President’s Column

Dear Classified Employees:

The purpose of the Classified Senate is to represent Classified Employees on issues not only as an employee of the State of Kansas, but also as a Kansas State University employee. The new senate year begins in September and senators are needed to represent on both levels.

The scope of issues as a State employee is usually larger because legislation controls items such as salaries and benefits. Each year the Senate meets with other Board of Regents Classified Senators to discuss those issues, and prepare a “Position Paper” to represent the groups collectively for presentation to legislators. Previous concerns have included health care, salary increases, and retirement benefits. This paper presents a unified voice, however, it is also important for employees to personally contact legislators to express concerns as a state employee. This year the KSU Classified Senate will host the meeting to prepare the position paper.

As a KSU employee, serving as a senator allows the opportunity to represent employees at the campus level. Many senators also serve on various campus committees such as Council on Parking Operations, Peer Review, Training and Development, and Campus Planning and Development. There are several campus committees that have classified representatives, and make it possible for classified employees to be directly involved with campus issues.

Senator positions are still available for the next year. Nominations received by the July 1, 2002 deadline were honored, however, the deadline is being extended to August 2, 2002 for the positions that did not receive any nominations. A list of the remaining vacancies follows. A senator position offers leadership and is a great way to be involved as a KSU employee and State Employee.

Ann Marie Treinen
Classified Senate President

The following vacancies are available.

Colleges: Engineering: 1 Vacancy
Administrative Units: President/Provost: 1 Vacancy

Institutional Advancement: 1 Vacancy
Administration & Finance: 1 Vacancy

Nomination forms can be requested by contacting Ann Marie Treinen at 2-4346, or by email atatreinen@ksu.edu.

2001 Classified Employees of the Year

Congratulations to the employees of the year recognized at the 2002 Employee Recognition Ceremony. The individual colleges, administrative units, local agencies, and departments selected these employees for their outstanding job performance from January through December 2001. Each of these departments and administrative units has a program in place, and the Classified Senate supplemented the recognition at the ceremony.

College of Agriculture
• Sheila Fuhrmann, Office Professional, Grant County
• Pat Evans, Research Technologist, NW Research-Extension Center
• Lavona Francis, Administrative Officer, Department of Entomology

College of Architecture, Planning and Design
• Pam Evans, Administrative Officer

College of Arts and Sciences
• Susan Pederson, Administrative Specialist, Political Science
• Janet Vaughan, Senior Administrative Assistant, Chemistry

College of Business
• Annette Hernandez, Administrative Specialist
• Alice Niedfeldt, Administrative Specialist

College of Education
• Kathy Brown, Executive Secretary

College of Engineering
• Lou Ann Claussen, Administrative Assistant, Biological and Agricultural Engineering

College of Human Ecology
• Connie Fechter, Administrative Specialist

College of Veterinary Medicine
• Ginger Biesenthal, Accounting Specialist, Anatomy and Physiology
• Rita Dole, Technician I, Clinical Sciences
• Susie Larson, Audio Visual Technician, Instructional Technology Center
• Wilma Shuman, Microbiologist III, Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology
• Candance Ortega, Administrative Assistant, KSU Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital
CONGRATULATIONS TO GEORGIA MOLDER, RICE COUNTY OFFICE PROFESSIONAL, FOR 45 YEARS OF SERVICE

Georgia was hired as a Rice County Extension Council stenographer in July 1956 where she started with a manual typewriter, stencil copier, and offset press. Over the years her duties have changed to bookkeeper and receptionist. She states that communication has changed dramatically with the technology advancement to fax machines and computer messages.

Georgia’s fondest memories are sponsoring the 4-H participants on inter-state exchange trips, with her most memorable when she traveled with the United State delegation to Japan Labo Exchange.