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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Staff Senate T-shirts are available for \$5. If interested in purchasing one talk to a member of the Executive Committee or contact Laura Dallmann.

Staff Development 2009-2010 Discover U Mini-Session Schedule

- Check out the schedule of topics for the 2009-2010 Discover U mini-sessions.
- All topics, dates, and locations are subject to change. Please watch for a flyer and email announcing each month's topic.

## Message from the President



PRESIDENT CHAPMAN

Much has changed at North Dakota State University during the past 10 years. The decade has truly been a time of accomplishment and advancement.

When I became NDSU's 13th president in 1999, NDSU's total enrollment was about 9,600 students. This fall, we have grown to nearly 14,200 students. During the decade, our annual research expenditures have risen from \$44 million to \$115.5 million. In athletics, NDSU sent seven teams to post-season play in the first year of eligibility since the

university's highly successful transition to NCAA Division I.

Our infrastructure has advanced as we have grown. The new Richard H. Barry Hall in downtown Fargo is a world-class facility for the College of Business, Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics, Center for Global Initiatives and Leadership and North Dakota Trade Office. NDSU's many other important projects in recent years include Renaissance Hall, Klai Hall, Criminal Justice building, Graduate Center, Benton Bunker Fieldhouse, Equine Science Center, three buildings in the Research and Technology Park, new residence halls, Memorial Union, Sudro Hall, Wallman Wellness Center, Beef Center of Excellence, the Arboretum, Animal Physiology and Nutrition Center and Minard Hall.

Everyone in the NDSU family has contributed and deserves credit for our achievement. Our success is built on the collective energy and commitment of all of us.

We are on this journey together. As one of our colleagues said to me a few years ago, once you achieve the next level, you can never go back. We have, in fact, laid a strong foundation for a bright future. As we move ahead, let us be mindful of our qualitative themes: to be inclusive, responsive and excellent. That is the basis for positive achievement.

NDSU changes lives. The research at this university changes the world. We have the tools and the talent and the ability. Together, we are North Dakota State University.

BY STEVE BERGESON

## Congratulations, Staff Senate!

The Staff Senate float in the 2009 NDSU Homecoming Parade has won the Business/Community Division award and received a framed certificate.

Campus Attractions stated, "Your float looked amazing!"

Thank you to everyone who helped with the planning and assembly of the float.



BY LA DONNA DE GELDRE



H1N1

**HOW WIDESPREAD IS  
H1N1 (SWINE) FLU?  
THE NOVEL H1N1  
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FOR DISEASE CONTROL  
(CDC) ESTIMATE THAT  
THERE ARE AT LEAST A  
MILLION CASES IN THE  
UNITED STATES.  
THERE HAS BEEN ONE  
REPORTED DEATH IN  
NORTH DAKOTA.**

## Protecting The Campus Community From H1N1

North Dakota State University established an H1N1 crisis response team in April 2009 as part of the NDSU Crisis Management Response Team (CMRT) to monitor and prepare for issues or concerns facing the campus community. Janna Stoskopf, dean of student life, and Ray Boyer, director of university police and safety, lead the team. The other members include Michael Harwood, assistant dean of student life, Barbara Lonbaken, dean for student wellness, Dagny Oliver, associate director of student health service, Jolean Pederson, associate director of public health and safety, Dr. Charles Peterson, dean of the college of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Sciences, Amber Alstadt, NDSU student body president, and Najla Amundson, media relations director.

A cross section of the campus community serves on the full NDSU CMRT, and in collaboration with the NDSU Ready Campus Initiative Department of Education grant award, directed by Professor Carol Cwiak and Daniel Klenow, will assist the team in the development of the campus

wide H1N1 continuity of operations plans. With the start of a new school year, the team asks students, faculty and staff to focus on preventative measures in dealing with H1N1. This approach coincides with that of the North Dakota State Health Department and Fargo Cass Public Health, which the team communicates with on a weekly basis.

While H1N1 is a different strain of flu virus, most people recover as they would from the seasonal flu virus. H1N1, in very severe cases, could result in death, but so can other flu viruses. Exposure to H1N1 or any other seasonal flu virus happens days before any flu-like symptoms occur. That is why prevention is the most effective protection against H1N1.

H1N1 responds well to two influenza medications commonly used for other seasonal flu viruses, Tamiflu and Relenza.

What can I do to stay healthy?

\* Wash hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol-based sanitizer, especially after

coughing or sneezing.

\* Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

\* Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

\* Use tissues one time only - discard in wastebasket after use.

\* Cough or sneeze into your sleeve if a tissue is not available. This will prevent the passage of germs from infected hands to objects or other persons.

\* Stay at least six feet away from anyone you suspect is ill.

\* Eat a balanced diet, drink lots of water, exercise regularly and get plenty of rest.

\* Get the seasonal flu vaccine. It will be available through Student Health Service this fall.

\* Get the H1N1 vaccine when it becomes available.

If you develop flu-like symptoms, NDSU's H1N1 team encourages you to do the following:

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BE A PART OF STAFF SENATE

## Be a Part of Staff Senate

Do you want to be involved on campus?

Do you want to voice your opinion on campus issues?

Do you want to know what is going on in other departments on campus?

Are you looking forward to meeting more people who work at NDSU?

Well then Staff Senate is the place for you! To learn more about Staff Senate feel free to attend one of our meetings OR call Vance Olson, Staff Senate President at 231-9661.

## Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Nineteen lucky Staff Senators enjoyed the hospitality of the President's Office this summer in the NDSU suite

at the Redhawks Stadium on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Senators enjoyed excellent food, conversation and, of course, baseball. Our

thanks go to the President's Office for this opportunity!

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BY VANCE OLSON

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REDHAWK STADIUM

## FACE Award Recipients

Michael Dirk, Facilities Management, Judy Qualley, Facilities Management, and Brittnee Steckler, HR/Payroll were the recipients of the first annual FACE Award held on August 12, 2009. They were three of 18 nominees recognized by the faculty and staff of NDSU for their exemplary impact in making NDSU a better institution every day.

FACE (Finance and Administration Conscientious Effort) Award was conceived as a way for the university to recognize and commend staff members in the Division of Finance and Administration. These are employees who take the extra step, go above and beyond, and put their best FACE forward.

The FACE award will be a yearly event. Nominations

will be accepted throughout the year, and reminders will be sent periodically throughout the year. The nomination form is located on the Vice President for

to the awards ceremony.

John Adams, Vice President for Finance and Administration, thanks all the people who took time



JUDY QUALLEY, MICHAEL DIRK, AND BRITTNEE STECKLER

Finance and Administration Web site. Everyone in the Finance and Administration division, along with all nominators, will be invited

to show their appreciation by nominating the employees.

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BY ELIZABETH THOMPSON  
AND JILL SPACEK

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AND ADMINISTRATION.**

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## A Bison's Life for Staff Senate

Ahoy Mateys! NDSU's homecoming theme took a nautical turn this year with the pirate theme "A Bison's Life for Me." The Staff Senate Public Relations Committee sailed away with a glorious ship in the Homecoming Parade on

Saturday, October 3rd. Several meetings of careful planning and ploy went into the design of the float that would represent the staff of NDSU. A ship of dreams was created to sail the seas of University Drive and scatter sugary treasures

to all ages. A hardy thank you to all hands involved in the planning, creating, "sailing", and clean-up.

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BY TANIE BOEDEKER

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STAFF SENATE  
HOMECOMING PARADE

## Discover U “Mini” Workshops

The Staff Development Committee has a few Discover U “Mini” Workshops coming up in next few months.

### November

**Topic:** You Are What You Eat  
**Speaker:** Janet Brown, NDSU Wallman Wellness Center  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 18, 2009  
**Time:** 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Century Theater, MU  
**Description:** Janet Brown, Licensed Registered Dietitian, will explain how the way you nourish your body can determine how you feel and work. She will also give nutrition advice to improve your overall being.

### December

**Topic:** Do Genealogy: Research Your Family History  
**Speaker:** John Bye, NDSU Library  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2009  
**Time:** 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Century Theater, MU  
**Description:** This session will highlight how to begin your genealogical research and what resources, both electronic and print, are available. John will also cover developing your family history through photographs, documents, material culture and oral history.

### January

**Topic:** Remodeling  
**Speaker:** Susan Ray-Degges  
**Date:** January 20, 2010  
**Time:** 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Century Theater, MU  
**Description:** Refer to the Staff Senate web site for more information as it becomes available.  
[http://www.ndsu.edu/staff\\_senate/](http://www.ndsu.edu/staff_senate/)

## Protecting The Campus Community From H1N1

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\* Limit interactions with other people (self-isolation) for at least 24-hours after you no longer have a fever without the use of fever-reducing medication.

If you have a medical condition such as asthma, diabetes, pregnancy, or other chronic illnesses, and develop flu-like symptoms, students call Student Health Service at 231-7331 for further evaluation; faculty and staff, please contact your medical provider.

If someone you are in contact with develops flu-like symptoms take the following precautions:

\* Limit your exposure to that person.

\* If contact cannot be avoided, the ill person should wear a surgical mask during the period of contact.

The Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization will always err on the side of caution. North Dakota State University is doing the same.

NDSU is working with local public health officials, healthcare systems and MSUM and Concordia to address issues from a community perspective.

Updated information on H1N1 as well as any university initiatives will be posted at this link: <http://www.ndsu.edu/vpur/h1n1>

For more information, log onto: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

BY VIET DOAN

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### STAFF SENATE MEETINGS

**9:30 AM – 11:00 AM**

**ALL STAFF ARE WELCOME!**

December 2, 2009	Memorial Union Great Room Campus community update on the H1N1 virus
January 6, 2010	Memorial Union Great Room F. Adnan Akyuz, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Climatology
February 3, 2010	Memorial Union Great Room TBD

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