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Greetings from the Staff Senate President

By Janine Trowbridge

Welcome back for another stimulating year at NDSU. Every year brings new and exciting challenges that we can either embrace, or squabble about. If I could propose a theme for the year ahead, it would be “Patience and Understanding.”

All of the PeopleSoft modules have been implemented, and we feel the “burn.” While we are learning new ways of doing our jobs, we need to realize that our customers are also feeling the burn.

Remember “patience and understanding” when students approach you and want to discuss the complexities of PeopleSoft. We need to do our part to help the students through this transition and recognize the eventual benefits. Most of us have been working with PeopleSoft for several months now, and we are prepared to provide the students with the support and understanding they are looking for. If we cannot answer

their questions, we need to be able to refer students to personnel who are able to give them the answers they need.

I’d like to say a special thank you for all the training and support provided by the staff in the Human Resources, Accounting, Registrar, Admissions and Student Financial Services Offices. As a result of the training, several support networks have emerged within the divisions. Thank you to the whole gang in Ceres Hall and to Jane Cumber for making the transition easier for me.

While PeopleSoft seems to be the topic on the minds of NDSU personnel these days, we need to remember there is much more going on at NDSU.

A great way to keep up with all the special events and the latest news happening on campus is to join us at our Staff Senate meetings. All NDSU staff are welcome. Each of our meetings includes a short program that provides information on topics of interest to staff. (Refer to “Featured Speakers” information box on this page.) Following each program, senators provide special reports from NDSU committees on issues affecting the campus community. Join us for a meeting. Tell a friend, a colleague, and seek out information on becoming a senator. Check out our web site: www.ndsu.edu/staff_senate. Have a great year, everyone, and remember “Patience and Understanding.”

Upcoming Events

T.A.C.K.L.E is a new wellness program focusing on the seven dimensions of wellness: physical, emotional, intellectual, spiritual, social, occupational and environmental. Earn points for setting personal goals and including daily wellness activities in your life! For more information, contact Lorna Olsen by email at Lorna.Olsen@ndsu.edu, or Janet Krom at Janet.Krom@ndsu.edu.

United Services Blood Drive is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., December 1 and 2. The bloodmobile will be parked at the west entrance of the Memorial Union. Last year, 54 units of blood were collected. Free t-shirts to those who donate. Look for more information in campus mail.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing is scheduled for one day, December 12, at the main entrance (south side) of the Memorial Union. Last year we raised \$469. To volunteer contact Brenda Jacobson at 1-9951 or by email at brenda.l.jacobson@ndsu.edu.

Staff Senate Presents

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Prairie Rose Room, Memorial Union
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. ~ All staff are welcome!

September 14	Lynn Dorn	Bison Athletics/ Division 1
October 12	Greg McCarthy	Research Park
November 9	President Chapman	
December 14	Bob Harrold & Deanna Sellnow	Accreditation
	also, Char Maas	Easy Gift Wraps
January 11	Jana Seaborn	Self Defense
February 8	Diversity Council	Strategic Plan



Staff Spotlight

Angie Kiefer

By Paul Froeschle
Facilities Management

Doing different things all the time keeps Angie Kiefer enthused about her work as staff assistant for the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection in NDSU's library.

According to Mike Miller, library bibliographer and Angie's supervisor, Angie keeps busy preparing mailings, handling photocopying and collating, completing various errands to the NDSU Document Publishing Center and U.S. Postal Service. She also keeps track of the number of paper copies in various files.

While Angie does work for pay, she also volunteers her time at the library. You would assume she's busy enough, but she enjoys her

work and apparently has no fear of "working too hard."

"I'm actually looking for a



second job right now," Angie admits. "There are a lot of leads coming up and so I think we might be able to work it out so I can be here

some and also work at another job."

Brenda Jacobson, library

custodian, adds that Angie also competes in the Special Olympics, participating in volleyball, track, and field. "Two summers ago she went

to the Special Olympics World Games in Dublin, Ireland," Jacobson said. "She competed in track and field and won fourth place in one event (the 50-yard dash) and fifth in another (the standing broad jump)."

"That keeps me busy a lot," Angie says of her Special Olympics activities. "Right now I'm competing in Bocce ball, and we'll be starting bowling next month."

While quite involved in her daily activities, Angie conveys a substantial amount of enthusiasm and dedication toward her work and athletic events.

If you have a story idea for Staff Spotlight, contact Holly Erdmann at 1-7513.

Money-saving tips for rising energy costs

By Gretchen Bromley
School of Natural Resources

Americans are expected to spend more for heating oil, natural gas, coal, and electricity this winter. Those heaviest

hit will probably be natural gas customers in the Midwest — with costs 71 percent higher than last winter, according to the Washington Post. One way to get a handle on these costs is through a

home energy audit, which identifies energy-saving opportunities specific to your home. To find out more:

Cass County Electric Cooperative customers may call Marshal Albright, 356-

4532. The audit takes about one hour and there is no cost.

Xcel Energy customers call 1-800-895-4999. The audit takes about two hours (\$35 will be added to your bill following the audit).

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More Energy Savings

- ▶ Turning your thermostat above the desired temperature won't heat your house more quickly—it will only make your furnace work harder. Also, turning it too low can actually cost you more because the contents of the house have to be re-heated. Recommended temperature ranges are 68 to 70 degrees while you're home and awake and 60 to 65 while you're asleep or not at home.
- ▶ Don't leave a ventilation fan running. In just one hour a kitchen or bathroom fan can blow away a houseful of heated air.
- ▶ Turning down the temperature on your water heater to the warm setting (120 degrees) not only saves on energy, it increases safety—no more scalded hands.

Congratulations!



COSE "FISH" Award

The North Dakota Council of State Employees' (COSE) FISH award recognizes exceptional service to state government. The Council accepts nominations from all state agencies but selects only one employee each quarter who is: *friendly*, shows *initiative*, is *smiley* and *helpful*. Award winners receive a Fish Award t-shirt and all nominees receive a COSE certificate of appreciation. To nominate a NDSU employee, complete a nomination form at <http://www.state.nd.us/cose/fishnominationform.pdf> and submit to one of our COSE representatives: Cindy Kozojed, Thorson Maintenance, or Sharon Morgan, 307 Morrill Hall. A nominee may be submitted more than one time. For more information, call Sharon at 1-7739.

Out of 15 nominations, NDSU Associate Professor **Cheryl Joy Wachenheim** was awarded the North Dakota FISH Award this summer. Wachenheim was granted the award because "she keeps a very close relationship with students and allows for a calm and effective learning environment." Teaching in the Agribusiness and Applied Economics Department, Wachenheim has been at NDSU since December 1998. "I love it at NDSU," Wachenheim said. "The people are nice and the students are great to work with. It's a lot of fun."



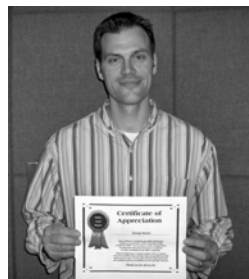
Campus Kudos

Campus Kudos is a certificate of appreciation for student workers, staff, and faculty. Staff Senate sponsors this program to encourage NDSU employees to recognize co-workers when they exhibit one or more of the following valued behaviors: customer service, continuous improvement, teamwork, integrity, and quality. Campus Kudos recipients receive \$3.00 in gift certificates, which may be redeemed at either the Minard Hall or Memorial Union Coffee Carts (sponsored by President Chapman). Campus Kudos recipient photos are displayed in the FLC corridor of the Memorial Union. Submit nominations via the staff senate website, or by contacting Holly Erdmann at 1-7513 or Holly.Erdmann@ndsu.edu.



Peggy Cossette
Assistant to the Dean
College of HD&E

"Last spring, the College had two accreditation site visits and in both cases coordinators of those programs stated that they could not have made it without Peggy."



George Norton
LAN Administrator

"With the recent NCATE visit for the School of Education, George set up the computers that were needed for the team members. His suggestions and help made the visit go smoothly."



Aquina Beck
Food Service Supervisor

"Aquina is wonderful to work with. She is friendly and eager to help, watches out for her employees, is concerned about their safety, and is very prompt in getting incident reports in and following up with training."



Lincoln Bathie
LAN Work Group Leader

"During the NCATE accreditation visit in April, Lincoln was called in on a Sunday morning to fix one of the computers. This was done quickly, efficiently and, as usual, with a positive attitude."

2005 – 2006 Staff Senators

*Staff Senate appreciates the support of President Chapman, the Vice Presidents,
and all department supervisors for encouraging employee participation in
Staff Senate and permitting time away from job duties to fulfill staff senate responsibilities.*

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