



The Roar



KSU Classified Senate Employee Newsletter

February 2005

President's Column

The 2004-2005 Classified Senate year is almost half over and, though this is the first issue of The ROAR that you have seen in a while, your senators have been working hard behind the scenes. Accomplishments to date include hosting a booth at the Benefits Fair and co-sponsoring a Legislator Forum with KSU Faculty Senate. The ten-week K-State Savers series started meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2005. Future events in the planning stages are Legislative Day on February 8, 2005, and of course, the KSU Classified Employee Recognition Ceremony which will be on May 18 this year.

One of the primary missions of the KSU Classified Senate is to disseminate information to classified employees. When I became president, one of my goals was to make Classified Senate more visible so that you, our constituents, know that we are working to make a difference for classified employees. To this end, we are renewing our commitment to publish The ROAR on a quarterly basis. The Classified Senate website, <http://www.ksu.edu/class-senate/>, has been brought up-to-date and we are committed to keeping it current. The biggest emphasis, though, is encouraging classified senators to develop a communication mechanism within their own college or administrative unit to keep their constituents informed. (During roll call at each meeting, they are asked to report how they have shared information with their constituents.) To complete the communication loop, we encourage you to make contact with your senator(s) for some one-on-one conversation.

I had no clue what to expect when I took on the role of Classified Senate President. So far the experience has been heartwarming and educational. I look forward to serving you for the next seven months.

Loleta Sump

JOINT KSU SENATE SPONSORSHIP OF LEGISLATIVE FORUM

Approximately 30 classified employees attended the Legislative Forum hosted by the KSU Classified and Faculty Senates on December 17, 2004. Senator-elect Roger Reitz and Representative Sydney Carlin were present to share views with faculty and staff.

During the classified portion of the Forum, employees educated Reitz and Carlin on these issues:

- * Impact of salary compression
- * Loss of step increases
- * KU's alternative to civil service plan
- * Difficulty of filling vacancies with competent workers

Both legislators encouraged us, as individuals, to communicate not only with our own legislators, but also those who routinely vote against higher education and any legislation that would benefit classified employees.

Senator Reitz strongly encouraged KSU to hold these forums regularly to continue the discussion. The two Senates will be working together to make this happen.

Senate Meetings

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

February 2, 2005	KSSU Room 213
March 2, 2005	KSSU Room 213
April 6, 2005	KSSU Room 213
May 4, 2005	KSSU Room 213
June 1, 2005	KSSU Room 213
July 6, 2005	KSSU Room 213
August 3, 2005	KSSU Room 213

We look forward to seeing you there!

BE A K-STATE SAVER

Are you interested in saving money for a Christmas fund, your child's education or an emergency fund? Perhaps you would like to reduce your debt. Are you having a difficult time reaching those goals? Then - State Savers might be for you!

KSU Classified and Faculty Senates and Administration are sponsoring a series of ten weekly sessions geared toward helping us to concretely identify financial goals, become consciously aware of spending behaviors that might prevent us from reaching those goals and ways to change those behaviors.

Sessions are held each Tuesday until March 15, 2005 at three different times: 11:10-11:50 a.m., 12:10-12:50 pm. And 7:10-7:50 p.m. Session content is posted on the Classified Senate website (<http://www.ksu.edu/class-senate/>) each week, on Wednesday, if you cannot attend.

Those of us attending are having a good time learning about ourselves and our spending behaviors...we hope you'll join us.

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

The Classified Employee Recognition Ceremony is scheduled for May 18, 2005 and will be held in the K-State Union Ballroom.

At this ceremony the KSU Classified Senate recognized employees with 5, 15, 25, and 35 years of service, KSU retirees and the KSU Classified Employees of the Year.

If you have a fellow classified employee you would like to nominate for "Employee of the Year" for your unit, we encourage you to submit that employee's name to your unit leader/department head.

Horticulture Club Valentine's Day Rose Sale

Has time slipped away from you - forgot to pick up a gift for your special someone?

On February 14, the KSU Horticulture Club will be selling roses in the lobby of Throckmorton Hall. Sale hours will be: 7:30 am. - 4:30 p.m.

Prices:

	Wrapped in cellophane	Arranged in a Vase
Single	\$5	\$7
3's	\$10	\$14
½ doz	\$20	\$28
dozen	\$30	\$40

Best Kept Secrets on Campus

The Bakery Science Club meets every Tuesday evening to bake products for sale Wednesday afternoon. The sale is in the first floor hallway of Shellenberger Hall from 3-5 p.m. and is open to the public. Products available at the sale range from variety breads to cookies to muffins. One common favorite at the sales is Monster cookies, so they are always available. Club members do all of the work including obtaining ingredients, production and advertising. On Tuesday members gather at five to begin baking, and do not usually finish packaging and clean up until around ten. The club is open to any student on campus, not just Bakery Science majors. Students learn hands on baking skills as well as teamwork and business skills. Besides the weekly sales, Bake Club has two large sales during the year; one at Christmas and one at Open House. During Open House the bakery is open all day for tours and samples of fresh bread and doughnuts. If you are interested in learning more about the Bakery Science Club visit our website at www.oznet.ksu.edu/bakeclub or email us at bakeryclub@hotmail.com

The Grain Science Club holds its flour sales every Wednesday from noon until 4:00 p.m. in 220 Shellenberger Hall (inside back dock). These sales offer a variety of different kinds of flour and wheat products including: white flour, whole wheat flour, whole white wheat flour, unbleached flour, bulgur, gluten, farina, pancake mix, bread mixes, and more!!! So come by and say hi sometime and help support our club.