



## Great Scott! NKU selects Eaton as athletic director



On the left, Dr. Scott Eaton displays the net after the NKU women's basketball team captured the 2008 NCAA Division II national championship at Kearney, Neb. On the right, Eaton is pictured during Jane Meier's farewell gathering on June 4. Eaton was named athletic director Monday.

## After playing key roles at NKU past 11 years, Eaton earns AD job

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. - Northern Kentucky University announced today that Dr. Scott Eaton has been selected as the school's athletic director.

"Scott has demonstrated during his tenure here a deep commitment to the values that have made our intercollegiate athletics program so successful," said NKU President Dr. James Votruba. "When you consider that every one of our programs advanced to NCAA post-season play last year, and that our student-athletes were among the most accomplished academically, this is an exciting time for Norse athletics. I am confident that with Scott as our A.D., this success will continue."

Eaton has worked at NKU as an administrator since 1998, and he is currently the senior associate athletic director for administration.

During his career at NKU, Eaton has played key roles in the academic, compliance, budget, event management and facility areas. He also served as NKU's interim assistant vice president for student affairs from 2007-08.

"We had a number of very qualified and talented candidates for this position," said NKU Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Zebulun Davenport. "The applicant pool speaks to the strength of our program, and we are excited about Scott's

vision for NKU athletics and are confident that he will continue our tradition of academic and athletic success."

Prior to NKU, Eaton worked at Brown University in Providence, R.I., as special assistant to the athletic director and assistant men's basketball coach. Eaton graduated from Bowdoin College in 1986 after participating in basketball, lacrosse, cross country and track.

He later earned master's degrees from both Fitchburg State College and Springfield College before receiving his doctorate from Boston University.

Eaton replaces Jane Meier as NKU's athletic director. Meier announced her resignation in April after spending 21 years as NKU's athletic director.

"I am both honored and excited about the opportunity that Dr. Votruba and Dr. Davenport have presented to me, knowing that it is a monumental task to try to match the legacy that Jane Meier leaves behind," Eaton said. "While this marks the end of an incredible era, it provides us an opportunity for a new beginning for NKU athletics."

"The standards of excellence and the core values that have guided NKU to both local and national success, and respect as an institution, will remain the same," he added. "Those values will guide our athletic department into the future, where we intend to further that success, excellence, and growth in the classroom and on the playing field."

NKU will introduce Eaton to the community and media at a "Meet the Athletic Director" social in the next few weeks. Details on the event, which will be held in The Bank of Kentucky Center, will be announced when finalized.



Dr. James Votruba (left) and Scott Eaton in 2008.