Election Results
The Operating Staff Council held officer elections at the July 1st meeting. Officers for 2010-2011 are:

- President – Jay Monteiro
- Vice President – Sara Clayton
- Secretary – Pamela Rosenberg
- Treasurer – Elizabeth Buck
- Parliamentarian – Andy Small

President’s Corner
It’s hard to believe how fast summer is flying by! I hope you have been able to take some time off and enjoy the beautiful weather.

On August 5th, the Operating Staff Council will be proud to host the 11th annual StaffFest. This annual staff appreciation day is always a great time to enjoy great food, visit with colleagues, administrators, and retirees. As in previous years, we will be holding our 50/50 raffle to support our Operating Staff Dependent Scholarship Award (so be sure to bring cash) and our drawing for some gifts, graciously donated to us by NIU departments, staff, and generous local merchants.

This year our theme for StaffFest is going to be “Giving Back.” In partnership with the NIU Women’s Resource Center, we will be collecting donations for local food pantries through the Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB). NIFB is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), founded in 1983 and chartered by the State of Illinois to provide food to those in need.

NIFB acquires donated food and financial support from retailers, manufacturers, corporations, community resources, and individuals. They distribute the food to hungry people through a network of over 520 nonprofit food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens, and other food assistance sites. They serve 13 northern Illinois counties – Boone, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Will, and Winnebago Counties and are a member of Feeding America – The Nation’s Food Bank Network.

In these hard economic times, we thought this was an incredible opportunity to “Give Back” to our communities for those less fortunate. Please consider bringing a canned good, non-perishable food item, or a monetary donation with you to StaffFest. For more information on how to get involved or get help from NIFB, please visit their website at www.northernilfoodbank.org A special thank you also goes to the Women’s Resource Center for all their help and guidance in this project.

On behalf of Operating Staff Council, I want to take this opportunity to give a big “thank you” to the NIU administration for continuing to support StaffFest. We know that the budget is tight, but we appreciate them supporting how important this event is to the morale of our constituents. We also want to thank the many NIU administrators who take time out of their busy day to come serve at this event and all the NIU staff who work to make this event possible.

I hope the rest of your summer is great. School is just around the corner!

Jay Monteiro, President
Operating Staff Council 2010-2011
Faculty/Staff Volunteers Needed for Welcome Days 2010

What better way to show your Huskie Spirit than by sharing it with someone else? Help over 3,000 students move into the residence halls on Opening Day, Thursday, Aug. 19, beginning at 9 a.m.

Looking for more ways to connect with students? The Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management needs Faculty/Staff volunteers to help with two more events: Huskies Helping Huskies and House Calls. Executive Director for Housing & Dining Mike Stang invites the university community to participate in this year’s Welcome Days from Thursday, Aug. 19, through Tuesday, Aug. 24. Please join any or all of the following:

Opening Day: Volunteers will assist students and their families on Thursday, Aug. 19, by welcoming students and driving golf carts filled with the new students’ belongings from their family vehicles to the residence halls and/or by moving the students’ belongings to their rooms.

Huskies Helping Huskies: Volunteers will be stationed at kiosks across campus on Monday, Aug. 23, and Tuesday, Aug. 24, to answer students’ questions or direct them to a particular destination on campus.

House Calls: Volunteers will greet first-year students at assigned residence hall floors the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 24. The volunteers will welcome the students and answer any questions they may have.

We believe that it is vital for new students to connect with faculty and staff as they begin at the university. Join us as we welcome students to NIU and prepare them for success! Volunteer registration is available at: www.housing.niu.edu/Housing/leadership/Team_NIU/index.shtml

Volunteers will receive additional information over the summer. Members of the NIU Operating Staff who wish to participate can request release from their normal duties. Staff participation is subject to supervisory approval and should not interfere with normal operational needs of the university.

For more information, visit www.housing.niu.edu or contact Wendy Rodriguez at 815-753-9651 or wrodriguez@niu.edu

We look forward to seeing you throughout Welcome Days 2010!

Benefits Choice Fair 50/50 Winner

The 50/50 winner from the Benefits Choice Fair was Joe Masson, IT Support Associate in Information Security and Operations. Pictured here is Jay Monteiro, Operating Staff Council President, presenting the prize. Joe won $53.00 and our Staff Dependent Award Scholarship fund is $53.00 richer too.

Congratulations Joe!

Phase Out of Payroll Savings Bond Program

Recently, the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced that effective January 1, 2011, it will no longer issue printed savings bonds through payroll savings plans. This change is being made in an effort to reduce the costs associated with the U.S. Savings Bond Program and is consistent with the Treasury Department’s long-term plan to issue all securities electronically. As a result, Northern Illinois University will be taking the necessary steps to discontinue the payroll savings plan and Human Resource Services will no longer be able accept orders for printed savings bonds after December 30, 2010. Additionally, the balance of any funds that have been collected, but not yet utilized, to purchase a savings bond will be returned to you through payroll.

Endowment Campaign Close to Goal

The campaign to endow the Operating Staff Dependent Scholarship has received $20,270 in gifts as of July 15, 2010, or 81 percent of its goal of $25,000. The members of the campaign committee are appreciative of the generosity of the operating staff and are looking for more members to join the effort to endow the scholarship and bring the campaign to a successful finish.

Operating Staff Dependent Scholarship is used solely for the benefit of the sons and daughters of the operating staff. It’s easy to join the campaign, the forms and instructions on how to make a donation can be found at the Operating Staff Council’s web site: http://www.niu.edu/osc/dependentaward/donate.shtml

If you have any questions about the campaign, please contact Clair Williams at 753-8382.
**Employment Changes**

**May 2010**

**Welcome New Employees**

Leon Halatek, Accountant I—Controller
Susan Knapp, Building Service Worker—NIU Outreach Naperville

**Change in Department**

Michael Mackey, Graphic Designer to Vice President University Relations

**Retirements**

Evangelina Agnos, Food Service Administrator—Holmes Student Center
Robert Bartel, Carpenter Foreman—Physical Plant
Albert Blaser, Building Service Worker—Building Services
Mary Guerrettaz, Cooks Helper—Housing & Dining
Carol Johnson, Kitchen Helper—Housing & Dining
Marjorie Kitch, Office Administrator—University Libraries
Ronald Leifheit, Microcomputer Support Specialist—College of Health and Human Sciences
Robert Roof, Stationary Engineer—Physical Plant
Luanne Thorson, Kitchen Helper—Housing & Dining
Julie Weber, Grants and Contracts Administrator—Controller

**Separations**

Julie Aspera, Cashier III—Campus Parking
Claire Entas, Office Support Associate—Teaching and Learning
Grant Erickson, Police Officer—Public Safety
Deborah Kern, Accountant III—Controller
Jennifer Obendorf, Office Support Specialist—Teacher Certification
Jennifer Pietrandrea, Account Technician II—Intercollegiate Athletics

**June 2010**

**Welcome New Employees**

Jeffrey Campisi, IT Manager/Administrative Coordinator—NIU Outreach and Regional Development
Janet Heuser, Office Support Associate—Conference Services
Deborah Jump, Business/Administrative Associate—Controller
April Phelps, Office Support Specialist—Anthropology
Ashley Shank, Child Development Supervisor—Family, Consumer and Nutrition Sciences
Pamela Yockey, Child Development Associate—Campus Child Care

**Changes**

Robin Anderson to Office Manager—Finance and Facilities
Barbara Andree to Admissions/Records Representative
Eric Barnes to Stationary Fireman—Physical Plant
Anthony Del Fiacco to Assistant Chief Instr Media Sys Eng
James Garman to Lead Plant Stationary Engineer—Physical Plant
Jeanne Jennings to Admissions/Records Specialist I—Registration and Records
Claire Personette to Chief Clerk—College of Health and Human Sciences

**Change in Department**

Patricia Bernhardt, IT Support Associate to College of Business

**Name Changes**

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Glenda Daniel to Glenda Davies, Food Service Administrator II—Housing & Dining

**Retirements**

Linda Babcock, Assistant Chief Accountant—Controller
Sharon Barry, Library Clerk—University Libraries
Joyce Bettner, Senior Applications Analyst—Information Services
Illene Burkart, Accountant II—Controller
Phyllis Cress, Office Support Specialist—Testing Services
Terri Humes, Staff Clerk—University Libraries
Guy Lacombe, Pipefitter—Physical Plant
Mary Mickey, Office Administrator—Administration and University Outreach
George Morisette, Chief Television Engineer
Thomas Schroeder, Food Service Sanitation Lab—Housing & Dining
Linda Tucker, Office Support Specialist—Teaching and Learning

**Separations**

Joyce Bettner—Information Services
Mary Mickey—Administration and University Outreach
Joan Pontarelli—Student Involvement and Leadership Development

**Service Awards**

**May 2010**

**5 Years**

Cheryl Alliston—Controller
Cherry Felton—College of Health and Human Sciences
Kathy Gibbs—Alumni Services
Veronica Helton—Center for Black Studies
Michael Mackey—Media Services
Maria Nalley—Customer Support Services
Diane Rich—Nursing and Health Studies

**10 Years**

Terrie Beck—Information Security and Operations
Susan Halverson—College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Harley McCammond—Accounting
Ginger Prothero-Schwersenska—University Libraries
Bernhard Ritter—Architecture and Engineering
Rahul Thatte—Holmes Center Administration

**15 Years**

Jerilyn Fairwe—Housing & Dining
Brian Thompson—Document Services
Vicky Vasburgh—Kinesiology and Physical Education

**20 Years**

Joyce Bettner—Information Services
Mary Mickey—Administration and University Outreach
Joan Pontarelli—Student Involvement and Leadership Development

**35 Years**

Rita Finucane—Chance Program

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Jerome Bluijus, IT Support Associate—NIU-TEL-Telecommunication Services
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Virgina Roberts, Grill Cook—Holmes Student Center

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**10 Year Award**

Russell Arison—Holmes Center Custodial
Colleen Bowers—Physics
Michael Fleming—Document Services
James Garman—Heating Plant
Paul King—Grounds
Claire Personette—College of Health and Human Sciences
15 year Award
Glenda Jones—Bursar
Scott Olsen—Procurement Services
Patricia Wielert—College of Education

20 year Award
William Berg—Holmes Center Food Service

25 year Award
Joseph Alberti—Materials Management
Linda Lorbach—Information Security and Operations
Michael Lowery—Document Services

30 year Award
Dale Benson—Network Support
Leonard Nenia—Building Services
Susan Watterson—Registration and Records

35 year Award
Linda Jennings—Health Services

Wellness Fair 50/50 Winner
The 50/50 winner from the Wellness Fair was Carolyn Grzywa, Patient Unit Clerk II in Health Services. Pictured here is Jay Monteiro, Operating Staff Council President, presenting the prize, Carolyn won $34.50 and our Staff Dependent Award Scholarship fund is $34.50 richer too.

Congratulations Carolyn!