Staff Congress Newsletter

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Tidbits from Congress:

- Martha Malloy, our Regent Representative, thanks everyone who communicated with her in regards to the football issue. There will be no implementation of football at NKU at this time. All questions are welcome by e-mail (malloy@nku.edu) or other means. Expenses for the Presidential Installation are covered by private donations. Any additional dollars will be placed in the President's Priority Fund.
- Once again, we discussed the need for salary increases to be a fixed cost with money set aside specifically for this and that longevity be calculated on an annual basis.
- Chris Boggs thanked Staff Congress for our help on the United Way Campaign.
- Ron Rieger, Chase Law Library, replaces Joe Ruh on Staff Congress and will serve on the Liaison Committee. Welcome Ron!
- Dr. Votruba discussed a proposed to add a permanent accrual of five additional vacation days to the Red Book beginning January 1998. This will replace Spring Break starting in 1998. Plan accordingly NOW. Remember that Spring Break Week at NKU will be "business as usual (which allows for vacation scheduling). He also voiced his concern that all employees need to use their vacation. If this is a problem in your department, you need to work with your supervisor and Personnel.
- Optional Life Insurance can be dropped at any time without reimbursement or picked up in January. This can be continued after retirement on your own, but not with the group rates.
- TIAA-CREF individual consultant dates are booked. More dates will be added.

 Personnel will keep us posted.
- Student Support Services Department is taking donations to sponsor seven families for the Christmas holiday. Any donations are helpful. Please contact Anita Adkins, Susan Mospens or Peg Adams for further questions.
- Janet Walton, Staff Congress Scholarship recipient, is graduating this December from NKU. The Spring semester of the scholarship will be awarded to Ms. Jenny Blanchet, runner-up. Ms. Blanchet is the daughter of Ellie Blanchet, School of Education Department. Congratulations!!!





In Sympathy

Richard Haegele, Printing Services, on the death of his father.

Victoria Schwartz, Admissions, on the death of her mother, Dorothy Stewart, of Columbus, Ohio, in October.



Matt Cox, *Physical Plant*, is the proud father of a baby boy born on October 24th, weighing in at 6 lbs., 15 oz. His name is Logan Matthew.

Lisa Hedges, *Talent Search*, gave birth to a son on October 10th, weighing in at 7 lbs., 4 oz. His name is Jacob Clifton. His proud father is Chris Hedges.

Dale Mahaney, Administrative Computing, is the proud father of a baby girl born on October 28th, weighing in at 5 lbs., 15 oz. Her name is Taylor Fair. Her proud mother is Kathy Mahaney.

Debbie Poweleit, *Admissions*, gave birth September 17th to a son. His name is Ethan Andrew and he weighed in at 7 lbs., 14 oz. He has a very proud older sister, Allison.

Jane Schwierjohann, Business Affairs, is the proud grandmother and Ray Schwierjohann, Public Safety, is the proud grandfather of a baby girl born on October 29th, weighing in at 8 lbs., 6 oz. Her name is Kathryn Jane. Her parents are Sue and David Schwierjohann.

There is no better exercise for strengthening the heart than reaching down and lifting up another.