

# Footpaths

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## From the Director....

There's been a change in this newsletter schedule which is why you are receiving another newsletter this month. The newsletter editions will cover two months starting with this March edition. Then will proceed throughout the year as follows: April/May, June/July, August/September, October/November, December/January, February/March. This schedule was arranged to coincide with our department's activity level. I hope you find this change an improvement.

There is another change that will take place at our next Award's Day. To make it easier for our newly retired staff, we will not wait until Award's Day to honor them. I will be implementing a change in how our staff will be recognized when they retire and/or leave employment with the University. When our employee plans to retire or terminate after 15 years of service to the University, our department will hold a reception in the lunchroom at the time of their termination. If the employee leaves prior to serving 15 years, it is the discretion of their supervisor and co-workers if they wish to host a reception. The lunchroom will be available to use for these receptions. I think this will be a good change for our department.

Larry Zitzow

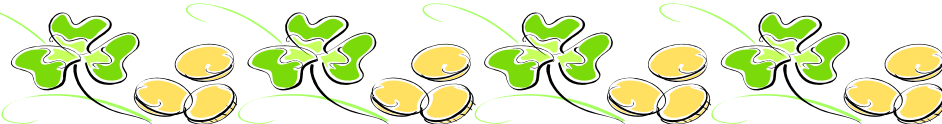


## Founders Day 2009

Founders Day was held February 26, 2009 in the Memorial Union Ballroom. President Kelley presided over the ceremony that honored faculty and staff both for retiring and also for years of service. Faculty and departmental awards were also given. Retirees honored from Facilities were: Dan Bina, Leonard Conley, Teckla Jacobson, Marsha Larson, Ray Tozer, Jerome Werness and Michael Yanish. Those honored for 25 years of service were: Mary Lou Feilen and Randy Middleton.



Top left: Building Services Retiree Teckla and Robert Jacobson. Bottom left: Mary Lou Feilen, honored for 25 years of service, and family. Top right Mark Oertwich, UND Police retiree and Ray Tozer, Steam Plant retiree.



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### **Loren F. Swanson Scholarship**

The deadline for the Loren F. Swanson scholarship is March 13, 2009. The application form is available online at <http://www.und.edu/dept/vpfo/html/forms.html>. The applications are to be returned to the VPFO office, 264 Centennial Drive, Stop 8378 or dropped off at Twamley Room 314.

### **Staff Senate Scholarships**

Successful fundraising has enabled the UND Staff Senate to provide UND student scholarships for the 2009-2010 academic year. These student scholarships are now available through the Student Financial Aid Office. Application forms are available at [www.und.nodak.edu/org/undss](http://www.und.nodak.edu/org/undss). Staff Senate encourages UND benefited staff to have their dependent children apply for this scholarship. The deadline is Thursday, March 12, 2009.

### **Free Mini Mobile Health Fairs Set**

Getting regular check ups, preventive screening tests and immunizations are among the most important things you can do for yourself. They can help ensure that common, serious diseases and conditions are detected and treated. At the health fair we offer a lipid panel reading, along with a one-on-one consultation with a nursing student from the College of Nursing. They will be able to give you general health tips and educational materials.\*

The Health Fair includes:

- Height and weight
  - BMI
  - Blood pressure
- Total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, triglycerides and glucose
  - Consultation

Mini mobile health fair dates:

- \* March 12, 7 to 10 a.m., ROTC Armory Gymnasium
  - \* March 26, 7 to 10 a.m., Wilkerson Hall, JW Wilkerson Room
    - \* 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 .

### **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. The Meritorious Service Awards will be given to employees in each of 5 major groups. These groups and the number of awards presented are: Executive, Administrative, and Professional (3); Technical/Paraprofessional (1); Office Support (3); Crafts/Trades (1); and Services Employees (2). The Ken and Toby Baker UND Proud Award may be given to an employee from any of the groups. Eligible employees are UND employees employed on a regular basis who are not in a probationary period. Those not eligible for consideration include the President, Vice Presidents, Deans, Associate and Assistant Deans, teaching and research faculty and the Human Resources Director. Also ineligible are award winners from the previous seven years. 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.

### **Colleges Against Cancer 2009 Relay for Life**

The Colleges Against Cancer chapter of the University of North Dakota invites all faculty and staff to join their students in the fight against cancer by participating in the 2009 Relay For Life of UND. On April 24-25, 2009, teams will join together at UND's Memorial Stadium to participate in Relay for Life. For more information, go to [www.relayforlife.org/universityofnorthdakotand](http://www.relayforlife.org/universityofnorthdakotand).



## New Uniform Patches

Uniform patch design will be changing. To the left, you will see the choices for the new design. Please look over the choices and let your employee committee representative know your choice of patch.

Employee Committee Members:

- Darlene Goulet
- Dale Spicer
- Shelly Kain
- Sherry Poitra
- Andy Tveit
- Kendall Klemmer
- Paul Holien/Don Barstad
- Dennis Morseth

## Spring Break Projects

The following work has been scheduled for Spring Break week.

- PR002806—Hyslop Sports Center Room 318- installation of DLP projector
- PR003414—Walsh-replace west end doorways on ground and 3rd floors
- PR003497—Hughes Fine Arts-install door in electrical room
- PR003615—Gamble Hall-replace ceilings in hallways
- PR003688—Conference Center -repairs due to frozen pipes
- PR003690—O’Kelly Hall room 313- replace the floor
- W0207804—Aviation Storage Hangar-paint all cubicles



## Welcome

Lynette Turcotte  
Academic BST  
Started February 17, 2009

## Famis Upgrade

We will be upgrading from Famis 8i to Famis Xi beginning the evening of Thursday, March 5th. The system will be unavailable beginning 6pm on Thursday, March 5th and should be available for use again the morning of Monday, March 9th.

There will be a new web address that you will need to use on Monday, March 9th when you log in to Famis and this address, along with additional information, will be sent out when the system is available. The look and feel of the system is not much different than the current system, which is why we are not having any formal training classes for the conversion. There are a couple of places you will notice some changes and they are as follows:

1. Asset Class - this is a new feature in Famis Xi and will show up on a number of forms including the work order, equipment, buildings. It hasn't been determined how/if this field will be used yet by NDUS campuses. This will be explored more after go-live.
2. Task Code - this field shows up on the labor entry screen. UND will not be using this field until July 1st. Once we do use it, it will be used to get additional information related to the type of work being performed (i.e. mowing the lawn, removing trash, painting), similar to the old task codes for people that have been here for a while.

For people with access to run Discoverer reports, that is the area that has changed the most. If you do have access to Discoverer reports and have questions after go-live contact Laura at 777-3006.

## Energy Corner

Randy Bohlman

- SUV fuel costs per mile excel those of passenger cars. Fuel cost per mile for hybrid electric vehicles will be 3-4 cents per mile.
- Many Idle electronics-tv's, vcrs, dvd and cd players, cordless phones, microwaves-use energy even when switched off to keep display clocks lit and memory chips and remote controls working. Nationally, these energy 'vampires' use 5 % of our domestic anergy and cost consumers more than \$3 billion annually.
- Heating and cooling costs account for about one-half of a typical home's total energy bill.
- For each degree you lower your thermostat in winter, you can save up to 5 percent on the heating portion of your energy bill, depending on the climate where you live.
- Your home can be a greater source of pollution than your car. In fact, about 17 percent of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions are generated from the energy used in houses nationwide. Energy Star homes use significantly less energy than other new homes.
- The average home has 2 tv's a vcr, a dvd player and 3 telephones. If these items were replaced with Energy Star qualified models, it would save more than 25 billion pounds of greenhouse gas emissions, the equivalent of taking 3 million cars off the road for a year.



## Talkin' Trash with Deb



### RECYCLEMANIA CONTEST CONTINUES

Recyclemania competition is in the third week and the results are in.

UND ranks 69 of 180 in the "Waste Minimization" competition. In this competition, schools compete to see which produces the least amount of municipal solid waste (trash) per person. UND came in at 4.5 pounds of trash that was collected per person and Wesleyan University was 180<sup>th</sup> place at 20.5 lbs per person

In the "Per Capita Classic competition, the schools compete to see who can collect the largest amount of recycling per person. UND ranks 163 of 356, collecting 1.35 lbs of recycling per person. First place went to John Carroll University at 12.8 lbs per person.

The "Grand Champion" competition is based on schools that accumulate the most solid waste and recycling material combined. UND ranks 74 of 195 with a 29.60% recycling rate. First place goes to California State University with a rate of 82.32%.

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 recycling and setting an example to the University community!  
*Deb Merrill*

### Residence Hall Recycling Board Receives Award

Facilities Management has awarded the John Meagher Ecology Award to the Association of Residence Halls (ARH) Recycling Board. The award was originated in 1992 and it recognizes persons who have taken a leadership role in ecology and conservation.

After many years of supporting recycling efforts in the residence halls, ARH officially established a Recycling Board several years ago. Board members represent each of the 14 residence halls to encourage and promote recycling programs. Students on the Recycling Board work with Facilities Management staff to make recommendations regarding short and long-range recycling goals and to increase participation in recycling in the residence halls.

### *March Calendar of Events*

March 5—Employee Committee Meeting

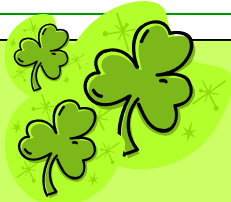
March 8-Daylight Savings Time

March 12-Staff Senate Scholarship Deadline

March 13-Deadline for Loren Swanson Scholarship

March 16-20 Spring Break

March 17—St. Patrick's Day



### The Big Event

UND's Big Event is back! The Big Event is a one-day community service project happening Saturday, May 2. In 2008, over 830 UND students, faculty, and staff members participated in volunteer work throughout the Grand Cities. The Big Event began at UND in the spring of 2005 and has grown ever since. The project is a great way for UND to say "thank you" to the Grand Cities for all the support they give to the University of North Dakota. The Big Event planning committee is in full swing, and our goal is to make this year's Big Event bigger than ever. To make the day a success, we need your help.

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 May 2 as part of The Big Event, watch for participation forms starting March 24.

Contact:

The Big Event

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