

Northern Network News



The Official Newsletter For MSU-Northern

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Thanksgiving Next Week

There will be no classes next Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. All offices will be closed next Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. Therefore, there will be no Northern Network News next week. The next issue will come out on December 3.

Dean Finalists Announced

The search for a new Dean of the College of Education, Arts and Science and Nursing has been narrowed down to three top candidates:

Dr. Randy Olson
was interviewed on November 15th and 16th



Dr. Olson is from Woodbury, MN. He has over 20 years of experience in higher education including Chair, Instructor, and Executive Director of an educational based non-profit organization. He received his AS degree in Electrical Technology from North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton, ND. He received his BFA in Studio Arts from the University of Minnesota, his MS in Technical Communications from Metropolitan State University in Saint Paul, MN, and his PhD in Housing and Apparel: Design Track from the University of Minnesota in St. Paul. Major accomplishments in his current position as Chair of Brown College in Mendota Heights, MN include academic assessment, faculty development, and curriculum revision. Film exhibitions include "Oliver Kelly Farm", a 24 minute documentary video in which Dr. Olson received a first place award from the Local Cable Programmers of Minnesota. Current art works include Florida International University Business School in Miami for a kinetic courtyard and sculpture titled "Luna", and River Walk Art Plaza in Jackson, MI for an outdoor kinetic sculpture titled "Velocity." Dr. Olson has served on the executive board of the Alliance for

Recycling Facts & Tips

Update to energy efficient appliances (like your dorm room fridge). A refrigerator built 20 years ago uses 70% more energy than today's energy-efficient models.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 19

Board of Regents meeting (Missoula)

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Skylights @ Great Falls vs. Black Hills State

Nov. 20

9:00 AM
Lights Wrestling @ Inland Northwest Collegiate Invitational

Nov. 22

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
3 on 3 Basketball

Nov. 23

6:00 PM
Wall Climbing
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
3 on 3 Basketball

Community Media, Midwest based in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Scott Searcy
will be interviewed on December 2nd and 3rd

Dr. Searcy is from Forest City, IA. Dr. Searcy has over 20 years of experience working in higher education, including Dean, Faculty Chair, Associate Academic Dean, Division Chair, Math Chair, Professor, and Instructor. Dr. Searcy received both his BS and MS Degrees in Mathematics from New Mexico Highlands University and his PhD in Mathematics from Idaho State University. Major accomplishments in his current position as Dean of Assessment and Accreditation include design and development of an online core curriculum. Research interests include Wavelet Analysis: specifically techniques involving the use of wavelets to reduce transmitted noise in audio recordings. Dr. Searcy is also the author of software RANDOM FROG WALK, a program that generates pseudo random directed paths through terrestrial landscapes. The program is useful in determining the validity of GIS modes of animal habitats by comparing actual field data to the pseudo data generated by the software. Scholarly papers include "Morse Code as Data Compression," Iowa MAA sectional meeting, Central College. Dr. Searcy has served as university liaison to regional and national organizations.

Dr. Carol Reifschneider
will be interviewed on December 8th

Dr. Reifschneider is from Havre, MT. She has over 18 years of experience working in higher education including Instructor, Teaching Assistant, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Chair. Dr. Reifschneider received her BA in Environmental Studies from the University of Kansas, her MS in Environmental Health Science from the University of Kansas, and her PhD in Environmental Health Science from the University of Kansas. Major accomplishments in her current position as MSUN Chair of EASN include development of new programs as well as improvement of existing ones, faculty evaluations, serving on the Northwest Accreditation team as co-chair, and working with area tribal colleges to complete articulation agreements. Presentations include "Nutrients in WWTP Effluents: Problems and Solutions for the Montana Environmental Training Center, Yellow Bay - Flathead Lake Biological Station. Publications include "Evaluation of Varying Retention Times on Batch Anaerobic Systems," University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. Dr. Reifschneider serves on numerous local and state boards including the MSUN Academic Senate, Lecture Series Committee, and Committee on Continuing Education for Water and Wastewater Operators- Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

Nov. 24

Thanksgiving ~ No
Classes, OFFICES
OPEN

Nov. 25

Thanksgiving ~ No
Classes, Offices Closed

Nov. 26

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5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Skylights Basketball @
Bellingham vs. St.
Martins University

Nov. 27

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Havre Christmas Tree
Lighting

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Skylights Basketball @
Bellingham vs. Western
Washington University

Nov. 29

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
3 on 3 Basketball

Nov. 30

6:00 PM
Wall Climbing

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
3 on 3 Basketball

Adam Ace Delights Audience



Comedian Adam Ace took the crowd on a comedy adventure Tuesday night as he combined physical comedy, music, improvisation, props, stand-up comedy and audience interaction. Adam Ace has twice been named College Comedian of the Year by the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities.

"Pathway" Program Launches

Over 30 high school counselors came to campus Wednesday from a hundred mile radius to be a part of the training and planning process for the new "Pathway" program. This is a new federally funded Perkins Grant that replaces the previous Tech Prep program. This program is based on 16 national career clusters and seeks to align Career and Technical Education programs at the high school level and college programs so the student can enjoy a non-duplicative progression throughout their high school and college career.

Christmas Tree Lighting

On Dec. 6, 2010 at noon, Northern will be holding its annual Christmas tree lighting in front of the Registrar's office on the second floor of Cowan Hall. Refreshments will be served.

New Waiting List for Full Classes

Banner's automated waitlist system is set up and working for Spring 2011 registration! Last week, faculty and staff were trained on how to use this new waiting list. Students who need assistance with registration, or are unable to get into a class may now contact an advisor who should be able to help students get their name on the waiting list. The waitlist system is

one of Northern's latest efforts to make registration more student-friendly.

Northern Host's Counselor's Update



This past Tuesday 220 high school counselors came together at different locations across the state to attend the 2010 Counselor Update through the *Montana Post Secondary Educational Opportunities Council* (MPSEOC). At each site, speakers representing Montana's colleges were able to make a presentation regarding their school. The purpose of the 2010 Counselor Update is to keep the high school counselors well informed about the opportunities our Montana colleges have to offer, so that they may, in turn, educate the high school students who are trying to choose a college that meets their specific needs and interests.

Hagener Renovation Update



The furniture for the Chemistry labs is going in and we hope to have those labs completed by the end of January. The roof is proceeding nicely and the roofers have the first of three membranes installed. This should make it waterproof until the other layers can be added. The new boilers are in place and a majority of the controls have been installed. We want to thank everyone for your patience as the construction does make it difficult to hear but the renovations will be worth it.

Northern Seeks to Help With PTSD Research

Frank Bourke, PhD, Executive Director of the Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP) Research and Recognition Project, visited with

faculty and staff from Montana State University Northern the last week of October, 2010 to explore the possibility of developing a University presence for a Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) research project. He met with Drs. Sellars, Foley, Smeby, Petriccione, Bachmeier, Mr. Ashley Smith, Mr. Allan Culp, Mr. John Donaldson, Chancellor Frank Trocki, Provost Rosalyn Templeton, Registrar/Student Dean Lindsey Brown, Dean Janice Brady, and relevant department heads and others exploring research and service needs from the University and NLP Research Project's perspectives. A large number of overlapping interests and needs were found especially in the university's project areas relating to youth at-risk and veterans. The meetings concluded with an action plan for next year that included the joint submission of the research grant on the validation of a new clinical treatment protocol labeled reconsolidation of traumatic memories (RTM); a five day faculty introduction into neuro-linguistic programming; and a long-range commitment to seek grant funding to help veterans and youth at-risk with the debilitating symptoms of PTSD. This grant-funded, research project will be a state-wide effort, with an invitation going to all institutions of higher education and the tribal colleges in Montana.

STEAM BOILER WORKSHOP OFFERED IN GREAT FALLS

Montana State University-Northern Extended University is offering a four-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 Thursday through Sunday, December 9 - 12, 2010, 7:00 AM - 6:00 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 \$200 plus \$75 for the textbook. Participants must pre-register by December 6. 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.**



Rocky Mountain Ballet

The Northern Showcase Concert Association is proud to present the Rocky Mountain Ballet Company's Holiday Show on Saturday, December 4, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Havre High School Auditorium. Enjoy mile high kicks in "Winter Wonderland"; the legendary "Parade of the

Wooden Soldiers"; cowgirls mesmerize in Montana Bonanza Medley; ballerinas gracefully represent Big Sky Wheat Fields; and everyone will enjoy the "Lumber Number".

Rocky Mountain Ballet has performed throughout Montana, the west, nationally and internationally. In 2008, the company toured to six cities in China presenting their Montana Program. They will be performing with the Moscow Ballet in "Nutcracker" and "Swan Lake" in 2010 and will tour

to Russia and Austria in 2011.

Don't miss this once in a lifetime presentation with the Rocky Mountain Ballet Company on December 4, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Havre High School Auditorium. Tickets are on sale in advance at the MSU-Northern Student Union Information Desk. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$15 for students for those who do not have a Northern Showcase Concert Association season pass. MSU-Northern students with a current ID are admitted free of charge.

Piano and Pipes

The Piano and Pipes Christmas 2010 concert will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 5 at the First Lutheran Church (303 6th Ave.) MSU-Northern's Community Choir will be featured, along with many other music ensembles. There is no admission charged for the concert, but monetary gifts and donations of dry/canned goods will be accepted at the door. Following the concert will be the Best Cookie Exchange Ever which will take place in the gym. All proceeds from the exchange will be given to the Havre Food Bank.

Blood Drive Update

MSU-Northern and the Red Cross would like to thank everyone who participated in or volunteered time during the recent blood drives. The final totals are in for the blood drive's success. From the 70 donors present, 65 productive (useable) units of blood were collected. The goal was to collect 50 productive units of blood. The Red Cross thanks MSU-Northern for helping exceed this year's goal.

Making Your Inventions Come to Reality



Last Monday, motivational speaker George Young presented "Making Your Inventions Come to Reality." He shared his story and what can happen when innovation turns into reality.

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Excel Tip

Apply auto-fit property to multiple columns simultaneously

You probably know that you can double-click the right border of a column's header cell to automatically adjust the width of a column to auto-fit its contents. Excel will increase the column width to accommodate the largest entry in the column. What you might not know is that you can adjust the width of multiple columns at the same time. Here's how:

1. Select the columns in question - Just click and drag across the column headers to select the columns you want to resize
2. Hover the mouse over the right-border of *any* of the selected columns until the double-headed arrow appears then...
3. Double-click

All the columns selected will auto-size to fit the largest entry in each column.

Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

Now that the Football season is over here are a few more individual records that were broken this year. Landry See had 128 tackles which broke Stetson Kaufman's record of 114, Kyle Kercher had 9 field goals for the season which broke Luke McKinley's record of 8 field goals in a season and Derek Lear ended up with 20 touchdown passes for the season, surpassing Kyle Samson's record of 17 touchdowns. Landry leads the league and was second in the NAIA in tackles per game at 12.8 per game. Kyle tied for NAIA honors this season by hitting on 100% of his field goal attempts.