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Successful Grad Returns to Speak at Alma Mater

He came from the small town of Grayson, earned a bachelor's degree in political science from EKU in 1972 and now serves as president of the Brunswick Corporation Boat Group, whose retail sales last year totaled nearly $1.6 billion.

Dustan McCoy will return to his alma mater Tuesday, Oct. 2 as part of the College of Business & Technology Distinguished Speaker Series. He will share his experiences when he speaks from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in Brock Auditorium. The public is invited to the free event, which is co-sponsored by the Richmond Rotary Club and the Richmond Chamber of Commerce and is part of the Richmond Live! series.

“We try to bring to our program role models for our students, and Dusty is a globally experienced and culturally sensitive professional who is a very impressive role model,” said Dr. Robert Rogow, dean of EKU’s College of Business & Technology. “They’ll be able to see that EKU graduates can and do succeed in the corporate world.”

After earning his baccalaureate degree at Eastern, McCoy earned a juris doctorate degree from Chase Law School at Northern Kentucky University and is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association. His wife, Becki, also attended EKU.

After serving 15 years as associate general counsel with Ashland Inc., McCoy spent six years with Wico Corp., Greenwich, Conn., rising through the ranks to executive vice president with operating responsibility for a variety of global businesses and functions. He joined Brunswick Corporation in 1999 as vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary.

Brunswick Corporation is the global leader in marine engines, pleasure boats and bowling, billiards and fitness equipment. The Boat Group’s trademark names include Sea Ray, Bayliner and Maxum pleasure boats; Baja high-performance boats; Boston Whaler, Trophy and Robalo fishing boats; and Princraft deck and pontoon boats.

“His diverse background will benefit our program tremendously,” Rogow said. “He’ll discuss issues affecting American companies engaged in domestic and international business and will share some of his experiences, how he got from Grayson to EKU, what he learned along the way and how Eastern helped him get to where he is today. “He was very interested in coming back to Eastern and assisting the University in any way he could.”

NEW STREET NAME – The section of Kit Carson Drive between the Eastern By-Pass and Van Hoose Drive is now Roy and Sue Kidd Way. The new name was announced Saturday, Sept. 22 during a ceremony honoring Coach Kidd’s 300th victory. From left are Sue Kidd, Coach Kidd and Interim President Eugene Hughes.

Nelson Gets New Title, Expanded Role

Dr. Kenneth R. Nelson, whose career at EKU has spanned 30 years, has been named dean of continuing education and outreach.

As director of extended programs since 1995, Nelson has overseen EKU’s extended campus centers in Corbin, Danville and Manchester.

He previously served as a faculty member and chair in the Department of Social Science and as a faculty member in the Department of History. From 1979 to 1988, Nelson served as associate dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

“Dr. Nelson’s areas of responsibility have expanded significantly in recent years,” said Dr. Michael Marsden, provost and vice president for academic affairs, “and his new title more appropriately reflects the considerable scope of his duties related to the delivery of our academic programs across our service region at multiple sites and via multiple technologies.”

EKU’s extended campus centers have experienced significant enrollment growth. Today, over 350 courses are offered each term and approximately 2,000 students are enrolled.

“Working with the extended campus centers has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my career,” Nelson said. “Many non-traditional students who work full-time jobs and have families would never attempt to go to college if EKU was not accessible with high-quality, affordable educational opportunities.

“The students you get to know at the centers, and hearing their personal struggles to acquire a college education, clearly demonstrate that the centers are meeting real needs of people. The centers have enabled EKU to make great progress in accomplishing its responsibility of meeting the educational needs of its 22-county service region.”

In his new position, Nelson will continue to work with the centers and help plan for the reorganization of the Division to meet the demands for additional growth in distance education.

“In the past five years, most postsecondary educational institutions, including EKU, have experienced rapid growth in the delivery of courses using technology such as interactive TV and online courses. It is time to create an infrastructure at EKU that can provide adequate support for these new delivery methods, and meet the demands of those students who can only take college courses from a distance.”

Nelson earned a bachelor’s degree in English at the University of Alabama in 1964, and master’s and doctoral degrees in history from the University of Georgia in 1969 and 1972, respectively.
Britt Receives Award from NFEC
Dr. Danny Britt, chair of EKU’s Department of Agriculture, has received a Distinguished Service Award from the National Food and Energy Council.

The award is given to an individual whose accomplishments reflect support for agriculture, the utility industry and the rural community. Since 1995, Britt has served as a board member of Blue Grass Energy. Britt first began making contributions to the agribusines field with dairy science research and papers at Michigan State University. He joined the EKU faculty in 1975 and was named chair of the Department of Agriculture in 1991. Through his efforts, the Commonwealth has received a number of grants to enhance agriculture education and support regional vocational education. In 2000, he received the Kentucky Honorary Farmer’s Degree.

First Graduate Education Course In Spring Is Free
EKU’s College of Education is waiving tuition for the first course taken in its graduate program during the Spring 2002 semester. The offer is extended to the first 60 applicants admitted to any graduate degree program in the College of Education next semester. The offer covers courses taught on campus, at any EKU extended campus center, via ITV/TKL on-line.

For more information, contact Amy Harrison at 622-9127 or Amy.Harrison@eku.edu.

Honorary Degree Nominations Due
Nominations for an honorary degree for the next calendar year must be submitted to the President’s Office by Oct. 20. The person nominating a candidate should submit documentation that includes: a letter of support, citing the candidate’s field of expertise and their significant contribution to the field and/or EKU; a biography or curriculum vitae on the candidate; and letters of reference or other information that would illustrate the candidate’s prominence.

The recipient should be distinguished in his or her field and have demonstrated exemplary service. The recognition should focus attention on the University community’s commitment to the recognition of the development of knowledge and humanity.

No current member of the Board of Regents or active faculty or staff member can receive an honorary degree. Also, honorary degrees shall be granted posthumously or in absentia only in unusual circumstances.

Events
Continuing through Oct. 12
Photo Exhibit
Photography exhibit of William Morningstar, Berea College, and Cathryn Griffin, Western Carolina University. Gies Gallery, Campbell Building, call 622-8135 for Gallery hours.

Monday, Oct. 1
“Spider Woman Walks This Land”
An examination of sacred Navajo sites and land development issues, “Spider Woman Walks This Land: Traditional Cultural Properties and the Navajo Nation,” by Dr. Kelli Carmean, Department of Anthropology, Sociology and Social Work, 7 p.m., Memorial Science 177. Presentation is part of Sigma Xi Research Society series focusing on faculty and student research activities at EKU.

Tuesday, Oct. 2
Author House to Speak
Silas House, EKU graduate and author of “Gay’s Quilt,” 7 p.m., Grand Reading Room, Crabby Library, part of Autumn Voices Lecture Series. The novel, set in Appalachia and about a young coal miner and his search for home and family, prompted Vanderbilt University to recognize House as one of the “Ten Emerging Talents in the South.” Co-sponsored by the College of Arts & Sciences and the Center for Appalachian Studies.

Wednesday, Oct. 3
Philosophy Club Debate
“What Is Government For?” 7:30 p.m., Adams Room, Wallace Building. Participants and positions: Dr. Ron Messerich, “To Keep the Peace”; Dr. Sara Ziegler, “To Protect Human Rights”; and Dr. Joe Pellegrino, “Nothing Good (We Are Better Off Without It).” The moderator will be Dr. Don Harris. The debate, sponsored by the Philosophy Club, is open to the entire University community.

Thursday, Oct. 4
11 a.m.-5 p.m. • Free Caricature Artists (Powell Lobby)
5 p.m.-Midnight • Free Bowling & Billiards (Powell Rec. Center)
9 p.m.-Midnight • Black Out Party (Powell Rec. Center) Sponsored by Thursday Alternative Getaways

Friday, Oct. 5
11 a.m.-5 p.m. • Cinemation Thrill Theater (Alumni Coliseum Parking Lot) Virtual Reality – Surround Sound, Heat, Air Conditioning, Fog, Leg Ticklers, Rain, Wind, Strobe Lights, and Aromatic Scents
5 p.m.-Midnight • Free Bowling & Billiards (Powell Rec. Center) Red Pin Bowling, Pizzeria
6 p.m. • EKU vs. Glenville State, football, (Roy Kidd Stadium)

Saturday, Oct. 6
Noon-6 p.m. • Extreme Air (Alumni Coliseum Parking Lot) Indoor sky diving experience outside without a plane!
Noon-6 p.m. • Cinemation Thrill Theater (Alumni Coliseum Parking Lot) 5-6 p.m. • Student Organization Attendance Contest, sign up at the registration table inside the football stadium on the hill.
5 p.m.-Midnight • Free Bowling & Billiards (Powell Rec. Center) Red Pin Bowling, Pizzeria

Fall Spotlight Day
3:30 a.m.-2 p.m., beginning in Brocken Auditorium and continuing in various campus locations. For more information, contact Tracy McWilliams in Admissions, 622-1562. (A second Fall Spotlight Day will be held Saturday, Nov. 10.)

Sunday, Oct. 14
Opera Matinee
EKU Opera Workshop, “Suor Angelica,” 5 p.m., Brocken Auditorium.
After the tragic events in New York City, Washington and rural Pennsylvania Tuesday, Sept. 11, the EKU campus mourned along with the rest of the country and joined in a show of support for grieving families, heroic rescue workers and government leaders.

At noon Friday, Sept. 14, a day declared by President Bush as a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance, a special program of music, prayers and remarks attracted over 200 faculty, staff and students to Walnut Hall of the Keen Johnson Building.

Tuesday, Sept. 18 was declared a “Day of Remembrance and Reflection” on campus. Many of the EKU family wore purple ribbons signifying courage, signed messages on large banners and gave generously to the Red Cross Relief Fund.

The day also included a seminar on “International Law on Terrorism and War” and a roundtable discussion in Brock Auditorium featuring a number of faculty and staff members with expertise in areas related to news events. A candlelight vigil in the Ravine concluded the day’s activities.
Name: Shalan Johnson

College Major: Middle school education, with emphasis on English and social studies. I'm also a double major in theater art.

Classification: Senior!

How long have you been involved in RHA? This is my third year. I started out as the RHA representative for Central Towers. Last year I was vice president and this year I'm president.

What's the most rewarding part of this job? The most rewarding part for me is the events. I enjoy getting people out for a good cause. It's great when we can raise money for people less fortunate and have a good time doing it.

What's the most challenging part of this job? The most difficult task for me is getting people motivated. It is equally hard to get people to understand that no job is more important than the other. In RHA we work together.

What are your plans after graduation? Well that's a long way off. This is my first year as a senior; however, it will probably take me a year after this because I just recently picked up my theater arts major. I aspire to be a teacher but not until after I've tried out theater arts. I would love to be in the musical "Cats." I really love to dance.

What made you decide to come to EKU? Well, I had originally decided on Penn State. I was extremely excited about the idea, until I started to realize how far from home I'd be. That's when I first began to look at EKU. I really liked what I saw and decided to send in an application. When I got my acceptance letter I could not have been more pleased. Being close to my family was very important to me.

What other organizations do you participate in? I'm a part of the Honors Program, Women's Activist Group, Zeta Phi Beta, Sigma Alpha Iota, Center Board and the Council of Student Affairs.

How do you manage your busy social life with your studies? I know this sounds weird, but I would never be able to do it without my planner. I keep with me at all times. My whole life is in that planner. I also try to stay very organized.

What is your family like? Well there's my mom; her name is Cherry and she's wonderful. We bump heads a lot because we're just alike. She is extremely loving. Then there's my younger brother, who is my best friend. He's now returning to school at Kentucky State University. He sat out for a semester to help with his new baby girl. I'm so excited to be an auntie now. Lastly there's my dad who lives in Georgia. My parents are divorced but they remain friends. My dad is remarried and I have two younger stepisters and a younger stepbrother. We are all really close in my family.

Do you have a guilty pleasure? I'm a huge Bob Marley fan. I can't stop myself from buying his merchandise. When the poster sale was on campus I spent $79 on five Bob Marley posters

What is your favorite TV show? I don't really have a favorite show. I don't watch much TV. My TV has not been hooked up to the cable because I haven't turned it on once this semester. When I do watch TV I usually watch "Comic View" or music videos.

What is your favorite vacation spot? The Mediterranean! When I was in Germany, one of the youth groups I was in went to Italy for two months. It was beautiful and we had a great time.

What is your favorite book? When I was in the second grade, I read a book called "Daddy's Girl." Even though the subject matter of the book was very deep, I really loved it. I carry that book around with me almost everywhere I go.

Can you recall your most embarrassing moment? I don't embarrass easily, but today I must say I was caught off guard. I was walking to the Powell Building early this morning with my vice president of RHA. I didn't expect to see anyone so I put on my ratty T-shirt and gym shorts. I step around the corner and next thing I know, I was being introduced to Ms. Glasser, the new president of EKU. I was thinking what this first impression to make to the president.

Can you recall the proudest moment of your life? When I reached my seven-month anniversary with my boyfriend. Up until that point none of my relationships lasted longer then six months. I was beginning to think I had a problem with commitment.

**Publications & Presentations**


**Procedures for Publications Submissions**

Two copies of publications and presentations by faculty and staff, including appropriate creative activities should be sent to University Archives, Library 126.

A citation for each item will be prepared by Archives staff for inclusion in EKUpdate.

One copy of the presentation or publication/creative activity will be placed in the University Archives and the other copy will be used for display of faculty and staff work in the library and outside the Provost’s Office. In cases where a faculty or staff member would experience considerable personal expense in providing two copies of their work, the Office of the Provost will provide reimbursement if requested in advance.

Papers also can be sent by e-mail to debbie.whalen@eku.edu. For more information, call 622-