NIU has just endured the most tragic event in our university’s history. We will continue to deal with the aftershocks for years to come. However, from this tragedy has bloomed a tremendous spirit of working together and caring for each other. There are so many people to thank for their beautiful gestures towards the NIU community from neighboring towns and even from around the world.

OSC Secretary, Theresa Kinniry wrote a beautiful, heartfelt letter for our website that states our thanks perfectly – part of it is excerpted below:

… the Operating Staff Council would like to take this opportunity to thank President Peters for his grace, strength, courage and unwavering leadership throughout this crisis. We cannot imagine how difficult this tragedy has been for the President, but his concern for students, faculty, staff and especially for the families of the victims, is testament to his commitment to this institution and all its members. We thank you for getting us through this dark hour.

We also thank Dr. Eddie Williams, Dr. Brian Hemphill and all members of the administration who have been instrumental in meeting the needs of everyone involved in this tragedy. We thank Police Chief Don Grady and his staff for their commitment to keeping this campus community safe and for their efforts on the day of the shooting. The department’s immediate response likely saved lives.

Personally, I have received a number of e-mails, letters and cards from all over the country expressing care and sympathy. These were sent from churches, community groups, universities – people I’ve never met and who have never met me. One specifically I received was a large poster from the Staff Senate (our equivalent to OSC) from Virginia Tech (VT). I have also received a number of e-mails from the Staff Senate members. If you go to their website you will see the pictures of the Candlelight Vigil they held for NIU. [Link](http://www.ee.unirel.vt.edu/index.php/vtnews/flip_book/C69/P0). It is very moving! The OSC will be sending a memento on behalf of our Operating Staff to VT for “Day of Remembrance” on April 16th commemorating the one year anniversary of their tragedy.

It has been amazing how VT has flooded our campus at every level with their care and concern. We are the next institution to have the next member in a club that no college ever wants to join. Unfortunately, I fear that we will not be the last members. If this is the case, NIU needs to be ready to shower our support on the next institution to be struck by such tragedy.

We are looking for input as to the future of Cole Hall. President Peters has established the e-mail address colehall@niu.edu for anyone to send their ideas and opinions pertaining to the future of Cole Hall. I encourage all of you to submit your ideas. If you would prefer, you may e-mail me personally at jmonteiro@niu.edu.

I will be a member of the Emergency Classroom Space Planning and Cole Hall Advisory Committee and I can take that information to the committee.

Continue to take care of yourselves and those around you. If you or any of your co-workers are having difficulty coping, sleeping or concentrating, please contact the Employee Assistance Program at (815) 753-9191.

Thank you for your dedication to our students and your fellow co-workers. “Forward, Together Forward” we will continue to be the strong NIU family that we have always been.

Jay Monteiro, President
Operating Staff Council 2007-2008
NIU has named Northwestern Medical Faculty Foundation as its expected provider of clinical services for the $160 million proton therapy cancer treatment and research center to be built in the DuPage National Technology Park in Chicago’s western suburbs.

On the heels of the Feb. 26 announcement naming the expected service provider, the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board in Chicago gave its approval for the project to proceed.

“We are here today in that spirit of hope and with constant focus on our mission,” NIU President John Peters said at the facilities planning board meeting. “This facility will stand in testament to our mission as a world class-educational, research and now, cancer treatment center.”

NIU Board of Trustees Chair Cherilyn G. Murer hailed the collaboration with Northwestern, saying that NIU’s expertise in advanced accelerator physics and engineering, coupled with the world-class cancer treatment experience of doctors from the Northwestern Medical Faculty Foundation in Chicago, would make NIU’s proton treatment center the best in the world.

“Our anticipated collaboration with Northwestern Medical Faculty Foundation speaks to the high caliber of our endeavor,” Murer said.

“While patient focus will be our primary objective, the incredible byproducts we will offer through education and research in the form of medical, scientific and technology protocols will work to advance the human condition across the globe,” she added. “Ours will be far more than a community proton center to treat cancer. We envision the NIU facility as a regional and even national resource complemented through NIU’s work with Fermilab and Argonne National Laboratories, both world leaders in accelerator physics, neutron and proton therapies.”

Under the expected collaborative agreement between NIU and Northwestern Medical Faculty Foundation, physicians who are full-time faculty members or researchers at the Feinberg School of Medicine and are on the attending physician staff at Northwestern Memorial Hospital will deliver clinical and related services at the new state-of-the-art cancer treatment center.

Officials expect the agreement to be finalized within three months.

The Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board staff report issued last month found the NIU application for a certificate of exemption (COE) complete and in full compliance with requirements.

“We have done all that has been asked of us and much more. We are ready and eager to begin our new endeavor, and we look forward to fulfilling our mission of outreach and service to all the people of Illinois,” said John Lewis, project director and associate vice president at NIU.

Currently there are only five proton therapy centers in the country. Patients often travel hundreds or thousands of miles to receive the specialized cancer treatment.

Proton therapy is an advanced and highly effective form of radiation treatment utilizing proton beams. The beams are created by a particle accelerator that is housed in a structure the size of a football field.

The therapy is non-invasive, extremely precise and painless.

Unlike conventional radiation therapy, proton beam treatments destroy only the tumor leaving good tissues unaffected. It has been proven to be especially effective in treating prostate and head and neck cancers as well as pediatric cancers, where preservation of organs, systems and tissue during critical formative years is of utmost importance. The male African-American population is at particular risk for prostate cancer and suffers a higher incidence of the disease than other groups.

In keeping with its mission of public service, NIU has also negotiated a payment schedule with the Illinois Department of Public Aid for treating Medicaid patients and expects to offer its services to a full spectrum of applicants.

The facility will be known as the Northern Illinois Proton Treatment and Research Center, LLC.
Employment Changes

Note from the editor: In the last publication we listed October Employment Changes incorrectly. They were actually a re-listing of August. We apologize for the error and have printed the actual changes for October.

October 2007

Welcome New Employees
Deborah Albion, Kitchen Helper—Housing and Dining
Charles Almburg, Building Service Worker—Building Services
Latasha Bennett, Building Service Worker—Building Services
Sherri Bolek, Cashier III—Bursar
Joseph Crouch, Inventory Clerk—Materials Management
Fern Evins, Kitchen Helper—Housing and Dining
Trevor Faivre, Building Service Worker—Building Services
James Fisers, Baker II—Housing and Dining
Ryan Green, Clerical Assistant—Customer Support Services
Stanley Grevis, Cook—Housing and Dining
Denise Gualandri, Secretary IV—Music
Ali Hassan, IT Technical Associate—Information Services
Brenda Hoiness, Admissions/Records Specialist I—Registration and Records
Selina Jones, Clerical Assistant—Information Services
Kathryn King, Secretary IV—College of Health and Human Sciences
Mary Lawrence, Secretary IV—Economics
Maria Macias, Building Service Worker—Building Services
Melissa Maliszewski, Child Development Supervisor—Family, Consumer and Nutrition
Kallie Mashare, Secretary III—Computer Science
Jenneifer Morgan, Secretary IV—College of Health and Human Sciences
Elizabeth Mueller, Secretary III—Theatre and Dance
Ben Munji, Security Guard—Public Safety
Kimberly Rains, Building Service Worker—Building Services
Michael Rains, Building Service Worker—Building Services
Derek Ross, Secretary IV—Teaching and Learning
Anthony Sharp, Automotive Technician—Transportation
Chelsie Smith, Cook—Housing and Dining
John Spivey, Security Guard—Public Safety
Marc Turnes, Secretary III—Office of Scholarship Coordinator
Leslie Volkstorf, Building Service Worker—Building Services
Linda Washington, Image Processing Technician I—Registration and Records
James Wayman, Bookstore Manager Assistant—Holmes Student Center
Tayler Winton Sorto, Secretary III—Illinois Council on Economic Education

Changes
Gary Butterfield, Jr. to Chief Clerk—Customer Support Services
Traci Cheeseman to Payroll Specialist III—Human Resource Services
Tatia Kaus to Administrative Secretary—College of Law
Rita Miller to Secretary IV—Foreign Language and Literature
Jennifer Ridge to Administrative Secretary—College of Health and Human Sciences
Lelonie Sanders to Staff Secretary—Allied Health and Communicative Disorders
Charisma Turner to Security Guard—Public Safety
Avonne Wilson to Payroll Specialist I—Human Resource Services
Debra Woolbright to Security Guard—University Libraries

Changes in Department
Barbara Alsup to Account Technician II—Bursar
Helen Hopkins to Kitchen Helper—Housing and Dining
Kari Larkin to Secretary III—University Legal Services

Name Changes
Mary Kolars to Mary Bausum, Medical Technologist II—Health Services
Bobbie Heath to Bobbie Disrud, Cook—Lorado Taft
Amy Ricker to Amy Edwards, Program Administrative Assistant—International Programs
Julie Mahoney to Julie Mahoney-Krzyzek, Secretary IV—Giorgi Law Clinic
Kendra Kirkham to Kendra Nenia, Child Development Associate—Campus Child Care

Separations
Andrea Bailey, Telephone Operator II—NIU-TELECOMMUNICATION Services
Ana Camaro, Ambulatory Care Assistant—Nursing and Health Studies
Paul Elsey, Building Service Worker—NIU Outreach Naperville
Blanca Flores, Ambulatory Care Supervisor—Nursing and Health Studies
Danielle Gross, Admissions/Records Officer—Vice President and Dean of Graduate School
Robert Storm, Kitchen Helper—Housing and Dining

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Welcome New Employees
Jerome Blujus, IT Support Associate—NIU-TELECOMMUNICATION Services
Daniel Bohaczyk, Police Officer—Public Safety
Angela Gutierrez-Vargas, Secretary IV—Human Resource Services
Weyni Langdon, Police Officer—Public Safety
DeMarcus Lindsey, Police Officer—Public Safety
Jacqueline Lopez, Secretary IV—Mathematical Sciences
Jeffrey Riddle, Police Officer—Public Safety
Shun Stone, Police Officer—Public Safety
John Votaw, Jr., Police Officer—Public Safety
Donald Whiteside, Police Officer—Public Safety
Keishonda Williamson, Police Officer—Public Safety

Changes
Elizabeth Espe to Parking and Traffic Coordinator Assistant—Campus Parking
Kathy Hodgkinson to Staff Secretary—Judicial Affairs
Christopher Kostelec to Senior Events Administrator—Convocation Center
Valerie Lorusso to Staff Secretary—NIU Outreach and Regional Development
Jori McCullough to Senior Events Administrator—Convocation Center
Daniel Mojica to Police Officer—Public Safety
Agina Nelson to Senior Events Administrator—Convocation Center
Lesly Schoo to Library Specialist—University Libraries
Glennell Swanigan, Jr. to Senior Events Administrator—Convocation Center
Vicky Vosburgh to Staff Secretary—Kinesiology and Physical Education
Carla Young to Medical Technologist II—Health Services

Change in Department
Kayla Kittleson to LAN Support Specialist II—Customer Support Services
Jonathan Lehuta to University Network Specialist II—Customer Support Services

Name Changes
Candace Miller to Candace Gardner, Secretary IV—Marketing
Pam Quick Stangley to Pam Stangley, Benefits Counselor II—Health Services

Retirements
Dennis Abbott, Library Assistant—University Libraries
Larry Davis, Building Service Worker—Building Services
Theodore Emmett, Jr., Building Service Worker—Building Services
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Welcome New Employees
Jennifer Brown, Account Technician I—Convocation Center
Kristine Coffin, Secretary Staff—Counseling and Student Development
Phillip Davis, Electrician—Physical Plant
Cranston Evans, Jr., Kitchen Helper—Housing and Dining
Cynthia Fahler, Admissions/Records Specialist I—Registration and Records
Cynthia Felix, Ambulatory Care Supervisor—Nursing and Health Studies
Douglas Freeman, Grounds Worker—Grounds
Keith Hearn, Grounds Worker—Grounds
Elizabeth Hendrey, Secretary III—President’s Office
Martha Jacobson, Kitchen Helper—Housing and Dining
Paul Letheby, Inventory Clerk—Materials Management
Jennifer Obendorf, Secretary IV—Enrollment Services
Rachel Pierce, Secretary IV—Liberal Arts and Sciences External Programming
Richard Roose, Building Service Worker—NIU Outreach Naperville
Nathan Somers, IT Support Associate—Customer Support Services
Raul Valdivia, Parking Services Agent I—Public Safety

Changes
Diane Ashley to Administrative Assistant I—Information Services
Robert Bartel to Carpenter Foreman—Physical Plant
Barbara Coulter to Secretary IV—Asian American Resource Center
Patricia Fisher to Administrative Secretary—Electrical Engineering

Shawna McLennan to Building Services Sub-Foreman—Building Services
Jacqueline Miller to Staff Secretary—CHANCE Program
Linda Novotny to Chief Clerk—Housing and Dining
Danuta Portscheller to Business Manager I—NIU Outreach Operations
Cynthia Price to Food Service Area Supervisor—Conference Services
Laurie Sodaro to Admissions/Records Representative—Registration and Records
Janie Wilson-Cook to Instructional Communication Programmer II—Art

Department Changes
Michael Orson to IT Technical Associate—IT Support
Laura Weber to Secretary IV—Access-Ability Resources

Name Changes
Virginia Woods to Virginia Roberts, Grill Cook—Homes Student Center
Victoria Smith to Victoria Wren, Web Specialist I—University Libraries

Retirements
Steven Boyden, Electrician—Physical Plant
James Burger, Stationary Fireman—Physical Plant
Patricia Burgweger, Account Technician II—International Programs
Rick Calderon, Instructional Communication Technical Operator III—Media Services

Separations
Dana Allen, Police Officer—Public Safety
Kathleen Bartel, Library Assistant—University Libraries
Dayle Burgess, Staff Nurse II—Health Services
Elizabeth Cook, Chief Clerk—Development Operations
Tiffany Crump, Secretary III—Housing and Dining
Rodolfo Galindo, Food Service Administrator II—Housing and Dining
Doreen Mace, Secretary IV—Literacy Education
Jeannette Mingus, Police Telecommunicator—Public Safety
Linda Van Duzen, Staff Secretary—History

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Welcome New Employees
Dwayne Alshanski, Catering Supervisor—Conference Services - HEEC
Latonya Anderson, Ambulatory Care Assistant—Nursing and Health Studies
Laura Bomar, Secretary IV—CHANCE Program
Stacy Jackson, Secretary III—Psychology

Changes
Paulette Bowman to Administrative Secretary—NIU Outreach and Regional Development
Lesli Buie to Secretary IV—Admissions
Allan Cagle to Stationary Fireman—Physical Plant
James Kronkow to Elevator Mechanic Foreman—Physical Plant
Sandra Petito to Administrative Aide—Center for Governmental Studies
Freddie Pugh to Admissions/Records Supervisor—Vice President Research and Dean of Graduate School
Todd Schlosser to IT Support Associate—Customer Support Services

Name Change
Vicki Stover Grubbs to Vicki Grubbs, Building Service Worker—Building Services

Retirement
Leonard Grzesiak, Police Sergeant—Public Safety
Deborah Schiola, Admissions/Records Specialist II—Registration and Records

Separations
Stacey Alden, IT Support Associate—Customer Support Services
Jessica Best, Secretary III—Finance and Facilities
Sara Bridgeland, Child Development Supervisor—Family, Consumer and Nutrition
Samvedna Dean, Secretary III—Housing and Dining
Jean Gastiger, Nurse Practitioner—Health Services
Roger Gorbet, Account Technician I—Controller
Cheryl Henert, Program Administrative Assistant—Intercollegiate Athletics
Laura Lundelius, Parking and Traffic Coordinator—Campus Parking
Ben Munji, Security Guard—Public Safety
Julia Stanis, Education Center Operations Supervisor—Conference Services - Rockford
**Service Awards**

**December 2007**

**5 year Award**
- Erika Cervantes—Mathematical Sciences
- Tamera Lawson—Document Services

**10 year Award**
- Karen Aurand—Housing and Dining
- Patricia Morton—Teaching and Learning
- Nina Slack—Geology and Environmental Geoscience
- Laurie Sodaro—Communication

**15 year Award**
- Eric Hradecky—Northern Public Radio
- Connie Rumer—Economics
- Mary Shipman—Housing and Dining

**30 year Award**
- Elizabeth Pottenger—University Libraries
- Sandra Sosnowski—Health Services

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**5 year Award**
- Jerry Chisamore—Physical Plant
- Judy Daughtery—Housing and Dining
- Mary Kain—Nursing and Health Studies
- Ann Kenney—Customer Support Services
- Angela Listy—Accountancy
- Sherie Newman—Campus Child Care
- Daniel Nolan—Physical Plant
- Dawn Reader—Campus Child Care
- Kyra Rider—College of Business
- Jennifer Seales—Access-Ability Resources
- Frances Vincent—Housing and Dining
- Maria Winclawski—College of Business

**10 year Award**
- Juanita Bahr—Conference Services - Rockford
- LeAnn Baie—College of Law
- Connie Conway—Health Services
- Kent Flewellin—Grounds
- Annalisa Rainwater—Building Services
- Jeffrey Rhodes—Heating Plant
- Lesly Schoo—University Libraries
- Lori Sprague—Health Services
- Robert White—Material Management

**15 year Award**
- Albert Blaser—Building Services
- Thomas Brickner—Building Services
- Barbara Manning—College of Law
- Madelyn Nelson—University Libraries

**20 year Award**
- Elizabeth Buck—Mathematical Sciences
- Julia Fauci—University Press
- Donna James—Payroll and Compensation
- Lynne Smith—College of Law Library

**25 year Award**
- Linda Babcock—Accounting
- Richard Meier—Building Services
- Robert Roof—Heating Plant

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**5 Years**
- David Breed—Biological Sciences
- Lon Clark—Media Services
- Raymond Greenfield—Building Services
- Linda Leifheit—NIUTEL - Telecomm Services
- Lori Peterson—NIUTEL - Telecomm Services
- Terry Pottinger—Building Services
- Teresa Rogers—Lorado Taft
- Wendy Thompson—Information Technology Services

**10 Years**
- David Breed—Biological Sciences
- Lon Clark—Media Services
- Raymond Greenfield—Building Services
- Linda Leifheit—NIUTEL - Telecomm Services
- Lori Peterson—NIUTEL - Telecomm Services
- Terry Pottinger—Building Services
- Teresa Rogers—Lorado Taft
- Wendy Thompson—Information Technology Services

**15 Years**
- Daniel Anthenat—Physical Plant
- Justin Bend—Physical Plant
- Carol Johnson—Housing and Dining
- Lynn Meyer—Foreign Language and Literature
- Daniel Stankiewicz—Customer Support Services

**20 Years**
- Marcia Bradlee—University Libraries
- Gerald Iglesias—Information Services
- William Pottinger—Building Services
- Brenda Smith—Building Services
- Edward Tony—University Libraries

**25 Years**
- Kenn Klages—Transportation

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**Oops! We Missed One**

We accidentally left out a service award in the last newsletter. Congratulations to Stephanie Zimmerman, Account Technician III—Campus Mail for 10 years of service in November.

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**Friends of the NIU Libraries Used Book Sale**

As spring cleaning time approaches please remember to donate your slightly used books to Founders Memorial Library used book sale. There are two racks of used books for sale near the entrance, by the Information Desk year round. The following items are acceptable: children’s books, cookbooks, fiction, home and garden or craft books, textbooks (published 5-10 years ago) in hardbound or paperbacks formats. We cannot accept old magazines or journals.

Please label your donations “Friends of NIU Libraries Book Sale/Acquisitions Department” and drop them off at the loading dock behind FML on the south side of the building, or bring them into the front and leave them at the Information Desk. Your donations help support the work of our library, as the paperbacks sell for 50 cents and hard cover books generally are from $1.00 to $5.00. If you have any questions about what is an acceptable donation, please call Joan Metzger at 753-1779 or Jane Farmer at 753-9869.
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University Archives Staff Seeks Documentation of February 14 Incident

NIU’s Regional History Center/University Archives has the mission of preserving and documenting the history of the university, including the tragic Feb. 14 event.

Although staff members already have been working with various departments on campus, they need to expand their outreach by asking faculty, staff, students and the larger university community to share their items and to spread the word.

No item is too small to be included in the archives, including e-mails, correspondence, poems, official documents, class projects, photographs and videotape.

For more information, or to share, contact the Regional History Center/University Archives in Room 400 of Founders Memorial Library or call (815) 753-1779 during regular office hours.

Community Quilt Project for Victims of the NIU Tragedy

Northern Illinois University Libraries is sponsoring a community quilt project in memory of the victims of the campus tragedy. The goal is to create a king-size quilt, as a gift from the community, which will be housed permanently in the library. From Monday March 31 to Tuesday April 8, we will begin handing out the fabric squares to be used in the quilt. The number of squares handed out will be limited to 288, and they will be provided free, one square per person, to anyone who wants to participate. To receive the fabric, please go to the library information desk M-TH (9 am-8:30 pm), FR (9 am-4:30 pm), SA (1-4:30 pm) and SU (1-8:30 pm). They are due back Wednesday April 30, 2008.

For more information, please contact Rebecca Martin, Library Memorial Quilt committee chair at (815) 753-9896 or rmartin2@niu.edu

Faculty Needed This Fall to Teach UNIV 101/201

Interested in helping first-year students learn how to succeed at NIU? Become a UNIV 101/201 instructor for fall 2008.

UNIV 101 is a one-credit, 12-week course focused on helping freshmen develop the essential academic and social skills needed to make an enjoyable and successful transition to NIU. UNIV 201 is a similar course designed specifically for transfer students. In fall 2007, NIU offered 91 sections of UNIV 101/201; more than 1,800 first-year NIU students enrolled. As a UNIV 101/201 instructor, you can impact the experiences of these new students and provide them with resources to help them adjust to life at NIU.

Instructors must be a current or retired member of the NIU faculty, staff, or administration, hold a master’s degree and have prior teaching experience. Candidates who do not meet the last two criteria might be paired with teaching coaches.

UNIV 101/201 instructors typically receive a stipend of $1,000 for teaching an individual section or $500 for co-instructing. Once hired, all instructors are required to attend training workshops and department meetings and participate in course feedback through e-mail correspondence and surveys.

An overview session is scheduled for Thursday, April 3, in the Holmes Student Center Illinois Room. For more information and application materials or to RSVP for the overview session, contact First-Year Connections at firstconn@niu.edu.