

# Northern Network News

The official newsletter for MSU-Northern

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## Chuck Jensen's Going Away Party



Chancellor Rolf Groseth presents Chuck Jensen with an appreciation plaque during his going away party last Tuesday in Donaldson Commons. Jensen has been the Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administrative/Student Affairs for MSU-Northern since July of 2001. During his time at Northern, Jensen was very instrumental in starting the Advising Center and facilitating over 14 million dollars worth of renovations to the campus. Jensen will be the new Chief Financial Officer for Flathead Community College. We wish him all the best in his new position and we will miss him.

## Science Fair on Campus Next Week

On Thursday, March 6th, the Armory Gym will be filled with young scientists with their science projects for the Regional Science Fair. You are cordially invited to stop by and have a look. They will be setting up at 8 a.m. and preliminary judging starts by 9 a.m.

If you are interested in helping the organizers out as a science fair judge – even better!!! Please contact Carol Reifschneider at 4126 if you would like to be a judge.

## **Tobacco Testimony Shocks Crowd**



Last Tuesday night in the SUB Ballroom Gruen Von Behrens shared his story about how he got oral cancer from chewing tobacco. Von Behrens, 30, began using spit tobacco at age 13, and by the time he was 17 he developed oral cancer. To save his life, Von Behrens, of Illinois, underwent 34 surgeries that resulted in the removal of his lower teeth and jawbone, loss of half his tongue and neck muscle, and having his face patched with skin and muscle from his leg. Twelve percent of Montana men use spit tobacco, a rate that is twice the national average. What is more alarming is that 22 percent of Montana senior high school boys are regular spit tobacco users. Those who use spit tobacco are 50 times more likely to develop oral cancer than those who do not. Von Behrens has been telling his story for nine years to help educate youth nationwide about the real-life consequences of spit tobacco addiction.

## **“Class C” Documentary Airs Monday**

On Monday March 3rd at 7 p.m. PBS will air the documentary entitled “Class C” which follows five basketball teams from Montana’s smallest schools on their journey to win the state championship. The feature length documentary tells the story of a changing rural America and the girls who carry hope and heartbreak onto the basketball court.

Montana native and basketball legend Phil Jackson provides the commentary. Class C visits five of these towns and features a main character from each team. Directed by Justin Lubke and Shasta Grenier and produced by Wally Kurth, Tim Swain and Markus Zetler in partnership with MontanaPBS, Class C follows the Reed Point/Rapelje Pirates, Twin Bridges Falcons, Scobey Spartans, Rocky Boy Stars and Chester Coyotes, exploring Montana's geographic and cultural diversity.

Award winning director John Dahl describes Class C's portrait of rural Montana as "bitter sweet," saying that the film "captures the spirit of the American west and what makes this country so great. I loved it."

With an original score by the Grammy nominated composer Philip Aaberg, Class C celebrates the resilience of the state's smallest communities and the excitement of the only game in town.

## North Western Energy Donates Toward Golf Team



Dave Boles, representative from North Western Energy presented Danielle Dirden, member of Northern's Golf Team and Academic All Conference Sophomore from Harlem with a check for \$1000 for Northern's golf program. Thanks North Western Energy!

## Rumor Busters

From time to time I will seek to bust or confirm rumors that might be floating around campus. This week I will seek to bust all of the speculations and rumors around campus about the old welcome sign that is currently apart. It did not get hit by a car or vandalized but it is getting a new face lift. The frame is being painted Black and the front will be Maroon with a white MSU-Northern logo. It will not have a message that changes. All messages will be displayed on the new sign.

Another rumor floating around is why Dr. Alex Capdeville's photo is down in the hall. It did not fall and it was not vandalized but I am in the process of updating the dates on the plaque.

## The Sammus Theory in Concert

The band Sammus Theory will be in concert at the Northern's Armory GYM April 8, 2008 from 9:00 to 11:00p.m during the Skills USA State Competitions. College students and Skill USA contestants are free (Student ID or Skills USA name badge required) Admission to the general public will be \$5.00 and will be sold at the door. Check out their sound at: <http://www.myspace.com/thesammustheory>

## March Veterans' Upward Bound Newsletter

The March Veterans' Upward Bound Newsletter is now available online at [Veterans Upward Bound Montana State University Northern Resources](#)

## MAT Auditions Results

Special thanks to the 14 people who tried out for the seven roles in the next play from MAT entitled "Divorce Southern Style" It will run April 23-26 and April 30 – May 3. We will let you know more about this hilarious comedy in the months to come.

## Welcome Reception

There will be a reception to welcome Dr. Rolf Groseth and his wife Jaynee to MSU-Northern and the Havre community on Tuesday, March 11th. The reception will be held in Donaldson Commons on the MSUN campus from 5:00-6:30.

## **Jewelry Raffle**



One part of the I Love Northern Ball is the annual Jewelry raffle. This year is no exception. One of the pieces being raffled is an exquisite set of Lorenzo earrings donated by JM Donovan Designs in Fine Jewelry. This expensive set of Peridot drop earrings is made of Sterling Silver and 18k Gold. Raffle tickets will go on sale next week and are 1 ticket for \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20. This item will be drawn at the We Love Northern Ball. To purchase tickets please see Shauna Albrecht or one of the ball committee members.

## **Highway 2 Construction Update**

Beginning Monday morning, traffic through downtown Havre will be diverted to two single lanes of travel on First Street from 7th Avenue westward. Travel will be on the southernmost lanes, as it has been on the west end of the project through the winter.

This marks the beginning of the Phase 3 section of the project that will result in an enhanced new look for Havre's major thoroughfare. Phase 1 was completed last November. More than half of the underground utility work is complete in the Phase 2 segment on the west end.

Over the next two weeks or so, all the remaining asphalt in the construction zone will be milled off. Travel through Havre on Highway 2 will remain on gravel until the completion of all utility work. Sidewalks in the section from 7th Avenue to Montana Avenue will also be removed. On-street parking will be prohibited in the construction zone.

A complete discussion of the scheduled construction for spring of 2008 will be presented at a public meeting March 5 at 9 a.m. at the Hill County Electric/Triangle Telephone Hospitality Room at the east end of the building. Anyone can attend. Information about the construction schedule is available at [www.us2havre.com](http://www.us2havre.com). Visitors to the web site can sign up for automatic updates on the progress of planned construction. Information is also available on local radio frequency 1610 AM.

US-2 through Havre remains closed to loads over 12 feet wide.

## Benefit Reminder

By: Kathy Jaynes

APS Healthcare (provider of our Employee Assistance Program) offers a variety of services to MSU-N employees and dependents covered under the health insurance plan.

Services include short-term confidential counseling for the following:

- Mental health and substance abuse issues
- Health resources
- Financial concerns
- Family care matters
- Stress and anxiety
- Parenting
- Depression
- Child/Eldercare
- Workplace adjustment challenges
- Personal relationships
- Finding helpful resources in Havre
- Financial and Legal Services
- APS Library of information and articles [www.apsshelplink.com](http://www.apsshelplink.com)

The APS Call Center is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-999-1077.

These services are part of your employee benefit package so there is no additional cost!

## Library Corner

By: Vicki Gist

The recent issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education (February 29, 2008) has an article titled “What They’re Reading on College Campuses”. The list of 10 books includes several that you can check out from our library-- Atonement by Ian McEwan; The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini; The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream by Barack Obama; No Country for Old Men by Cormac McCarthy; and What Is the What by Dave Eggers. Some of the other articles in this issue are “The Yuck Factor/ Colleges put the squeeze on germs” discussing germs and student hygiene; “Integrity and Technology/Antiplagiarism software takes on the honor code” about the Turnitin software; and “Creating a Third Culture/How can we bridge the gorge that separates academe from K-12 education?” discussing teacher education. There are many other articles on the Chronicle web. Check out any of the following sections: The Faculty, Money & Management, Information Technology, Students, Athletics, and Special Issues.

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## Computer Tip of the Week

### How to Change Your Default Font

By: Marianne Hoppe

The default font in Word 2007 is Cambria 11. If you want to change the default font than follow these simple steps:

1. Press **Ctrl-D**

2. Select the font you want to use
3. Click the **Default...** button
4. Click **Yes**

The font you select will now be the default whenever you open a new Word Document.

## **Tidbit**

By: Bill Lanier

Today, February 29, 2008 marks the 2,435 day (and last) of Chuck Jensen's tenure as the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Administration and Finance here at MSU-Northern. Chuck has held this position this since July 1, 2001 and will now held move on to Flathead Valley Community College. Good luck Chuck and thank you for everything you have done for Northern.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Feb. 29**

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Bowling Alley and Pin-n-Cue Recreation Area Open 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Skylights Basketball @ UM-Western 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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### **March 1**

Skylights Basketball @ Montana Tech 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Lights Basketball @ Montana Tech 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

### **March 3**

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Student Senate Meeting 5:15 PM

### **March 4**

Wall Climbing 6:00 PM

### **March 5**

Board of Regents meeting

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Red Cross Blood Draw 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

### **March 6**

Board of Regents meeting

Bowling Alley and Pin-n-Cue Recreation Area Open 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

NCF ChiAlpha Meeting 7:00 PM

### **March 7**

Board of Regents meeting

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Bowling Alley and Pin-n-Cue Recreation Area Open 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM