



## From the Director....

Much, if not all, of the snow has melted and at the writing of this article we are in a cautious state in regards to flooding. The city and the University have put many measures in place to protect our homes and work places. We will continue to be vigilant until all threats have passed.

On a more pleasant note, it is my pleasure to announce the names of staff who earned certificates of attendance in 2008. Congratulations on your service to the University.

### ZERO SICK LEAVE

Vernon Anderson  
David Daucavage  
George Finn  
E. Marie Fontaine  
David Halvorson

James Klein  
James Kotrba  
Janice Lewis  
James McKay  
Arthur Rice

Mark Schwieters  
Keith Skoglund  
Carol Smaaladen  
Donald Wosick  
Pam Zimbelman  
Scott Zimbelman

### EIGHT HOURS OR LESS

Richard Bjornstad  
Ardell Byzewski  
David Diseth  
Steve Dohman

Peter Grabanski  
Glen Hoffarth  
Robert Korfhage  
Joseph LaPorte

Jack McLaughlin  
Maria Saucedo  
James Weber  
Dale Wilhelm

Our next course of action is getting ready for the arrival of our summer help. There will be approximately the same amount of temporary staff helping us out this year. We should be ready with parts, work orders, and projects all in place to maximize the efforts of this great resource. Hopefully, we can look forward to dryer warmer weather very soon.

## Welcome New Employees!



*Mark Peters started working in Supply on March 2, 2009*



*Jason Thompson started as a Housing BST on March 26, 2009*

## April/May Calendar of Events

- April 3-Job Fair for Educators 7:30 am  
Hyslop Multi-Purpose Gym
- April 10—Good Friday—HOLIDAY
- April 16—Footloose, 7:30 pm CFA
- April 22-Earth Day Fair
- April 24-25, Relay for Life, Memorial Stadium
- May 2-Electronic Recycling Collection
- May 2-The Big Event
- May 4-8- Spring Clean-Up Week-City Wide
- May 8—Reading and Review Day
- May 9—Med School Graduation
- May 15—Residence Halls Close 7 pm
- May 16—Law School Graduation
- May 16—Spring Graduation, 1:30 pm  
Alerus Center
- May 18-Summer Hours Start
- May 18—Summer Session Begins
- May 19-Staff Recognition Ceremony  
11:30 MU Ballroom
- May 25—Memorial Day –HOLIDAY



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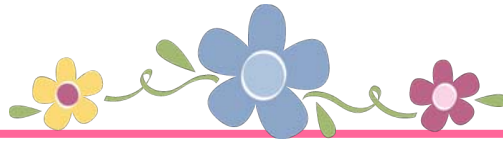
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<http://www.und.edu/dept/facilities/index.html>



## Appreciation

A huge thank you to the staff in Facilities for their help in picking up and delivering items for Founders Day. You are always quick and efficient in getting everything to and from buildings on time and in good condition. Please extend my thanks to Nile, the tree branch guy, who made the tree decorating job so much easier by shaping the branches to fit the bases.

*Dawn Botsford*

Thank you to Facilities for all your assistance with the successful Spring Career Fair on Feb. 10. We really appreciate the outstanding assistance we received from the Facilities crew (Ed's team) with early morning set-up, assistance by facilities employees to assist employers with their displays (Bob, Dan, Jimmy, Troy and David) and the take down in mid afternoon. We also appreciate the assistance from the electricians who made electrical service available to the tables and the electronics folks who set-up the microphone and speaker system for use at the fair.

I wanted to thank Eric (Thorell) and the custodial staff at Hyslop for their outstanding assistance they provided. I really appreciated their early morning assistance including cleaning the tables during the set-up. A special thank you to Eric for returning to campus in the middle of the afternoon to do final clean-up of the entire gym when the event was over. The assistance that Eric and the staff at Hyslop provided played a big part in the success of the Spring Career Fair.

We are pleased to work with all the talented folks from Facilities (not only those employees on the front lines but also those employees who work behind the scenes). We know it takes cooperation and collaboration from all of the folks at Facilities who assist us to make the fair successful. We look forward to working with Facilities in the Future.

*Mark Thompson, Director, Career Services*

Dear Director Zitzow:

My name is Sara Dunn and I am a member of the Global Friends Coalition, a local organization that works with Lutheran Social Services of ND New American Services Refugee Resettlement program to support individuals and families coming to Grand Forks as refugees. Through the network of Coalition members, I was recently introduced to Mr. Vern Kary, one of your UND employees. Mr. Kary had contacted us because, out of the kindness of his heart, he had rebuilt six complete, internet-accessible computers from old parts and he wanted to donate them to new refugee families in need of a computer. I personally distributed these six computers to three families from Somalia and three families from Bhutan, all of whom were very appreciative and eager to get started with their 'like-new' technology. The adults benefit greatly by having a computer so that they can type a resume, search for and apply for employment using online job searches, improve their keyboarding skills, and connect with people from their home communities online. Children and teenagers benefit by having access to online resources for school work, improving their typing skills, and reducing the isolation from their ethnic culture by networking on the web and enjoying cultural music and videos online.

Mr. Kary also offered his services free of charge to another young adult refugee who needed a simple computer repair in order to get his thrift store purchased computer up and running. Vern expressed to me the willingness and he has demonstrated the necessary expertise, to continue to create and donate usable computers for incoming refugees as long as he has the spare parts available to him.

*Sara Dunn, Global Friends Coalition Secretary*

*To Matt Heher:*

Thank you Matt for keeping our equipment in good working condition. We do appreciate having good equipment to work with.

*Char Bratvold and crew*

### Mini Mobile Health Fairs

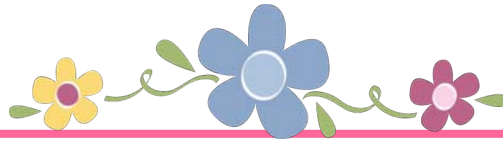
- \* April 2, 7 to 10 a.m., Aviation - Clifford Hall
- \* April 9, 7 to 10 a.m., EERC, Stevens Conference Room  
(signup is required at [www.workwell.und.edu](http://www.workwell.und.edu))
- \* April 16, 7 to 10 a.m., Airport Administration five-story building, third floor instructor lounge .



## Summer Hours



Summer hours will start on May 18 and run through August 15. Supervisors should submit their staff's summer hours to their Associate Director by April 30.



## The Big Event

UND's Big Event is back! The Big Event is a one-day community service project happening Saturday, May 2.

The Big Event committee is currently accepting job requests. On May 2, volunteers will set out across the Grand Cities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to do work such as painting, raking, spring cleaning, etc. No job is too big or too small and we can provide the supplies! Due to safety reasons, we ask that requests at individual homes be outdoor jobs only.

If you or your organization would like more information about requesting volunteers or Big Event sponsorship, please contact us. If you'd like to volunteer as part of The Big Event, watch for participation forms starting March 24.

The Big Event

Liz Fristad or Michaela Weigel

[thebigevent@und.edu](mailto:thebigevent@und.edu)

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## In House Projects

June 30, 2009 will mark the end of a bi-ennium. There are many projects currently issued and on our plates that will need to be completed and closed before this day. And, as in the past years, departments will be submitting additional requests looking to spend their dollars as well. It's important we keep the communication lines open and bring forth any concerns you have in completing these requests. A list of these 6/30 projects will be coming out soon. Keep up on the closing of your work orders! Doing a few each day will save you many hours in the long run! *Sara Peters*



## Facilities Employee is March U-Shine Winner



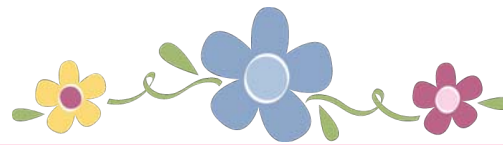
Janice Hoffarth, Staff Senate president presents Brian Wurzbacker with the March U-Shine Award.

UND Staff Senate is proud to announce the March "U Shine Award" recipient Brian Wurzbacker. Brian was nominated by Char Bratvold and was presented with a check for \$50 and a certificate by Staff Senate President Janice Hoffarth on March 2nd.

This award is presented monthly to a UND staff member who went out of their way to make UND a better place. Here is an excerpt of what Char had to say about Brian:

*"One Sunday night a student was leaving Streibel Hall when she slipped and fell outside on the ice and could not get up. Brian seen her and went out to her aide to help her back on her feet. He then made sure she got to her car safely. This is a good example of U-Shine."*

All UND staff members are eligible to receive this award. Nominations can be submitted through the Staff Senate Website, <http://www.und.edu/org/undss/> or forms are available at UND Facilities, Dining Services and the Memorial Union Post Office.



## Talkin' Trash with Deb



### RECYCLEMANIA CONTEST CONTINUES

The Recyclemania competition is in the eighth week and UND should be proud!

In the "Waste Minimization" competition, UND ranks 69 of 151. In this competition, schools compete to see which produces the least amount of municipal solid waste (trash) per person. UND came in at 33.36 cumulative pounds of trash/ person that was collected. In 151st place, University of Texas Medical Branch was at 117.18 lbs/person.

In the "Per Capita Classic competition, the schools compete to see who can collect the largest amount of recycling per person. UND's cumulative recycling lbs/person of 7.90 with a ranking of 150 out of 292. First place went to McNeese State University at 58.12 lbs/person.

The "Gorilla Prize" competition shows what school can collect the highest gross tonnage of recyclables, regardless of the campus population. UND is holding steady at 89 of 292 with a cumulative weight of 112,175 pounds. Rutgers University came in first with a weight of 1,568,890 pounds.

The "Grand Champion" recognizes the school that, based on their combined results demonstrates the greatest achievement in both source reduction and recycling. UND cumulative recycling rate is 23.69%, with a ranking of 113 of 204. First place goes to California State University-San Marcos with a rate of 83.18%.

For more recyclemania results, please go to: <http://www.recyclemaniacs.org/results.aspx> or <http://www.und.edu/dept/facilities/recycle/Recyclingindex.htm>

Thank you for your recycling efforts! *Deb Merrill*

## Annual Meritorious Service Awards

This spring, UND will present 10 awards for merit of \$1,000 each to staff employees. In addition the Ken and Toby Baker UND Proud Award of \$1,000 will be presented. All members of the University community are encouraged to nominate eligible employees for the awards. Submit nomination forms to Human Resources, Stop 8010 by Wednesday, April 15, 2009. Nomination forms are available from the Office of Human Resources, Twamley Hall Room 313 or electronically at [www.humanresources.und.edu](http://www.humanresources.und.edu).

The awards will be presented during the annual Recognition Ceremony for Staff Personnel, Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

## Energy Corner Randy Bohlman

### Energy Efficiency

Energy efficiency isn't about giving things up.

Energy efficiency is about doing things better and doing more with less energy!

Energy efficiency is the genius of technological innovation – maximizing performance by boosting efficiency.

*"Doing More with Less"*

### How can you help save energy at UND?

The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that **simple investments and behavioral changes can bring about a 20 percent increase in energy efficiency!**

When you leave a room, turn the lights off!

Eliminate computer screen savers! They don't save energy, they use energy!

Set your PC up to hibernate when not being used! Go to UND Facilities "Energy & Sustainability WEB page for information and tools to properly set up your PC to be energy efficient!

Report energy waste! Report energy waste to Randall Bohlman; 701.777.2333 or [randybohlman@mail.und.edu](mailto:randybohlman@mail.und.edu).

### Energy Fact!

Recently UND Facilities replaced several standard florescent lights with high energy efficient florescent lights. The results of energy savings was equivalent to 164,610, 100 watt incandescent light bulbs.

Check out the UND Facilities Energy WEB page for more "energy" information!

<http://www.und.edu/dept/facilities/energy/Energy.htm>