



# The Roar



KSU Classified Senate Employee Newsletter

February 2002

## *President's Column*

Dear Classified Employees:

The 2002 Kansas Legislative Session opened in January 2002. There are many concerns for the 2003 Fiscal Year because of the projected loss of revenues from the State. For Classified employees items such as pay step increases, longevity bonuses, and health benefits funding increases will be in jeopardy. I encourage all the classified employees to express their concerns by letters and email to their legislators during the session. To access the websites of the governor, and legislators, visit <http://www.accesskansas.org/government/index.html>.

Classified Employees are also invited to attend Legislative day in Topeka on Monday, February 11, 2002. The Classified Senate will be scheduling appointments with key legislatures to discuss classified employee issues. Please contact the senator if you are interesting in attending.

Also, I would like to remind everyone that our meetings are open to all Classified Employees. If you have any concerns or questions, please let your senator know so we may address the applicable issues.

Sincerely,

Ann Marie Treinen

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following are the dates, times and locations of the future Classified Senate meetings. All meetings are open to classified employees and begin at 12:45 pm.

Wednesday, February 6, 2002	Union Room 213
Wednesday, March 6, 2002	Union East State Room #1
Wednesday, April 3, 2002	Union Room 213
Wednesday, May 1, 2002	Union Room 213

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February 11, 2002	Legislative Day in Topeka
May 22, 2002	Classified Employee Recognition Ceremony

## **2002 Classified Employee Recognition Ceremony**

If you have never attended a Classified Employee Recognition Ceremony, please mark your calendars for this year. At this ceremony KSU Classified Employees are recognized for those who have completed 5, 15, 25 and 35 years of service, Employees of the Year and Retirees. Letters have already been sent to the Dean's and Local Agencies asking them to begin the search for their "Classified Employee of the Year". Each department within colleges and units can choose and "Employee of the Year" or each college and/or unit can choose one.

This year's speaker will be Deb Patterson, Head Coach, KSU Women's Basketball.

Your Classified Senators have donated a tremendous amount of volunteer time to make sure this ceremony runs smoothly. Please place **May 22, 2002** on your calendars and join us in recognizing your fellow classified employees as well as enjoy the refreshments and door prizes.

## Senator Spotlight



Jackie Yonning, a Senator for Institutional Advancement from Lafene Health Center, is serving her second term as the Senate's Budget Coordinator. She has worked for KSU for 18 years. Fifteen of those years working with Lafene. She is a member of the Classified Senate Recognition Ceremony, and the Campus Peer Review Committees, as well as, being the Lafene Safety Coordinator. Jackie's husband, Dale, is also a KSU employee. He works in the Energy Management Shop in Dykstra Hall. Jackie has a son, daughter, two step-daughters and has four grandchildren.

**Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers.**

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

### Request from The International Student Center

The International Student Center is looking for volunteers in their Conversational English Program. This program is designed to assist international students and their spouses with spoken English skills by matching them with native English-speaking volunteers. Anyone is encouraged to volunteer, including staff and community members. No experience is needed in learning or teaching a foreign language, just a genuine interest in getting to know the international population on campus. Volunteers for programs are asked to set aside at least 1 hour per week to spend with their conversational partner, but it would be ideal if 2 hours were the minimum. Actual meeting times are flexible according to you and your partner's schedule. This program is intended to be fun, so do anything that is fun and that stimulates conversation. They are looking for volunteers of all adult ages due to the various ages of the students. For more information about this program, please contact The International Student Center at 532-6448 or e-mail them at [intlstucenter@ksu.edu](mailto:intlstucenter@ksu.edu).

For anyone looking for a different type of fitness opportunity in the new year, "WALK Kansas" may just be the ticket. Though not a literal 423 mile walk across the state, this 8-week program encourages teams of up to 6 people to log miles (or minutes of activity that equal miles) that can add up to that total. Teams can be made up of co-workers, classmates, families, and friends; registration must be made through the Riley County Extension Office by March 4. The enrollment fee of \$10.00 per person includes a "Walk Kansas" T-shirt, health tips, a weekly newsletter, and the celebration event. The program begins in Riley county March 16 and concludes May 10. For more information or to enroll, contact Riley county at [sflaming@oznet.ksu.edu](mailto:sflaming@oznet.ksu.edu) or call 785-537-6350.

### Upcoming Training and Development

## Opportunities

Feb 5	Professional Communications
Feb 11	New Employee Orientation
Feb 19,21,26, 28	Basic Supervisory Training
Feb 20	Van Operator Training
Feb 21	How to Recognize and Prevent Sexual Harassment
Feb 27	Supervising Students on the Job

More detailed information regarding training opportunities can be found at the following website:

[www.ksu.edu/empirel/training](http://www.ksu.edu/empirel/training)

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