North Dakota State University is a truly remarkable place to learn and work. Each day, I am impressed by the dedication and loyalty demonstrated by the fine people on this campus. NDSU is a community of helpful and caring colleagues, mentors and friends.

NDSU is unique in how we successfully balance being a student focused, land-grant, research university – it’s an effective blend that makes us distinctive among our peers. In many areas, our institution is a respected national leader and model for others to emulate.

You play a vital role in our university’s achievements. As you work with faculty, students, parents, alumni and the public, your professionalism and work ethic are in the forefront. Your strong efforts are critical to NDSU’s mission, as we provide quality education, research and service to North Dakota, the region, nation and world.

And your input is valued and appreciated. Many of you participated in our Listening Groups, a precursor to our university-wide strategic planning process. Based on enthusiastic and insightful discussions, I believe NDSU is well on its way to even greater successes in the years ahead.

I also have expanded the President’s Cabinet to include representatives of the Staff Senate and Faculty Senate. I have appointed Vance Olson, past president of Staff Senate and an industrial electronics technician in Facilities Management, to fill one of these important positions. This is the first time faculty and staff will have direct representation within the President’s Cabinet.

North Dakota is at a point of awakening and has a rare window of opportunity to expand its economy, diversify its tax base and create new jobs. NDSU can and will assist in the shaping of the state during the next century. It is clear to me that our imagination is the only limit to the future.

Thank you for your hard work. Individually and collectively, you make an important difference at NDSU.

Dean L. Bresciani
NDSU President

Know someone that deserves recognition for their hard work?
Nominate them for Campus Kudos to say thanks!

Nominations are accepted online at http://www.ndsu.edu/staff_senate/campus_kudos/

Fellow staff members, I am happy to introduce myself as your newest Staff Senate president. I am looking forward to serving you and continuing to move our needs forward. Last year at this time, we were looking forward to the opportunity to work with a new university president. This year we have the opportunity to work with a new provost. What an exciting time once again for NDSU. Also, during the last year Staff Senate has been working on a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis. I believe we have a lot of growth we can achieve for all staff members on campus through the implementation that exercise. Again, I look forward to the coming year to work with and serve as many of you as I can.

Laura Dallman
Staff Senate President
Message from the outgoing President

Greetings to all,

One year, 365 days, 10 staff Senate meetings, 9 PCC meetings and so on and so on. I feel like I was just getting started.

It has been a very exciting year for Staff and myself here at NDSU. The visibility of Staff Senate has been heightened, noticed and given a voice. I want to thank all Senators for a tremendous year of accomplishments: the Homecoming parade, Valentine Ball, Bell Ringing, Blood Drive, Staff Recognition, Gunkelman Award and so much more for making an impact on the University community.

There have been several changes in our representation here on campus - a position on the NDSU President’s Cabinet and on a state level - a non-voting seat with the State Board of Higher Education. These two changes bring further credibility and presence for the future of staff here at NDSU and other institutions.

The creation of a new policy committee, still in development, that has representation from faculty, students and staff and is a huge responsibility, one in which Staff will help shape policy and change for the campus community.

To my Executive Committee – thank you so very much for your support and hard work, I couldn’t have done it without you, one and all, particularly the SWOT analysis. This process has come full circle now with “items for consideration of action” by the new Executive Committee.

And to Laura Dallmann, the best President Elect a president could possibility work with in a partnership for change and development of Staff Senate.

I’m looking forward to the next year with excitement and the continued advancement of Staff Senate at North Dakota State University.

“We are North Dakota Proud!”

Kris Mickelson
President, Staff Senate
2010-1

Spotlight on: Niskanen Apartments

By Megan Paradis

NDSU Residence Life welcomed new apartment options for students beginning fall 2010. Apartment style living is a popular choice for NDSU students. There are a total of 182 apartment units consisting of 3-one bedroom units; 134 doubles; and, 45 triples. Occupancy can include up to 2 people in each single bedroom unit; and, up to 4 people in both the 2 and 3 bedroom units. Occupants must be NDSU students who are at least 20 years of age and/or have completed their freshman year in college. Both single students and students with families are eligible to occupy these units. A lounge and game room is available in each of the three buildings; and, a larger community center is located in the middle building and is available for student gatherings and programs. Rent for the new apartments includes cable, internet, electricity and heat. Other available amenities include carpeted units with dishwasher, coin-operated laundry on each floor, and air-conditioning.
Thank you all for your outstanding service throughout your terms as senators.

Vince Anderson  
Erika Beesler Thompson  
Glenn Christensen  
Peggy Cossette  
Tammy Cummings  
Janet Davidson-Harrington  
Connie Eggers  
Abby Exner  
Will Ferguson  
Austen Germolus  
Teryl Grosz  
Jean Hagen  
Heather Heger  
Marty Hoag  
Rita Lattimore  
Vicki Miller  
Stephanie O'Brien  
Lorna Olsen  
Deb Severson  
Jill Spacek  
Annette Sprague  
Bruce Sundeen

Spring sports in full swing

WOMEN’S GOLF

Sophomore Amy Anderson won The Summit League title and was also named the tournament MVP as she became the first Bison woman to win a league crown. She earned a spot in the NCAA West Regional, where she finished tied for 11th. As the second individual national qualifier out of the region, she advanced to the NCAA Championships, which are this weekend in Bryan, Texas.

MEN’S GOLF

The Bison finished ninth at The Summit League Tournament in Primm, Nev. Nate Varty tied for 24th to lead the team.

BASEBALL

The Bison clinched a spot in the Summit League tournament for the first time with a win over Western Illinois Thursday. NDSU is currently 19-29 overall and 13-11 in the Summit League, good for third place. Zach Wentz leads the team with 59 hits, 16 doubles and five home runs.

SOFTBALL

The Bison won the Summit League tournament for the third straight year to advance to the NCAA tournament. NDSU will face off against top-seeded Arizona State Friday. Pitcher Whitney Johnson earned her second straight tournament MVP award and she was joined on the all-tournament team by Jamie Gay, Jenina Ortega, Katie Tamayo and Elisa Victa. NDSU defeated UMKC in the league title game, 5-0, for the team’s fourth straight Summit League outdoor title last weekend in Sioux Falls, S.D. The Bison won 11 event titles en route to a winning score of 241 points. Senior Whitney Carlson won four league crowns to bring her career total to 15. She won the 100 meter hurdles, the 400 meter hurdles, the long jump and the heptathlon. Christine Schmaltz (800m and 1,500m) and Antoinette Goodman (100m and 200m) were both double event winners. Leslie Brost won the pole vault, while the Bison also took first in the 4x100 relay and the 4x400 relay. Carlson was named both Track Championship MVP and Field Championship MVP. Freshman Katie Dockter took home Newcomer of the Year honors and head coach Ryan Godfrey was voted Coach of the Year for the fourth straight season. Eight members of the team will compete in the NCAA West Preliminary Round May 26-28.

WOMEN’S TRACK AND FIELD

The Bison men won their second straight Summit League outdoor title and third in four years. Eric Stroh won the 800 meters, Matt Tetzlaff won the 110 meter hurdles and the Bison also took first in the 4x100 relay and the 4x400 relay. NDSU also excelled in the throws as Sam Soholt took first in the discus and Casey Orgon won the hammer with a school record throw. Ted Rud also claimed the decathlon title. Freshman Donte Smart was named Newcomer of the Championships and head coach Don Larson earned Coach of the Year honors. The Bison will send five athletes to the NCAA West Preliminary Round May 26-28.

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By Jenny Beam

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For more information on Bison athletics, visit GoBison.com
What has Staff Senate been up to?

Jodi Pierce and Heather Heger withstood the cold to ring the bell for the Salvation Army.

The Staff Senate put on another successful Valentine's Ball in February.

The Staff Senate also participated in the Homecoming parade. The theme was Lights, Camera, Bison! Of course, the Staff Senate chose the Wizard of Oz and There’s No Place Like Homecoming as the slogan.

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ALL STAFF ARE WELCOME!
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