

MESSENGER

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Staff Senate t-shirts are available for \$5. If interested in purchasing one, talk to a member of the Executive Committee or contact Laura Dallmann.

COSE clothing now available.

- Check out the Web site to view pictures of the clothing items available. <http://www.nd.gov/cose/>
- Contact Cindy Kozojed, Laura Dallmann, or La Donna De Geldere for order information.

Valentine Ball 2010

NDSU Staff Senate is sponsoring the 3rd Annual NDSU Valentine Ball on February 20, 2010 in the Memorial Union Great Plains ballroom from 7:30 p.m. to midnight.

Students, staff, faculty, and alumni are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity to socialize and have fun.

A variety of music will be played to satisfy all tastes. NDSU's very own music students who make up "The Little Big Band" will be providing big band era music. DJ Nola, Corey Mack with Platinum

Mixing Productions will be present to play recorded music requests.

Annual events at the Valentine Ball include door prizes and dancing exhibitions. Beverages, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts to be dipped in chocolate will be provided by Dining Services. Yes, the chocolate fountain is back this year!

Tickets will be sold in advance of the event.

Staff, faculty, and alumni can purchase their tickets for \$10.00 per person. Student prices are \$5.00 per person or \$8.00 per couple. All profits will be

donated to the Staff Senate Student Scholarship fund. Tickets will be available at a contact table in the Memorial Union February 8 through February 19.

If you are interested in helping plan this event, please contact Vicki Miller Victoria.miller@ndsu.edu or 1-9447.

BY VICKI MILLER

Staff Recognition Award

Here is your opportunity to show your appreciation for your co-workers and recognize them for their hard work to make NDSU a better place. Nominations for broadbanded staff members will be open until the end of the business day on Friday, March 5, 2010, so nominate individuals or teams for a Staff Recognition Award.

The individual award winners will receive a

\$250 cash award. The team award is for a two-member to a ten-member team. The team award winner will receive a \$600 cash award (maximum of \$250 per individual) to broadbanded staff members. The Staff Recognition Award winners will be recognized during the April 1, 2010 luncheon which also recognizes staff for years of service.

The Staff Recognition Award nomination form

will be coming in the mail very soon. Additionally, the Staff Recognition nomination form will be available until March 5, 2010 on the NDSU Staff Senate Web site at http://www.ndsu.edu/staff_senate/.

We look forward to receiving your nominations for your fellow workers.

BY KEVIN SCHINDLBECK

Staff Senate 20th Anniversary



**Prakash Mathew
Staff Senate 20th Anniversary**

On February 3, 2010, the NDSU Staff Senate celebrated its 20th anniversary. Prakash Mathew who was part of the steering team and was instrumental in the development of the Staff Senate stated, "We had only one goal. Our goal was to have a voice for the staff on this campus."

Prakash Mathew is currently serving as the Vice President for Student Affairs at NDSU after serving over 30 years in the Student Affairs profession. As a member of the NDSU President's cabinet, Prakash plays a key role in bringing student issues and concerns to the forefront. Students are the

central focus of everything he does at NDSU.

The members of the initial steering committee were Sue Bartuska, Lillian Cole, Elaine Hanson, Renee Hill, Prakash Mathew, Bonnie Neas, Ginny Packwood, Jerry Pommer, and Keith Radke.

Because of the development of the NDSU Staff Senate, the staff now has a voice on campus and is a part of the decision-making process at the university. Prakash stated, "We wanted the university community to understand that we all make a difference in the life of this university, regardless of our position and status. I believe we became

successful through the formation of the staff senate at NDSU." This is apparent in the inclusion of the Staff Senate President, Vance Olson, in the current presidential search committee.

Prakash closed the celebration by stating, "Today, we are celebrating the anniversary of this great organization, so we will not complain and we will stay positive about this organization. I will say we have come a long ways in finding a "niche" for the staff on this campus. Yes indeed, you make a difference. We have a voice at this university."

By La Donna De Geldere

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2010-2011 Staff Senate Scholarships Available

The NDSU Staff Senate offers scholarships to eligible NDSU broadbanded staff, to children of broadbanded staff and to undergraduate students who have not obtained a bachelor's degree. The application deadline for these

scholarships is Monday, April 5, 2010.

To be eligible, broadbanded staff applicants must be NDSU employees and have been employed for at least one year as of the application deadline and be properly enrolled with a minimum of three

undergraduate or two graduate credits at the time of application and at the time of the award disbursement. Applicants must have earned a minimum of 9 undergraduate or 6 graduate credits at NDSU with a minimum 2.5

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More Dining Options Available with your Bison Card

In addition to using your Bison Card at all of the amazing on-campus dining locations, you now can use your card at a few off-campus locations as well. On 12th Ave N, both Sandella's and Jimmy Johns accept Bison Bucks. CVS and Papa John's will accept

your id card at their 19th Ave N locations. And if you need a cup of coffee while you're downtown and the Barry Hall coffee shop is closed, you can use your card at the Moxie Java on Broadway. So if you are downtown or on the 'main' campus during the evening

or weekend and only have your Bison Card, you now have more options available to you. For more information, check out the Website www.mybisonbucks.com.

By Tanie Boeddeker

Wellness Benefit

NDPERS Wellness Program: Provides the opportunity to earn up to \$250 per year for both an employee and their participating spouse using the health club credit program, the MyHealthCenter program, or a combination of the two.

The health club credit option includes a \$20 per month health club reimbursement for both employee and their spouse if they exercise at a NIHCA (National Independent Health Club Association) affiliated health club 12 or

more days out of the month. To see a complete listing of all NIHCA affiliated health clubs, please check their Web site at www.nihca.org. The MyHealthCenter option allows an employee and their spouse to register online and earn points for tracking health and wellness activities that may be redeemed for incentives and prizes. Both programs require participants to complete a health assessment annually online at www.ndwellnesscenter.com. For customer support, contact the MyHealthCenter

helpline at 866-300-6949.

The Office of Human Resources/Payroll will be sponsoring two informational sessions on the NDPERS Wellness Center program in March. The first session will be March 23 at 2:00 p.m.; the other session will be March 31 at 9:00 a.m. Both sessions will be held in the Century Theater of the Memorial Union.

BY JILL SPACEK AND
ELIZABETH THOMPSON

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Staff Senators Man the Red Kettles for the Salvation Army

The funds generated by the Salvation Army "Red Kettle Campaign" support programs throughout the rest of the year. The FM area usually has 30 sites that are tended to for ten hours a day, six days a week for roughly six weeks during the holidays!

The task of organizing this army of volunteers falls on Gerri Leach of the Fargo Salvation Army. I contacted Gerri about Staff Senate participating in some way this past year and she invited us to their location to see what they have going on.

Senators Viet Doan, La Donna De Geldere and I joined them for lunch one day last fall to learn about all of the tremendous services that "The Army" provides for local people. Whether they are sending out a van full of necessities for a family whose house just burned

down or whose house was now part of the Red River or helping with the basic needs of somebody who has nowhere else to go, they are there 24-7-365!

**WAY TO GO FARGO/
MOORHEAD AREA ON
RAISING OVER
\$740,000, EXCEEDING
THE GOAL OF
\$650,000.**

Gerri came to speak to us at the November Staff Senate meeting and rounded up some volunteers for the season which I was one of. I hadn't participated in ringing the bell before and didn't exactly know what to expect, but after the first hour, I knew I had to do it

again. A number of people when they would put their money in the kettle had a story to tell about their experience with the Army. They had helped them at one time in their life or someone close to them; it was very moving.

The Student and Staff Senate had a kettle in front of the MU one day in December and took in over \$200! The local goal for the year was to raise \$650,000, and I am pleased to learn that on January 20, 2010 the numbers were in and they had exceeded the goal to the tune of over \$740,000! Way to go, Fargo-Moorhead area!



**CHRIS ANDERSON
LA DONNA DE GELDERE
SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING**

BY CHRIS ANDERSON

Discover U “Mini” Workshops

The Staff Development Committee has a few Discover U “Mini” Workshops coming up in next few months.

March

Topic: Automotive Maintenance

Speaker: Jeff Marcy

Date: March 10, 2010

Time: 10:00–11:00 a.m

Location: Motor Pool Garage

Thorson Maintenance Center

Description: Learn the basics of automotive maintenance from Jeff Marcy, NDSU Automotive Mechanic. Jeff will teach you how to save money by keeping your car in top shape. Learn how to check the fluids, tires, belts, and hoses in your car to prevent major repair bills. Bring your car questions as Jeff will be taking questions from participants.

Upcoming

Topic: NDSU Bus Tour - Discover U Mini-Session

Description: If you haven't had a chance to tour our growing NDSU campus, now's the time! Join a narrated tour of our beautiful campus! The campus bus tour is sponsored by NDSU Staff Senate and is intended for all broadbanded staff. This bus tour is open to employees who have not taken it during their New Employee Orientation. Due to the popularity of this tour and limited seating available, reservations are required and are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve your space, contact Jean Hagen at 1-8186. Come see what's new and different on our campus - this is a great opportunity to find out more information about NDSU.

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Eligible children must have a parent who is a broadbanded staff member presently employed at NDSU for a minimum of one year as of the application deadline, be properly enrolled at least half-time with a minimum of 6 credits per semester at NDSU with a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA and be enrolled as an undergraduate student. Applicants must have earned at least 15 undergraduate credits at

NDSU and have not earned a bachelor's degree. The maximum scholarship amount is \$500.

Eligible students who are not children of a broadbanded staff member must be properly enrolled full time as defined by NDSU guidelines with a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA and be enrolled as an undergraduate student. Applicants must have earned at least 30 undergraduate credits at NDSU and have not earned a bachelor's degree. The maximum scholarship amount is \$500. The Staff Senate Scholarship

Committee will select the recipients prior to the 2010 fall semester. Dispersal of funds for both undergraduate student scholarships will be in equal installments at the beginning of fall and spring semesters. Dispersal for broadbanded staff will be at the beginning of the fall semester.

Applications are available in the Office of Student Financial Services, Ceres 202, or online at http://www.ndsu.edu/staff_senate/

BY MATTHEW CHAUSSEE

COSE CLOTHING IS

NOW AVAILABLE.

CHECK OUT THE WEB

SITE AT [HTTP://](http://www.nd.gov/cose/)

[WWW.ND.GOV/COSE/](http://www.nd.gov/cose/)

FOR PICTURES OF THE

CLOTHING. CONTACT

CINDY KOZOJED,

LAURA DALLMANN, OR

LA DONNA

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STAFF SENATE MEETINGS

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

ALL STAFF ARE WELCOME!

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| March 3, 2010 | Memorial Union Great Room
Carol Miller, Director of NDSU Bookstore |
| April 7, 2010 | Memorial Union Great Room
Gene Taylor, Director of Athletics |
| May 5, 2010 | Memorial Union Great Room
Elections |

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