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Welcome to the Northern Network News. This e-mail newsletter is provided weekly, except during the summer and scheduled academic breaks, to subscribers who include students, alumni, employees and friends of MSU-Northern.

Eleven Student Excellence Award Winners



Eleven Montana State University-Northern students were presented with Student Excellence Awards this morning during the Student Scholarship and Excellence Awards Convocation. In order to qualify for a student excellence award several criteria must be met. Students must be at least a junior at Northern and have a 2.75 grade point average or higher and be actively involved in the campus community. The student excellence award is the highest honor a student at Montana State University-Northern can receive. This year's award winners were: Dana Ball, Matthew Bolland, Buck Christofferson, Rikki Flaherty, Heather Haney, Cori Hindoien, Lexa Loch, Kaylee Shaw, Christy Stevens, Kyle Stone, Ashley Weinheimer. [More details](#)

Spring Fling

The NLASF Spring Fling Dinner and Auction last Friday was a huge success. Over 330 people came out to support Northern's Athletic Program. Stacie Barker and Travis Noble were recognized as this year's Athletes of the Year.

Annual Performance Evaluations Coming Soon

In preparation for Northern's Annual Performance Evaluations, the campus supervisors took part in one of two workshops presented this week by Kathy Jaynes and Barbara Zuck. These workshops were designed to help supervisors identify the differences between personality and performance. They also described how to back up your comments with examples, and they conducted many practical role playing exercises to help everyone understand best evaluation practices.

Faculty Art Show - Opening

Northern's Art Faculty had a wine and cheese open house to celebrate the opening of the Faculty Art Show in the Northern SUB Gallery. Joel Soiseth, Norton Pease and Steve Helmbrecht have some amazing pieces on display. To view the gallery, contact Norton Pease at ext. 3002.



MSUN PAS Members Attend National Conference

Six Montana State University-Northern PAS (Postsecondary Agriculture Students) Club members and advisor Tom Welch recently attended the National PAS Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania. The National Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization (PAS) is an organization associated with agriculture/agribusiness and natural resources education in approved postsecondary institutions offering baccalaureate degrees, associate degrees, diplomas and/or certificates. PAS is one of the ten career and technical student organizations approved by the U. S. Department of Education as an integral part of career and technical education.

The National PAS Conference on March 11-14 brought together almost 700 students and advisors and agriculture industry representatives from throughout the U.S. for agricultural leadership experiences, team and individual competitions, agriculture speakers and area tours related to the food and fiber industry. "Sweet Success and Rich Rewards" was the conference theme and the conference was held at the Hershey Lodge. Hershey is named after Milton S. Hershey and is the home of several large factories manufacturing the world famous brand of Hershey chocolate products.

Jeff Habets of Conrad, Jennie Huffman of Raymond and Jay Blunt of Malta placed fifth in the Beef Livestock Specialist team contest. Derek Sande from Geraldine and Chad Forest of Peerless placed fifth in the Soil Specialist contest. Five of the students, including team captain Tracy Kaldenberg of Malta participated in the agriculture knowledge quiz bowl and several students served as Montana's state delegates.

Steam Boiler Workshop Offered in Great Falls

Montana State University-Northern Extended University is offering a five-day workshop to prepare people to take the state examination for low-pressure boiler operator's license. The workshop is designed for people without boiler operator's licenses who work in physical plants.

The workshop, "Low Pressure Steam Boilers and Systems" will be offered Monday through Friday, April 27 - May 1, 2009, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM at the O'Haire Motor Inn, 17 7th Street South, Great Falls, MT. Bill Fisher, Certified 3rd Class Boiler Operator and Certified Water Operator, from Missoula is the instructor.

The cost of the workshop is \$175 plus \$50 for the textbook. Participants must pre-register by April 20. Enrollment is limited to the first 20 participants. For further information, please phone MSU-Northern Extended University toll free at 1-800-662-6132, extension 3730 or 406-265-3730.

The Spoken Word - April 4th

On Saturday, April 4th, the Montana Actors Theatre (MAT) is sponsoring an "open mic" night called Spoken Word in the MAT/MSUN Little Theatre, at 7 p.m. Students are encouraged to come to the theatre and take part! Poetry readings, excerpts from books, short stories, acoustical songs, really anything that they would like to present. This totally free event is designed to simply get people together in order to share literary art.

Next Week is SkillsUSA!

MSU-Northern is proud to host the 2009 Montana SkillsUSA Conference and SkillsUSA Championships next week April 6th, 7th and 8th. The SkillsUSA-VICA students have brought energy and vitality to the campus for over 30 years and we appreciate their leadership and involvement at Northern. This year's theme is: "Champions at Work"

Identity Theft in the Workplace

Identity theft has become a problem of enormous proportions in the U.S. According to the Federal Trade Commission, nearly 10 million people fall victim to identity theft annually, costing consumers \$5 billion in out-of-pocket losses.

The Havre Chamber of Commerce is bringing in Katie Huff, certified Identity Theft Risk Management Specialist to provide a workshop on Identity Theft on Tuesday, April 7th over lunch (12-1 p.m.) It costs \$5.00 to cover the cost of the Brown Bag Lunch. Please call the Chamber, at 265-4383, to RSVP and place your lunch order. The workshop is located at US Bank, (2nd floor meeting room) use the west parking lot entrance.

Raining Jane - Back By Popular Demand

Raining Jane is an independent eclectic rock-folk band based in Los Angeles and they will be performing at the Student Union Ballroom on April 13th at 7pm. Mai Bloomfield, Becky Gebhardt, Chaska Potter and Mona Tavakoli joined forces in 1999 and soon developed a loyal fan base out of UCLA's music scene. While their music is rooted in rock and folk, it is further shaped by funk, hip hop and world music influences. Raining Jane is known for their exuberance, sincerity and for putting on a show that will make their audiences think, feel and laugh.

Tickets are available at the door for the evening performance. Adult prices are \$5 and students are \$3. MSU-Northern Students, Faculty and Staff are admitted Free.

For more information check their website at www.rainingjane.com.

The Strength Team Amaze Audiences



The Strength Team has been in Havre for the past few days and has conducted 6 assemblies in the local schools. They are a group of professional athletes traveling the world bringing a highly motivational and inspirational message to thousands of people each year. They will also be performing every evening at the Community Alliance Church (April 3-5) at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free but an offering will be taken.

Campus Improvement Day

Tuesday, April 21 we will have Campus Improvement Day. This has been a tradition at Northern for many years and is a day when faculty, students, and staff can

participate in a variety of campus improvement activities, (i.e. planting flowers, picking up trash and paper, etc.). This day is devoted to developing a sense of pride among the Northern community by improving the appearance of our campus. If possible, the Chancellor asks that you arrange your classes scheduled between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on this day so that all students can take part in this activity. A BBQ for participants will be held beginning about 4:30 in the SUB dining hall.

Although offices are kept open during the Campus Improvement Day, staff members with the support of their immediate supervisors, may form clean-up teams and participate in campus improvement. Please contact Kristiny Loret, President of Associated Students, at extension 3714 if you are interested in forming a team or if you would like to help with a project.

"Spring Thaw" Coming April 17th

The Dining Services are sponsoring a semi-formal dinner dance on April 17th called the "Spring Thaw". So make sure you grab your pretty dress and your favorite tie for this semi-formal affair.

No one will be turned away so not of high importance. It will feature a Social hour- Dinner-Dance- Prizes...

Rumor Buster

There is a rumor going around campus that the cold weather we have been experiencing is the result of adopting a Polar Bear for a mascot. I would like to believe this is just a rumor but if it is still cold when we start school next fall I might have to agree that there is something to the rumor. Maybe everything would start to warm up if we adopted a flamingo with a maroon and gold plumage as our mascot. Just a thought.

Computer Tips

By Marianne Hoppe

Google Search Tips (Part 3 of 3)

Adapted from InformIT article Top Ten Ways to Search More Effectively on Google, by Michael Miller

Tip #8: Use Google's Advanced Search Page

Not comfortable learning all those complicated search operators, but still want to fine-tune your search beyond the basic keyword query? You're in luck: Google makes it relatively easy to perform sophisticated searches via the **Advanced Search page**.

You can access the Advanced Search page by clicking the **Advanced Search** link on Google's home page. This page contains a number of options you can use to fine-tune your searches, without having to learn all those advanced operators. All you have to do is make the appropriate selections on the page, and Google does all the fine-tuning for you.

What options are available on the Advanced Search page? Here's what you'll find:

- **Find results with all these words:** (Google's default search mode)
- **Find results with this exact wording or phrase:** (Searches for the exact phrase entered)
- **Find results with one or more of these words:** (Searches for either one word or another - identical to the OR operator)
- **Don't show pages that contain unwanted words:** (Excludes words from search results - identical to the "-" operator)
- **Results per page:** (Selects how many listings are displayed on the search results page)
- **Language:** (Searches for pages written in a specific language)
- **File type:** (Limits the search to specific file types of files)
- **Search within the specific website or domain:** (Restricts the search to a given site only)

Even more parameters are available if you click the **Date, Usage Rights, Numeric Range, and More** link. This expands the page to include options for **Date** (search for recent pages), **Usage Rights** (whether a page is free to use or share), **Where Your Keywords Show Up** (restricts the search to certain areas of a page), **Region** (narrows the search to a given country), **Numeric Range** (search for a range of numbers), and **SafeSearch** (filters out adult content). There are also options to find pages that are either similar to or link to a particular page.

Tip #9: Search Within Your Search Results

What do you do if your query generates more results than you can easily deal with—and you know that somewhere in those results is the exact page you're looking for? In this instance, you can conduct a further search within your original results.

All you have to do is scroll to the bottom of the first search results page and click the **Search Within Results** link. This displays a new page with a new search box; enter a new query into the search box and click the **Search Within Results** button. Google now searches within the original

search results to generate a smaller, more focused list of matching pages. Make sure your new query is more specific than your original query, and you should find what you're looking for.

Tip #10: Search Google's Other Sites

Google's main search page searches Google's immense index of pages it has found on the web, as well as other information sources. You can perform a more focused search, however, by directly searching different sources of information—of which Google has quite a few.

What types of specific searches does Google offer? Here's a list of some of the most useful:

- [Google Blog Search](#): Searches blogs and blog posts
- [Google Book Search](#): Searches the contents of current and out-of-print books
- [Google Directory](#): Searches an editor-assembled directory of web pages
- [Google Groups](#): Searches Usenet newsgroups and other user groups
- [Google Image Search](#): Searches photographs and other online images
- [Google Maps](#): Searches for and displays maps of street addresses and other locations
- [Google News](#): Searches current news articles
- [Google News Archive Search](#): Searches older news articles
- [Google Patent Search](#): Searches for patent information
- [Google Product Search](#): Searches for current pricing on selected products
- [Google Scholar](#): Searches for articles and other scholarly information
- [Google Video](#): Searches for specific YouTube videos

Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

Since 1982 there have been 348 Student Excellence Award recipients. We currently have ten of those recipients employed full time here at Northern. Faculty and staff members who received the award while attending Northern include; Vicki Clouse, Krista Milligan, Cynthia Small, Wane Boysun, Trygve Magelssen, Andy Morris, Anna Batemen, Kyle Samson, Christy Baker and Autumn Elliot.

Upcoming Events

April 4

Spoken Word 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

April 6

SkillsUSA State Conference

IOC Club Meeting 5:00 PM - 5:15 PM

ASMSUN Senate Meeting 5:15 PM - 7:00 PM

I/R Coed Softball 6:00 PM

April 7

SkillsUSA State Conference

I/R Coed Softball 6:00 PM

Wall Climbing 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Alternative Rock Band "Intercept" 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

April 8

Graduation Apparel Orders Due in the Bookstore

SkillsUSA State Conference

3rd Annual Yuri's Night 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM

April 9

8-Ball Tournament 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

ChiAlpha Meeting 7:00 PM

Northern Wrestling Banquet 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

April 10
University Day ~ No Classes, Offices *OPEN*

April 11
Library CLOSED



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