



ROAR



A Newsletter for Classified Employees of Kansas State University – February 2010

Thank You Note

Carolyn Elliott

I would like to thank everyone for your support while I served as your Classified Senate President. I look forward to hearing the great things that will be accomplished this year by the senators. Upon taking a position as an unclassified worker, I am no longer able to serve as the President of the Classified Senate, but feel very honored to have served classified employees in this capacity.



Sincerely,
Carolyn
csbe@ksu.edu

President's Notes

by Jennyfer Owensby

Hello again. I bet some of you thought you got rid of me last year. Me, too! For those of you who did not read the February minutes notification, Classified Senate received some sad news during our February meeting. Carolyn Elliott turned in her resignation as President due to accepting another position on campus. As the Vice President, it became my duty to carry out Carolyn's term until June when Becki Bohnenblust will assume the duties. Resigning was a difficult decision for Carolyn because she put a lot of work into Classified Senate this year and she cares deeply about the issues that affect all of us. We wish her well in her new position.



During our January meeting, we decided to stop sending the paper version of the ROAR and election ballots. This will be the last paper edition of the ROAR to be distributed to Facilities and Housing & Dining employees. Future editions will be distributed by email. This year's Classified Senate election will be held using K-State Axio Survey System for all classified employees. In March, you will receive an email from Terri Wyrick with a link to the Axio election ballot. We hope that change will not be too difficult for employees to adjust to. We just felt it was time to ride the technological wave and save as many trees as possible.

Your senators have been very busy for the past three months. Four of us went to the Capitol for the Classified and Support Staff Council's Day on the Hill. We spoke to

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*The Kansas State University
Classified Senate would like to
invite you to the*

2010 K-STATE CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

April 28, 2010
2:00 p.m.

K-State Student Union Ballroom

*Featured Speaker:
President Kirk Schulz*

Please plan to attend!

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numerous influential legislators to let them know we support Governor Parkinson's budget proposal. You can find the CSSC position paper on this link: <http://www.k-state.edu/class-senate/resolution.htm>. We will have another Day on the Hill on March 9, 2010. Unfortunately, it is proving to be another difficult budget year for the State of Kansas. Classified Senate will do what we can to not lose ground when it comes to our salaries and benefits. There will be a lot of speculation in the media by legislators on different ways to handle the \$400,000,000 budget deficit. Please note, that it may be late-April or mid-May before we know where we stand for fiscal year 2011. Dr. Sue Peterson, Assistant to the President and Director of Government Relations, does an excellent job of keeping all three constituent branches (Faculty, Classified & Student Senate) informed as the legislative session progresses. I will let you know if I hear anything of real concern this spring.

The Recognition Ceremony Committee is working on the plans for this year's ceremony on April 28, 2010 in the K-State Ballrooms. We will recognize retirees; 5, 15, 25 & 35 years of service, Departmental Employee of the Year Award and the new Classified Employee Award of Excellence recipients. This is a very special annual event where we recognize classified employees for their dedication and service to Kansas State University. It is, also, a great opportunity to reconnect with co-workers you have not seen in years. I am looking forward to seeing a lot of you there this year!

I could go on and on, but I will stop there for now. As always, Classified Senate is very interested in hearing ideas on ways to improve the work environment for classified employees. Please feel free to contact me, jennyfer@k-state.edu, or one of your senators, <http://www.k-state.edu/class-senate/senators.html>, if you have any issues you would like to see us address. Take care and stay warm this winter!

Jen

CLASSIFIED SENATE ELECTIONS

The Classified Senate has mailed nomination forms for current classified senator openings. This year the nomination dates have changed. All nomination forms were due by February 23, 2010 because we are using the Axio Survey System and this will take some time to set up the election based on the nominations that are received. No late nominations can be accepted since the elections will be held electronically.

As a senator, you would represent employees on issues that impact K-State classified employees. Each term begins June 1 and runs for 3 consecutive years. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month from 12:45- 2:30 m.

If you have an interest and would like to serve as a Classified Senator, you are encouraged to apply.

Nominations will be needed from the following departments:

Agriculture and Extension	(2)
Arts and Sciences	(1)
Business	(1)
Veterinary Medicine	(1)
Administration and Finance	(2)
President/Provost	(1)
Local Agencies	(1)

K-State Classified Senate ELECTIONS

If you are a classified employee who wants to make K-State a better place for yourself and all classified employees, you are encouraged to run for Classified Senate.

For more information, please visit <http://www.k-state.edu/class-senate/> or contact any Senator.

JUST DO IT!

K-STATE RECYCLES

RecycleMania



Kansas State University is participating in the nation wide college and university "RecycleMania" competition – This will be the second year for K- State to participate-

Last year, due to the campus community's efforts and K-State's Recycling team- K-State collected approximately 200,000 pounds of recyclables during the annual 10 week event. ---With everyone's help, we will surpass last year's total!

RecycleMania is a friendly competition and benchmarking tool for college and university recycling programs to promote waste-reduction activities in their campus communities. There are 585 schools registered for the 2010 RecycleMania competition, all listed on the RecycleMania web page. Over a 10-week period, starting January 17th through March 27th schools report recycling and trash data. They are then ranked according to

- ✓weight of recyclables per capita
< <http://www.recyclemaniacs.org/rules-per-capita.htm>,
- ✓total weight of recyclables
< <http://www.recyclemaniacs.org/rules-gorzilla.htm>,
- ✓least trash per capita
< <http://www.recyclemaniacs.org/rules-waste-min.htm>,
- ✓and highest recycling rate
< <http://www.recyclemaniacs.org/grand.htm>.

With each week's reports and rankings, participating schools watch how their results compare with those of other schools and use this to rally their campus communities to reduce and recycle more.

K-State will be participating in the Per Capita Classic part of RecycleMania, which involves the most basic format and should be the easiest to carry out for most universities. Here schools compete to see who can collect the most combined recyclables per person. To participate, schools report weekly their total weights for paper, cardboard, and beverage containers, either separately or combined.

The figure calculated for comparison will be the total weight of recyclables divided by the campus population. The overall goals for RecycleMania are to:

- 1) *Have a fair and friendly recycling competition.*
- 2) *Increase recycling participation by students and staff.*
- 3) *Heighten awareness of schools' waste-management and recycling programs.*
- 4) *Expand economic opportunities while addressing environmental issues in a positive way.*
- 5) *Lower waste generated on campus by reducing, reusing and recycling.*
- 6) *Organize this event successfully so it can be repeated and possibly expanded to other campuses in the future.*

To find out more about RecycleMania, visit <http://www.recyclemaniacs.org/overview.htm>

---Thank You K- State for doing your part in helping to reduce waste and to promote recycling -- For more information about K-States Recycling efforts visit <http://www.k-state.edu/recycling/>

DID YOU KNOW FACTSHEET

The University Committee on Governmental Issues is creating a "**DID YOU KNOW**" fact sheets about our university-wide success stories. These sheets will highlight historic and modern achievements, as well as K-State's most influential graduates. These factsheets will include success stories of classified staff that benefited the university, our community, our state, or our nation. This can include a process that saved time and money in a department or improved the work place, something that a department uses that has attracted students to our university and increased enrollment, or anything that would make a classified staff employee stand out.

Please send any success stories of classified staff to Terri Wyrick at twyrick@ksu.edu All stories should provide concise information in bullet-point format, if possible.

Classified Employee Spotlight

Kay Fechter ***Department of Animal Sciences and Industry***



Kay Fechter has worked for Kansas State University for 17 years. She started working as a receptionist in the Dean of Students Office in Anderson Hall in 1961 and currently works in the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry.

She presently works in the Phone Room in Weber Hall. Her job includes answering phones, scheduling rooms, ordering and maintaining departmental supplies, taking care of departmental mail and packages, and working for the faculty. Kay is always willing to find the answer if she does not know. She goes above and beyond for the Department of Animal Sciences and you may have seen her smiling and cheerful face at many of the events that the department hosts.

When asked what she enjoys most about working for Kansas State University, she replied, *"I truly enjoy the daily association with the students, staff and faculty! It makes my job very interesting and pleasant."*

Kay lives in Wamego with her husband, Larry. They will celebrate their golden anniversary next year. They have two daughters in the Kansas City Area and a daughter, son-in-law and three grandchildren who live in Manhattan. Her hobbies include cooking (especially desserts) and reading and traveling.

THANKS to Kay for her contributions to the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and Kansas State University!

**Be sure to visit the Classified Senate's
website at**

www.ksu.edu/class-senate/

Your

UNION UPDATE

EAT SHOP PLAY MEET
union.k-state.edu



GREAT DEALS AT THE UNION!



Purchase discounted Carmike movie tickets at the K-State Student Union Bookstore.

- Tickets can be used for any film at Carmike Cinemas.
- Bookstore Service Center, ground floor.
- Provided by Union Program Council.

*Discounted Price: \$7

@ BLUEMONT BUFFET

SPECIALTY BUFFETS

St. Patty's Day • 3/11/10, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 Office Professional's Day • 4/20/10, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 Commencement Buffet • 5/15/10, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 *\$8.99(\$17.50 for Commencement)
 *Cash, Credit Cards, Cat Cash, and Department Cards

GLOBAL CUISINE

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday - Pasta Bar
 Tuesday - International Flair
 Wednesday - Sushi Bar
 Thursday - Omelet Bar
 Friday - National Flair

Check out our *Global Cuisine Bar* throughout the rest of the semester!

DIVERSITY AWARD



Award of Excellence

For recognition of promoting diversity in the workplace.

Awarded to

K-State Student Union

Janice Mackintosh
Chapler President

The K-State Student Union received the Award of Excellence for promoting diversity in the workplace from the Human Resource Management Network.

SKYWALK UPDATE



All levels of the parking garage are now open and fully functional. The skywalk connecting with the first floor of the Union officially opened January 4. For more information, please contact Parking Services at 532-7275.

JOHN FRESE



With a career at Kansas State University that spans 44 years, John Frese has worked for the Union for 41 years. His position began as a Maintenance Repair Technician and has evolved into the Mechanical Utilities System Manager.

THE UNION COMPUTER STORE

The Student Union Computer Store is now carrying a limited selection of Dell laptops, including the Inspiron Mini 10, Inspiron 14, Studio 15, and Studio XPS 13. All come with media card reader, webcam, long life battery, warranty, customer service support agreement, and are loaded with great software options. For complete details, stop by our location on the first floor of the Union or order online at computerstore.ksu.edu.



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YOU ASKED, WE LISTENED.

Was the 2 o'clock deposit cutoff inconvenient for you? Now, all deposits made at Commerce Bank Monday through Friday will be credited to your account that day and will allow you to spend deposits immediately. The Commerce Bank branch located in the Union will deposit your funds all day until close at 4:30 p.m.



NEW OFFICE SUPPLY HOURS
noon - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday



Follow us on **Facebook and Twitter!**

Congratulations to **Kelli Henderson, Facilities Building Maintenance** – You now have “Bragging Rights!”

My experience with Kelli has always been positive. She answers the telephone for Minor Repairs with a cheerful expression in her voice and is always pleasant to the customer. To have an employee in facilities who provides great customer service is outstanding! To have this positive attitude day in and day out when all you hear are complaints or problems, takes someone special. Talking with Kelli brings a smile to your face and you know it's gonna be a great day! Raise your glass and give 3 cheers for Kelli. Thanks for everything you do for the University community!

(Submitted by Becki Bohnenblust, Department of Biology)

Bragging Rights

We know that our Classified Staff work very hard at their jobs and we know you appreciate it. We've chosen this space as a spot for you to show them your thanks! If you want to brag about the staff, we'd love to hear it!

Please look for the Bragging Rights tab under the ROAR section of the Classified Senate website at www.k-state.edu/class-senate/roar.htm



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If you have suggestions or comments for the ROAR, please contact Connie Emig (cemig@ksu.edu) or Lois Schreiner (lschrein@ksu.edu).

Senate Meetings

All classified Senate meetings are open to all classified employees. You are encouraged and welcome to attend any or all of our meetings. Senate meetings begin at 12:45 p.m. Below are the dates and locations:

- March 3, 2010 – KSSU Cottonwood Room
- April 7, 2010 – KSSU Staterooms 1&2
- May 5, 2010 – KSSU Cottonwood Room
- June 2, 2010 – Edwards Hall

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