



## From the Director....

The Christmas break was a very successful time for work to be completed again this year. Some of you have been asking where the deferred maintenance dollars have been going. Well, during the break we were able to paint three major classroom areas. They were at Merrifield, Odegard, and Steibel. New hand faucets were installed in the Medical School, Twamley, Chester Fritz Auditorium, Corwin Larimore, Women's Center, Montgomery, Witmer, and Merrifield. There was carpeting installed in O'Kelly, and the water heater replacement was completed at the Chester Fritz Library. There were many more projects that were started but are still being worked on.

Now that we have gotten over that break, we can look forward to spring break and also May commencement. With that said, now is the time to start planning on what is needed to accomplish the work ahead. Do we have parts? Are the bids ready to be sent out? What student labor is needed this summer, and so forth. This preplanning really helps get you off the starting block early and helps everybody else too. The campus provides a very small window of opportunity for us to accomplish our work. Thanks for your devotion to making these opportunities a success.

Larry Zitzow



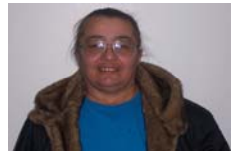
### Why is Cupid on so much Valentine's stuff?

According to Roman mythology, Cupid was the son of Venus, the goddess of love and beauty. Known to cause people to fall in love by shooting them with his magical arrows, Cupid also fell in love with a mortal maiden named Psyche. After the wedding, Venus, jealous of Psyche's beauty, forbade her daughter-in-law to look at Cupid. Psyche, of course, couldn't resist temptation and sneaked a peek at her handsome husband. As punishment, Venus demanded that she perform three hard tasks, the last of which caused Psyche's death. Cupid brought Psyche back to life and the gods, moved by their love, granted Psyche immortality. Cupid thus represents the heart and Psyche the (struggles of the) human soul.

## Discounts for UND/State Employees

- UND spouse & dependent 50% tuition waiver
  - Season tickets to home athletic events - contact the Athletic Department at 777-2234.
  - Membership to the UND Wellness Center. Call 777-4330 or check out the web page [www.und.edu/dept/wellness](http://www.und.edu/dept/wellness) for more info.
  - 10 Percent discount at Barnes and Nobles Bookstore excluding textbooks and computer accessories.
  - Discounted movie tickets can be purchased at the Memorial Union for Carmike Theaters.
  - Reduced rates for cell-phones through Verizon and Altel.
  - Employee Assistance Program
- Check out COSE website [www.nd.gov/cose/discounts](http://www.nd.gov/cose/discounts) for details from these businesses: All Pets Hospital, AmericInn, B & N Auto Plaza, Big Jim's Tire Service, Border States Trophy & Awards, Bridgestone Firestone, Bud & Ralph's Appliance Service, Century Electric, Century Optical, Econo Lodge, Grease Monkey, JC Penney Portrait Studio, Josef's School of Hair Design, Lakeview Inns & Suites, Marks Amoco, Maves Optical, Norby's Work Perks, Pizza Hut, Spray Advantage, Super 8 Inn, Select Inn, Travelodge, Uni-cel Wireless, Valley Vision Clinic, Tharaldson Properties

## New Faces



Susanna Praska, BST  
Started 12/17/07



Robbi Jensen, BST  
Started 12/26/07



Craig Machart  
Heating Plant Spvr  
Started 1/2/08



Matthew Glasser  
Heating Plant Operator  
Started 1/22/08



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The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Facilities Awards Day was held January 30, 2008 in the Rehearsal Room at the Chester Fritz Auditorium. Treats, coffee and punch were served by Facilities Office staff, including Debbie Merrill, Billie Gaddie, Karen Myerchin, Juli Reismour, and Patti Schmidt.

Larry Zitzow began by welcoming everyone. He acknowledged Facilities' accomplishments during 2007 and introduced President Kupchella. Dr. Kupchella has never missed attending our Awards Day since he became President. He stated how important Facilities is to the overall success of the University. He has received letters over the years stating how impressed parents & students have been with the cleanliness, beauty & friendly atmosphere of our campus and he attributed much of it to Facilities. This is the last Awards Day Kupchella will attend and expressed his thanks for handling our duties in such a professional way.

Larry then presented the Ecology Award to President Kupchella. One of his many initiatives began with the Healthy UND Coalition. This was the foundation of many programs that improved the health of the campus environment and the people living and working here. Many of our energy projects were successful because of his support and belief that these were beneficial.

Bob Gallager, Vice President of Finance and Operations, came dressed in his Facilities "greens". Certain that the uniforms were of substandard quality, Gallager inquired where we purchase our uniforms. Surely it needs to be looked into since there seems to be a shrinkage problem. All joking aside, he stated how proud he is of our employees and the important work that we do.



Larry acknowledged the following accomplishments:  
 VPFO Services Award-Planning Office  
 Governors Award for Excellence In Public Service-Debbie Merrill

Mark Johnson, Associate Director of Facilities, recognized the Founder's Day Honorees.

This is the first years door prizes were handed out. Drawings were held throughout the morning. The winners and their prizes were:

- Don Barstad, PT                    \$50.00 Visa Gift Card
- Gerry Lizakowski, HM            Car Vac
- Patti Schmidt, AD                Headlight and Thermos
- Larry Evenson, SP                Flashlight
- Bill McMillian, BST              Toaster Oven



Paul Clark, Associate Director of Facilities, recognized retirees Jess Knight, BST, and Sally Rugroden, BST. Patti and Paul handed out the zero and 8 hours or less sick leave used certificates.

Paul dances to the music of a cell phone that went off during the ceremony. Too bad we don't have video!

Eric Pearson, Environmental Health & Safety Manager from the Safety Office, presented the 2007 Safety Award to the Steam Plant. Ray received the award for his diligence in ensuring that his staff is compliant with certifications and regulations. Ray Tozer was unable to attend the day of the ceremony, and later received the award back at the ranch.



**The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Leroy Award went to Dan Kurtz.** "Dan is always looking for the positive side of an issue. He does not give up. He'll keep working toward a solution until all people involved are in agreement. He has been associated with the Circle of Friends Humane Society for many years. He has given his time, effort and



monetary contributions far beyond anyone else. I believe everyone who knows Dan realizes that he would be there for anyone if they needed him. He always has ideas (and is not afraid to share them) to solve a problem or to work out a more efficient way of

getting the job done, which almost always saves in effort and saves a department money. Dan is probably one of the first people here in the morning; much earlier than he needs to be because he feels the need to be organized early so he is prepared for the day. I think Dan truly cares about his job and he wants Facilities to produce the best product for UND."

**The Golden Hammer Award was presented to Eric Thorell, Academic BST Supervisor**

“Eric has a ‘can do’ attitude. Whenever given a new assignment, he will make sure it is done and will convey this type of attitude to his staff. Always willing to come in on weekends and will always stay late if needed. He has the largest area of responsibility in the BS area and the most employees to supervise. He does an outstanding job of assigning work, making sure everyone is treated equal, and following up to make sure the job is done correctly. Eric will always take the time to listen to his staff and their ideas. He has the ability to get staff to work together and is always willing to pitch in where needed and fill in for areas that are short. He leads by example.

He will not assign something he wouldn’t do himself. He takes the time to work with new people side by side to make them feel comfortable in their new job. He is always willing to show his staff new products and equipment. Eric is not afraid to try new ideas such as new methods and procedures, products, equipment, etc. He is very skilled with the computer and digital camera. He takes pictures of new employees and keeps the building BS building staff pictures up to date for each building. He has great management skills and it shows in the large area that he is responsible. He has set up a record system for the carpet cleaning crew that shows where they have been, how many square feet they’ve cleaned, and where and when they need to go in the future. Eric is the type of person you can count on in an emergency.”

Seven retirees braved the cold and joined us. They were:

- Bob Sorlien, Academic BST Supervisor
- Vern Dondoneau, Grounds Superintendent
- Bob Jacobson, Housing BST
- Hank Horn, Housing Maintenance
- LeRoy Sondrol, Director of Plant Services
- Jerry Stoldorf, Academic Maintenance
- Richard Anderson, BAC, current retiree



### Loren F. Swanson Scholarship

Children of Finance & Operations employees are eligible to apply if they will be attending college at UND in the **2008-2009** academic school year, have filled out the form, and have submitted a Financial Aid Application by **March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008**. Forms can be obtained from Patti Schmidt or Janet Pearson.

### 125th Celebration & Founder's Day Banquet

A campus-wide celebration is planned for Wednesday, Feb. 27, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom with cake and refreshments. Music, entertainment, and moments in UND's history will be part of the program throughout the afternoon. The 2008 UND Founders Day banquet will be held Thursday, Feb. 28 commemorating the founding of the University, honoring 25 year employees, celebrating the people who are retiring from UND, and presenting awards to faculty, departments, and advisors. This year's dinner will be held in the Alerus Center Ballroom. Tickets can be purchased in the Office of the Vice President for Student and Outreach Services in Twamley Hall, Rm 307. The price of the tickets is \$20 per person and must be purchased by noon on Tuesday, February 19. Honorees are: Greg Boushee, John Deitz, Glenn Hoffarth, Jerry Johnson, Robert Russell, Rodney Scilley, Richard Anderson and Loretta Coulter.

### In House Projects –

Here is a projective listing of the projects planned to begin over spring break:

- PR001524 – Law School Rooms 100 & 101 – finish what is left from Christmas break
- PR001804 – Squires Hall – finish asbestos work
- PR002103 – Children's Center – finish cubbies (work left from Christmas break)
- PR002157 – Gamble Hall – replace water heater
- PR002282 – Robertson/Sayre – replace east entry doors

- PR002383 – Streibel Hall – replace carpet in rooms 201, 207, 250C & 250F
- PR002384 – Streibel Hall – replace carpet in rooms 202, 203, 205, 214
- PR002516 – Selke Hall – replace carpet on ground floor lounge
- PR002596 – **Estimating** - install DLP projector, etc. for Merrifield room 10
- PR002597 – **Estimating** - install DLP projector, etc. for Merrifield room 313
- PR002598 – **Estimating** - install DLP projector, etc. for Babcock 108
- W0145342 – Children's Center – paint kitchen
- PR002219 – Odegard Hall – paint classrooms
- PR002422 – Memorial Stadium – finish painting weight room equipment

### Capital projects:

**COELSAT** - Construction is continuing. Interior work is still being bid. Completion is anticipated summer 2008.

**College of Nursing Simulation Lab Renovation** - Construction has started in the northeast corner on the first floor of the College of Nursing for a new simulation lab. A human patient simulator was purchased and has been temporarily set up in a classroom on the second floor. Construction should be complete this spring. See other article on human patient simulators.

**Laird Core and Sample Library Renovation** - The office renovation project has started and demolition is done. Lighting in the warehouse area will start soon. Project completion this spring.

**Laird Core and Sample Re-roofing** - Project has been completed.

**Northern Plains Center for Behavioral Research** - The small area of renovation included in the project has been completed for the College of Nursing RAIN program. Construction is going well on the new building

and should be complete this spring as anticipated.

**Parking Ramp** - The ramp building was previously turned over to the University. The skywalk and east tower are open for use and have been recently turned over also. Work continues on the punch list and the parking controls system.

**President's Residence** - Construction continues on this design-build project by the Alumni Foundation. The foundation work is complete. The exterior walls are being put up and roof trusses will be on site soon. The interior finishes are still being decided. Construction should be complete this summer for the new President.

**School of Engineering and Mines Jodsaas Center** - Construction is continuing on the northeast corner of Harrington for the two-story Jodsaas Center for Engineering Leadership and Entrepreneurship addition and renovation project. The first phase of demolition is complete in the existing building and abatement will be done the end of the month. The project should be complete this spring.

### Human Patient Simulator (HPS) from METI

The College of Nursing recently purchased their first METI high-fidelity patient simulator. They have been using less sophisticated patient simulators, but now are renovating part of their first floor Learning Center for the new HPS and maybe more high-fidelity simulators in the near future. The simulated scenarios are programmed and controlled by a technician. Simulations provide students the chance to experience a variety of real-life situations and practice their responses before being confronted with their first actual patients. METI describes the HPS as "highly versatile"; it "blinks, speaks and breathes, has a heartbeat and a pulse, and accurately mirrors human responses to such procedures as CPR, intravenous medication, intubations, ventilation, and catheterization." Pictures of the simulator can be viewed at the METI's website, [www.meti.com](http://www.meti.com).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### February



2/14 Happy Valentine's Day    2/27 UND's 125th Celeb  
2/18 Pres Day Holiday        2/28 Founder's Day Banquet

### March



3/21 Good Friday  
3/23 Easter  
3/24 Easter Monday  
3/3-7 Spring Break  
3/17 St. Patrick's Day