. If the department submitting the reclassification request is able to provide the necessary funding, the reclassification may occur, with Human Resources Department's approval, at the time of a departmental restructuring. However, available departmental funding does not guarantee the reclassification. Many factors come into play and it is best discussed with Human Resources if you have specific questions.
- The Constitution & Bylaws Committee did not recommend adding a new category to Staff Congress for the sole purpose of guaranteeing a Covington Campus representation. The present system allows an employee to run in one constituency (either the relevant employment area or employment category or at large). Due to the difficulty in filling positions on Staff Congress, it was felt that it would not be in the best interest of Staff Congress to further increase divisions.
- The contractual completion date for the parking garage has been extended to mid March.
- Please consider your participation in the Career Mentoring Program for 7th and 8th graders sponsored by the Educational Talent Search Department. If you would like to mentor one of these individuals, please contact ETS at 392-2410, or email Lisa at brinkman@nku.edu.



Redneck Valentine:

Collards is green
my dog's name is Blue
and I'm so lucky
to have a sweet thang like you.

Yore hair is like cornsilk
a-flapping in the breeze
Softer than Blue's
and without all them fleas.

You move like the bass,
which excite me in May.
You ain't got no scales
but I luv you anyway.

Yo're as satisfy'n as okry
jist a-fry'n in the pan.
Yo're as fragrant as "snuff"
right out of the can.

You have som'a yore teeth,
for which I am proud;
I hold my head high
when we're in a crowd.

On special occasions,
when you shave under yore arms,
well, I'm in hawg heaven,
and awed by yore charms.

Still them fellers at work,
they all want to know,
what I did to deserve such a
purdy, young doe.

Like a good roll of duct tape
yo're there fer yore man,
to patch up life's troubles
and fix what you can.

Yo're as cute as a junebug
a-buzzin' overhead.
You ain't mean like those far ants
I found in my bed.

Cut from the best cloth
like a plaid flannel shirt,
you spark up my life
more than a fresh load of dirt.

When you hold me real tight
like a padded gunrack,
my life is complete;
Ain't nuttin' I lack.

Yore complexion, it's perfection,
like the best vinyl sidin'.
despite all the years,
yore age, it keeps hidin'.

Me 'n' you's like a Moon Pie
with a RC cold drank,
we go together
like a skunk goes with stank.

Some men, they buy chocolate
for Valentine's Day;
They git it at Wal-Mart,
it's romantic that way.

Some men git roses
on that special day
from the cooler at Kroger.
"That's impressive," I say.

Some men buy fine diamonds
from a flea market booth.
"Diamonds are forever,"
they explain, suave and couth.

But for this man, honey,
these won't do.
Cause yo're too special,
you sweet thang you.

I got you a gift,
without taste nor odor,
more useful than diamonds...

IT'S A NEW TROLLIN' MOTOR!!

