

# Footpaths

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## Happenings Around Facilities World

This has been a busy summer so far for the workers around Facilities. Lots of in-house projects getting underway and lots of regular day-to-day problems are being solved.

### Construction Updates from Larry:

- ◆ Wellness Center bids came in for footings, foundation, and site work. This project should begin the first of August.
- ◆ RTC Ina Mae Rude Entrepreneur Center is going up. Completion is scheduled for 2005.
- ◆ The Neuroscience Building is scheduled to be complete by Homecoming 2004.
- ◆ The new Memorial Union Food Court will be ready in October 1. There will be two outside vendors (A & W and Sbarros) plus two UND establishments.
- ◆ Water Tower painting will be complete by August 15.
- ◆ Gallery apartments exterior is in the process of being done. They will be completed before school starts. The Swanson apartments will be next for siding and new air conditioners.
- ◆ New Parking Lots are being built next to Transportation and Central Foods.

### FAMIS Updates from Laura/Mark:

Famis is the Computer Software Program that the University System has chosen to use in connection with People Soft. Lots of decisions need to be made before next summer when we will be up and running.

Party Time! Who do you recognize?



Functional Teams made up of representatives from NDSU, NDSCS, and UND are meeting in Fargo once a month. They are divided into eight areas: Accounting, Projects, Preventive Maintenance, Space, Inventory, Personnel, Purchasing, and Work Control. Also UND Functional Teams are meeting weekly on the UND Campus. Larry is chairing the Steering Committee that will gather the information from all groups to make final recommendations.

### 2004 Awards Luncheon:

Once again Facilities had many people who were represented at the Awards Luncheon. Quite a few people are long-timers in Facilities: 5 years - 5 people, 10 years - 5 people, 15 years - 11 people, 20 years - 5 people, 25 years - 7 people, 40 years - Dennis Gunderson (WOW! Must have been a baby when he started)

Of course we also had our share of winners of the Meritorious Service Award:

**Chris Ostlie** from the Housing Building Services area, "knowledge can make a difference is her motto"...

**Sue Bartlette** from the Academic Building Services area, "She has a positive can-do attitude," and

**Byron Anderson** from Grounds, "His ingenuity has saved Facilities thousands of dollars...a self-starter."

Lots of very nice comments were made about these people who continue to follow and make their own footpaths around the UND campus.



✍ ...Gracie Dahl...

### REMINDER

Don't forget to nominate your co-workers anytime during the year for the Golden Hammer or the LeRoy Facilities Award. See Gracie or Patti for Nomination Forms.



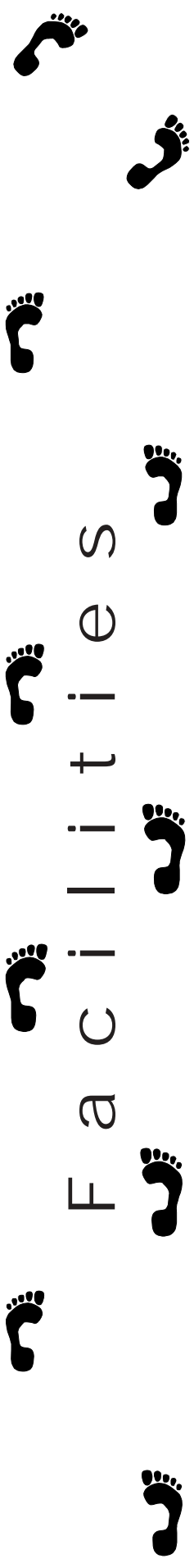
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# Thanks!



FROM: Lona Spicer, Math  
DATE: June 3, 2004

Recently we had the privilege to have had Jerry Humble assigned to us for some help. We needed to pinpoint the location or the source of an odor. Jerry was very respectful of us and listened patiently to what we needed and our suggestions. He fully thought of many places the odor could be...Jerry had recently cleaned the coils and checked the air intake....His attentiveness to details and all his suggestions were helpful. Slowly we brought everything back to their right locations and could pinpoint the source. Please give him our greatest thanks for all his help. Jerry surely stands out above the rest. No matter what the problem is, Jerry is always very considerate of us... We all appreciate everything he does. 🐸

*Way to go Jerry - Great Job! Excellent PR for you as well as Facilities! Footpaths around the campus that keep our story going.....*

Message from the Editor:

We all enjoy seeing old photos of our Facilities workers. If anyone has any old school pictures or old Facilities pictures they are willing to share, please give them to Gracie or Patti.

If you have any ideas for the newsletter, please feel free to let Gracie know at the email address on the front page.

Facilities Frogger says...  
Know What?....



### Facts About Aviation in North Dakota

- Pilots and Aircraft - 2002 Report
- »2,450 Pilots hold FAA Certificates in North Dakota
- »1,587 FAA Certified Aircraft are based in North Dakota
- »277 agricultural aircraft are operated annually
- »140 corporate aircraft are based in North Dakota
- »5% of pilots are female
- »Average age of pilot is 44
- »Pilots in North Dakota fly an average of 93 hours per year
- »Pilot licenses are 50% private, 31% commercial, 10% student, 5% mechanic & 3% air transport

✍ ...found on the Internet... Deb Merrill...

## New Faces in the Crowd Since our February Footpaths



Several Academic Building Service Techs have started recently. Above L to R: Kris Armbrust, John Jay Seibel, Jeremy Pearson, Jerry Kadlec. Below L to R: James Greene (carpet cleaner), Brian Cutshall, Jason Peterka, Barron Blue.



New Auxiliary Building Service Techs are: Above L to R: Bill McMillan, James Klein, Keith Skoglund, Georgi Wicks. Below L to R: Robert Nelson (Heating Plant Operator), George Finn (Comm Center), Jamie Rerick (Planning Administrative Secretary), Jason Marsh (Housing Maintenance)



More new Auxiliary Building Service Techs. Above L to R: Katherin Van Cleave, Brett Seaberg, Richard Martin, Martin Perez. Below: Lois Boushee, Academic Building Service Tech.



**WELCOME TO ALL! WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU JOIN FACILITIES!**

✍ ...Patti Ryan Schmidt...

# Deb's Tidbits

## North Dakota Facts and Trivia

The town of Rugby is the geographical center of North America. A rock obelisk about 15 feet tall, flanked by poles flying the United States and Canadian flags marks the location.

North Dakota passed a bill in 1987 making English the official state language.

Geologically speaking Hillsboro is located in a large, flat, and ancient dried lake bottom surrounded by some of the most fertile farmland in the world.

Milk is the official state beverage.

Westhope located on U.S. Highway 83 is a Port-of-Entry into Canada. Each year more than 72,000 vehicles cross the border at this point.

An attempt to drop the word North from the state name was defeated by the 1947 Legislative Assembly. Again in 1989 the Legislature rejected two resolutions intended to rename the state Dakota.

Dakota Gasification Company in Beulah is the nation's only synthetic natural gas producer.

Max G. Taubert of Casselton built a 50 foot high pyramid of empty oil cans. It is believed to be the highest oil can structure in the world.

Devils Lake is the largest natural body of water in North Dakota. Devils Lake derives its name from the Native American name Miniwaukan. Early explorers incorrectly translated the word to mean Bad Spirit. Bolstered by the many legends of drowned warriors and lake monsters the name evolved into Devils Lake. This very fertile prairie lake grows large numbers of the fish known as walleye, northern pike, and white bass. The lake has earned the reputation of being the Perch Capital of the World.

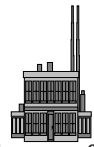
The name Roughrider State originated in a state-supported tourism promotion of the 1960s and 70s. It refers to the First U.S. Volunteer Cavalry that Theodore Roosevelt organized to fight in the Spanish-American War.

*...found on the Internet by Deb Merrill...*

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Visit the COSE website for State Employee Discounts: [www.state.nd.us/cose](http://www.state.nd.us/cose)

# Steam Plant Tidbits



As of this year, there will be a welcome change for Facilities and all of the University. The Steam Plant is currently involved in a project that is installing a De-aerator. This is the completion phase of the modification that is needed for continuous operation for our steam system. The completion date for the project is scheduled for approximately September 3, 2004.

**The good news is that steam shutdowns are a thing of the past!**

*...Deb Merrill...*

## Interesting Internet Websites

*(From: Great Results by Avery)*

Telephone area codes change constantly, up to date info on [www.nanpa.com/area\\_codes](http://www.nanpa.com/area_codes), you can type in the name of a city and quickly find its area code. You'll also see a list of the exchanges covered by that area code. Or, if you only know the code, you can find the town that it serves. The North American Numbering Plan Administration services the United States and its territories, Canada, Bermuda, and many Caribbean nations.

[www.dwlz.com](http://www.dwlz.com) (Dottie's Weight Loss Zone) is a perfect dieter's companion. She has compiled Restaurant info using Weight Watcher's point system, but also includes calories and grams of fat. Very thorough and fun (sometimes surprising) to review.

*...Gracie Dahl...*

## Keel's Kartoon Korner



Careful Sam, the BST's are Buffer Bowling again.  
by Harrison Keel, Auxiliary Bldg Svc Tech



Thanks for sharing your talent with us Harrison.

## Commonly Used Acronyms

AAN - American Association of Nurserymen  
AAR - Association of American Railroads  
AASHTO - American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials  
ASTM - American Society of Testing Materials  
ABC - Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.  
AC - Asphaltic Cement  
ACI - American Concrete Institute  
AGC - Associated General Contractors  
AIA - American Institute of Architects  
AISI - American Iron and Steel Institute  
AISC - American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc.  
AITC - American Institute of Timber Construction  
ANSI - American National Standards Institute, Inc.  
APWA - American Public Works Association  
ARA - American Railway Association  
AREA - American Railway Engineering Association  
ARMA - American Records Management Association  
ARTBA - American Road and Transportation Builders Association  
ASCE - American Society of Civil Engineers  
ASTM - American Society of Testing and Materials

✍ ...Debbie Merrill ...



Janice and Jeanette have a new masked friend

## Rain Damage

It only took about 20 minutes to turn the holiday weekend into a minor disaster. On July 3, the campus received approximately two inches of rain which caused measurable damage to several buildings. The downpour caused overland flooding and busted roof drains which ruined sheetrock, ceiling tiles, carpets, floor tile, among other things in several buildings. The buildings with the most damage were Leonard, Upson II, C.F. Library, Starcher, Witmer, Chandler, Gamble, Carnegie, and Selke.

Quick response from our building services staff helped keep the damage to a minimum. Special thanks to Eric Thorell, Silvan Nygaard, Dave Driscoll, and Leroy Helmoski for coming out that Saturday evening. Their willingness to disrupt their holiday weekend was very much appreciated. We also had assistance from other department staff who happened to be on campus at the time. Their response to the situation lessened the damage as well. Thanks to everyone who had a part in taking care of the mess.

✍ ...Janice Troitte ...

## Storm Water

*(taken from Safety Office news)*

It is great to see things are finally warming up in North Dakota. Warm weather brings with it moisture and storms. Rain is an integral part of our ecosystem. As it falls across the landscape, it takes with it many unwanted items through our storm drain system. Pollutants can be anything from fertilizers, grass clippings, and pet waste to auto fluids, construction materials, and non-biodegradable soaps. Contaminants that end up in the storm drains are carried off, untreated, to water bodies used for drinking, swimming, or fishing. Here are ten helpful habits to reduce the amount of harmful impurities that enter the storm drains during the rainy season:

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and roads
- Never dump anything down a storm drain
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Avoid pesticides; learn about Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check your vehicles for leaks and recycle motor oil
- Pick up after your pet
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly

✍ ...Janice Troitte ...