Campus Community Urged to Register for Text Alerts

All members of the NIU community are encouraged to register for the NIU Alert text messaging system. The system will send a text message to registered cell phones in the event of a campus emergency. More than 10,640 cell phone users have signed up to receive NIU emergency text messages.

Enrollment is quick and free. Your registration information is private and will not be shared. You provide your name, cell phone number, service provider and e-mail address.

Once you have registered, a confirmation message will be sent to your phone and your e-mail address. Cell phone users who do not have unlimited texting might incur charges for this text message and should check their plans.

For more information and to register, visit http://www.niu.edu/alert/.

Operating Staff Council Wishes You Happy Holidays!

First row: Pamela Rosenberg, Secretary; Jay Monteiro, President; Marcia Dick; Sara Clayton, Vice-President. Second row: Linda Jennings, Karen Smith, Stacey Bivens, Donald Butler, Gay Campbell. Third row: Andy Small, Alan Smith, Carlos Raices, Danell Nixon. Not pictured: Elizabeth Buck, Treasurer; Glenda Jones; Jesse Tellez.

A Gift That Lasts a Lifetime

During this season of giving, you have the opportunity to make a gift that will benefit a person for his/her lifetime – the gift of education. As of November 30th the campaign to endow the Operating Staff Dependent Scholarship had raised a little over $15,000, or 60 percent of its goal of $25,000. For as little as $1 a pay period you can give a gift that will benefit the son or daughter of a fellow operating staff employee for a lifetime.

It’s easy to join! The forms and instructions for making a donation to the endowed scholarship fund can be found at the Operating Staff Council’s web site http://www.niu.osc/dependentaward/donate.shtml. Gifts to the scholarship fund may be counted as part of the Faculty/Staff Campaign. If you have questions about making a donation, please call Cathy Craddock, 753-5008; Clair Williams, 753-8382; or Sara Clayton, 753-9526.
New Name for Faraday West:
John E. La Tourette Hall

The man who worked tirelessly for more than two decades to defend, enhance and expand doctoral studies at NIU now has a key building on campus named in his honor.

The university’s Board of Trustees voted on December 3rd to change the name of Faraday Hall West to John E. La Tourette Hall, named in honor of NIU’s 10th president. The change was effective immediately.

The 115,000-square-foot building, constructed during La Tourette’s tenure and located near the center of campus, houses state-of-the-art physics and chemistry laboratories, lecture halls, classrooms and offices.

La Tourette came to NIU in 1979 as provost and served as president from 1986 to 2000. During his tenure, he led NIU in establishing and developing four new Ph.D. programs – in geology and environmental geosciences, biological sciences, mathematical sciences and physics.

During his tenure, NIU also established the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology, nurtured the growth of the College of Law, established three major off-campus education centers and secured funding for the restoration of historic Altgeld Hall and the construction of the Convocation Center. New buildings erected during his tenure included the Campus Life Building, the Engineering Building and the Campus Child Care Center.

A formal renaming ceremony for John E. La Tourette Hall is being planned for April 2010.

Operating Staff Dependent Award
Recipient Update

Below is a letter from one of our past recipients of the Operating Staff Council Dependent Scholarships updating us on what he is doing now.

Dear Operating Staff Council,

In 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 I received the Operating Staff Council Dependent Scholarship. I was happy to be able to combine those awards with assistantships my second and third years of law school to keep the cost of my education down. I graduated from the NIU College of Law in May 2008. I passed the July 2008 Illinois Bar Exam and was sworn in as an attorney in November 2008. These days I’m working in DeKalb at the Cosentino Law Firm, LLC. I concentrate my practice in bankruptcy and collections. Recently I was back at the NIU law library researching pretrial motions in criminal cases. I’ve been all over northern Illinois appearing in court for clients. Many times I walk in to court and I’m pleasantly surprised to see one of my law school classmates, in places from Joliet to Waukegan.

Thanks,

Stephen Clark

A reminder that the deadline to apply for the OSC Dependant Scholarships for 2010 is February 1, 2010. For more information and an application to receive this $500 scholarship, please visit our website www.niu.edu/OSC
**Employment Changes**

### September 2009

**Welcome New Employees**
- Denise Hake, Cook—Housing & Dining
- Karen Patton, Office Support Specialist—Asian American Resource Center
- James Pfister, Office Support Specialist—Family, Consumer and Nutrition
- Sarah Ransom, Office Support Associate—Scholarship Office
- Bonnie Williams, Kitchen Helper—Housing & Dining

**Changes**
- Edward Dawson to Arena Physical Facility Supervisor—Convocation Center
- Michelle Devitt to Laboratory Animal Care Supervisor—Biological Sciences
- Charmaine Hantsch to Office Support Specialist—Chemistry and Biochemistry
- Jennifer Obendorf to Office Support Specialist—Teacher Certification
- Amanda Walsh to Office Support Specialist—College of Engineering and Engineering Technology

**Department Changes**
- Jack Carr, Parking Services Agent I to Campus Parking
- W. David Hegberg, Parking Services Agent I to Campus Parking
- Gordon James, Parking Services Agent I to Campus Parking
- Patricia McKinley, Parking Services Agent I to Campus Parking
- Sara Warford, Parking Services Agent I to Campus Parking

**Name Change**
- Shawn McNann to Shawna Kahn, Building Service Sub-Foreman—Building Services

**Separations**
- Robert Gahlbeck, Building Service Worker—Building Services
- Katherine Hagel, Office Manager—Student Affairs
- Dawn Jones, Interpreter for the Hearing Impaired—Access-Ability Resources
- Gloria Marshall, Office Support Specialist—Liberal Arts and Sciences External Programming
- Beth McCarrick, Ambulatory Care Assistant—Allied Health and Communicative Disorders
- Theresa Perkins, Office Support Specialist—Admissions
- Kristin Schulz, Child Development Associate—Campus Child Care
- Allison Skinner, Building Service Worker—Building Services

**Death**
- Kathryn Hammett, Office Support Specialist—Engineering Technology

**October 2009**

**Welcome New Employees**
- John Doherty, Accountant I—Controller
- Michael Kitchell, Clerical Assistant—Customer Support Services
- Joseph Lishtz, Arena Physical Facilities Supervisor—Student Involvement and Leadership Development
- Steven Squier, Office Support Associate—Student Involvement and Leadership Development

**Changes**
- Karen Eaton to Office Support Specialist—Admissions
- George Fredholm, Jr. to Stationary Fireman Helper—Physical Plant
- Scott Fultz to Stationary Engineer—Physical Plant
- Janet Gianfrancesco to Account Technician II—Controller
- Elizabeth Hendry to Office Support Associate—Student Academic Success
- Jennifer Pietrandrea to Account Technician II—Intercollegiate Athletics
- Pamela Roesner to Office Manager—Student Services
- Margaret Sloat to Office Support Specialist—Access-Ability Resources
- Justin Vest to Stationary Fireman Helper—Physical Plant
- Mark Wisdom to Stationary Engineer—Physical Plant

**Department Changes**
- Sharon Banks-Wilkins to Administrative Assistant I—Department of Government Relations
- Joyce Chaney, Business/Administrative Associate to Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
- Barbara Coulter to Office Support Associate—NIU Outreach Non-Credit Program
- Patricia Fisher, Administrative Assistant I to Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
- Georgia Harris, Budget Analyst III to Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
- Norma Laino, Office Support Associate to Econ Illinois
- Jodi Long, Office Support Specialist to Econ Illinois
- Patricia Maxwell, Development Officer to Econ Illinois
- Beth Metzler, Program Coordinator to Econ Illinois
- Nancy Overton, Office Administrator to Econ Illinois
- Anna Petta to Community Affairs Specialist I—Regional Engagement Rockford
- Marianne Spring to Administrative Assistant I—Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

**Name Change**
- Chelsie Smith to Chelsie Johnson, Cook—Housing and Dining

**Separations**
- Katherine Hagel, Office Manager—Student Affairs
- Karen Patton, Office Support Specialist—Asian American Resource Center
- Theresa Perkins, Office Support Specialist—Admissions
- Mark Smith, Police Officer—Public Safety
- David Snow, Child Development Associate—Campus Child Care

**November 2009**

**Welcome New Employees**
- William Hertzner, Security Guard—University Libraries
- Lakeisha Jackson, Admissions/Records Specialist I—Vice President Research and Dean of Graduate School
- James Korbal, Motorcycle Safety Specialist—Motorcycle Safety
- Cheryl McLean, Office Support Specialist—Family, Consumer and Nutrition
- Jean Marie Millhorn, Office Support Associate—Admissions
- Jamie Peterson, Child Development Associate—Campus Child Care
- David Ross, Storekeeper II—Physical Plant
- Jason Weilbaker, IT Support Associate—College of Business

**Changes**
- Jelmir Atkins to Office Support Specialist—Engineering Technology
- Scott Betts to Stationary Engineer—Physical Plant
- Rebecca Ehrhart to Financial Aid Adviser II—Admissions
- Kevin Howard to Chief Plant Operating Engineer
- Joyce James to Office Support Specialist—Intercollegiate Athletics
- Kimberlee Lippmann to Mailing Equipment Operator/Expediter II—Materials Management
- Amy Simon to Office Manager—Enrollment Management
- Marzena Szmydt to Accountant II—Student Involvement and Leadership Development

**Name Change**
- Delyce Alhashem to Delyce Turner, Building Service Worker—Building Services

**Retirements**
- Susan Barkman, Office Support Associate—Center for Child Welfare and Education
- Patricia Foster, Program Administrative Assistant—Holmes Student Center
- Marsha Hogeveen, Office Support Specialist—Student Financial Aid
- Marilyn Ward, Accountant I—College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Separations
Shola Ward, IT Technical Associate—Information Security and Operations

Service Awards

October 2009

5 Years
Christine Andorf—NIU Outreach and Regional Development
Scott Betts—Heating Plant
Howard Burgett—Building Services
Hussol Greer—Building Services
Terry Halsey—Building Services
Elizabeth Harvey—Building Services
Alissa Leifheit—Building Services
Andrew Peccarelli—Building Services
Walter Stanula—Physical Plant
Richard Steffinsky—Lorado Taft
Sara Tomlinson—Industrial and Systems Engineering

10 Years
Karen Euhus—Lorado Taft
Donald Hanson—Building Services
Charles Jones—Holmes Center Custodial
Michelle McKeon—Health Services

15 Years
Denis Bearrows—Building Services
Sharon Love—Convocation Center
Ruth Matteson—Building Services
Kimberly McCaslin—Building Services
David Pottinger—Building Services
Carolyn VanEtten—Building Services

20 Years
Verda Gochee—Bursar
H. Hearn—Grounds
Penny Winterton—Learning Center

25 Years
Thomas Allen—Heating Plant
Sandra Neahring—University Libraries

30 Years
Elizabeth Fenwick—University Libraries
Lisa Hoebing—College of Law

November 2009

5 Years
Donna Barnaby—Bursar
William Crase—Heating Plant
Edward Murphy—Document Services
Mark Papka—Holmes Center Administration
Christopher Samples—Accounting
Tennis Shipman—Building Services

10 Years
Keeron Darlinger—Materials Management
Deborah Fisher—College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Tammy Klavenga—Housing & Dining
Jennifer Krug—Lorado Taft
Sheila McHugh—Information Services
Pamela Pittman—Holmes Center Food Service
Lynn Retherford—Music
Lawrence Vickers—Physical Plant
Marilyn Ward—College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Erwin Wittke—Holmes Center Food Service

15 Years
Kathleen Eberly—Housing & Dining
Barbara McCord—Building Services
Darren Mitchell—Public Safety
Susan Stephens—Northern Public Radio
Daniel Szoka—Information Services

20 Years
David Bally—Physical Plant
Kenlyn Bialas—Access
Chris Draege—Public Safety
Phillip Stone—Physics
Scott Walstrom—Media Services

25 Years
Darryl Grayson—Grounds
Marjorie Kitch—University Libraries

35 Years
Deborah Hooker—Housing & Dining
Shirley Ionescu—Nursing and Health Studies

Oops! We Missed a Couple...

Jane Farmer, Senior Library Specialist—University Libraries, retired from NIU on June 1 after 34 years of service. Congratulations Jane!
Debra West, Benefits Officer—Health Services had ten years of service on August 16. Congratulations Debra!