

Northern Network News



The Official Newsletter For MSU-Northern

Feb. 11, 2011

College Goal Montana



College Goal Montana is for all families who want assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Join us in the MSU-Northern Vande Bogart Library on February the 9th and/or February the 13th, 2011 for this free event and a chance to win a \$500 scholarship!

What to bring to College Goal Montana (for both students and parents):

FAFSA PIN - to obtain PIN, log on to www.pin.ed.gov

Correct Social Security numbers

2010 Federal Tax Returns

2009 Federal Tax Returns, if 2010 not complete

W-2s, tribal income, other aid information (TANF, child support, other benefits)

Additional asset information (money market funds, stocks, other investments)

Contact Information: Phone: 265-3787, Email: lfisher@msun.edu

Pianist Kurt Scobie



Recycling Facts & Tips

Styrofoam is un-recyclable - you can't make it into new Styrofoam. The industry wants you to assume it is- don't BUY it! Each year Americans throw away 25,000,000,000 Styrofoam cups, enough every year to circle the earth 436 times.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 11

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Montana Actors Theatre
presents: Caught in the Net

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Skylights Basketball vs. UM-
Western

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Lights Basketball vs. UM-
Western

Feb. 12

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Montana Actors Theatre
presents: Caught in the Net

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Skylights Basketball vs.
Montana Tech

6:00 PM - 11:55 PM
We Love Northern Ball

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Lights Basketball vs. Montana
Tech

Feb. 13

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
College Goal Montana

Kurt Scobie performed during lunch this Thursday, February 10 in the SUB Dining Hall.

Scobie's power in his expressive lyrics and percussive piano style had a magnetic effect on the entire room. Listeners were able to sing along, even after hearing his songs for the first time.

We Love Northern Ball

The 25th Annual We Love Northern Ball will be taking place tomorrow-Saturday, February 12, 2011 in the Student Union Building. There are a very limited number of tickets still available for the ball, but they are going fast. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with no-host cocktails and dinner at 7 p.m. Come and enjoy dancing to the music of the Milk River Band from 9 p.m. to midnight. Live and silent auctions will be held until 10:45 p.m. All of the proceeds from the Ball go toward student scholarships. Tickets are \$50 per individual. A 10-seat table reservation can be purchased for \$600. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Tiffany Raney at (406) 265-3767.

Career Fair

Connecting Students, Employers and Community

Tuesday, February 15th 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. SUB Ballroom
Opportunities are available for all Majors.

Career Fairs are a fantastic way to learn about job opportunities and to meet and interview with hiring organizations. Regardless of your major, year in college, or future goals, there are a number of reasons for attending a career fair. Career fairs provide opportunities to:

- Get first-hand information about a company/organization from a representative. You're likely to get more valuable and accurate information from an employee than you could ever get from a web site.
- Make a positive and lasting impression with employers. Begin to establish your professional image by distinguishing yourself from other candidates.
- Effectively practice professional communication with recruiters and other future colleagues.

The career fair will be sponsored by: WÄrtsilÄ North America

Attending employers include:

Anthony Cammon State Farm

Bullhook Health Center

Bureau of Land Management

Century Companies, Inc.

Columbia Grain, Inc.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

Farm Bureau Financial Services

Fiat Powertrain Technologies

Great Lakes Airlines

Halliburton Energy Services

Heberly and Associates

Land O' Lakes, Inc.

Montana Department of Corrections

Montana Highway Patrol

Oftedal Construction, Inc.

Schlumberger

Schwan's Home Service, Inc.

Triangle Communications

WÄrtsilÄ North America, Inc.

More information on each employer and tips to prepare for the fair can be found at <http://careers.msun.edu>.

Feb. 14

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Montana Actors Theatre
presents: Caught in the Net

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

5-on-5 Basketball Tournament

Feb. 15

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Wall Climbing

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Northern Showcase presents:
Imagine

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

5-on-5 Basketball Tournament

Feb. 17

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Montana Actors Theatre
presents: Caught in the Net

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Coed Volleyball Meeting

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Bowling League

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Skylights Basketball @ Rocky
Mountain College

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Lights Basketball @ Rocky
Mountain College

Feb. 18

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Coed Volleyball Rosters Due

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Montana Actors Theatre
presents: Caught in the Net

Feb. 19

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Montana Actors Theatre
presents: Caught in the Net

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Skylights Basketball @ Carroll
College

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Lights Basketball @ Carroll
College

North Central Montana Relay for Life 2011

Relay for Life is an event that supports the American Cancer Society. Teams of 6-15 people can join together to raise money and awareness to help fight cancer. The team members raise support and then walk miles around the track to show their commitment to this worthy cause. At least one team member should be on the track at all times, and for the team members who are taking a break, there will be refreshments and activities available. The 2011 event will take place on July 8- 9. There will be a team captain meeting on March 7 to prepare the team leaders. If you are interested in putting a team together, being part of a team, or if you just need more information, please contact Teams Chair Michelle Burchard at 265- 8781 or mburchard@bresnan.net or Committee Chair Jennifer Thompson at 945- 2623 or jfanning@bresnan.net. You can also visit the website: www.NCMTRelay.com.

Faculty Making Northern's Reputation Shine

Congratulations to Drs. Mark Seiffert, Fred Smiley, Larry Strizich and Barbara Zuck for having their papers accepted for presentation at the Extended Learning Institute (Xli2011) held in Bozeman on March 7-8, 2011. Dr. Randy Bachmeier will be representing Northern as a member of one of the conference's steering committees. Dr. Zuck will deliver a summary of four books, which focus on online course design, accessibility and promoting student engagement and success. Dr. Smiley will be presenting on an online journal -*HILTIP*- he created and how this project has led to a proposed minor in special education at Northern. Dr. Strizich's qualitative research study examines the assessment practices of distance-delivered degree programs at four Montana campuses. Dr. Seiffert's presentation title is "Promoting Student Engagement: Through World Domination." Janice Brady, Dean of Extended University and Online Learning and Provost Templeton, applaud this group for their innovative contributions to teaching, research and online learning.

Valentine's Day Party

Love is in the air at MSU-Northern. Come and join us for a special Valentine's Day party to be held on Monday, Feb 14th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the SUB Ball Room. Find out the winners of our Valentine's Day photo contest, and enjoy some delicious Valentine's Day goodies. See you there!

Northern is Moving New Accreditation Standards Forward

Chief Academic Officers from the seven northwestern states were invited to the Accreditation Liaison Officer Workshop hosted by Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), in Seattle on February 4, 2011. The session highlighted NWCCU's new set of standards and a cutting-edge accreditation cycle. "The new standards function in two ways: 1) as indicators of educational quality and effectiveness by which MSUN will be evaluated; and 2) as a guide for continuous improvement, stated Provost Rosalyn Templeton. With the new accreditation cycle, Northern will be reviewed on an ongoing, progressive seven year schedule, rather than the old one-shot, ten year system." With the new evaluation system, Northern will have a way to measure improvement to create a successful learning environment for students.

MAT presents: Caught in the Net



Montana Actor's Theatre is presenting the sequel to the very popular show, "Run for Your Wife". "Caught in the Net" by Ray Cooney, and directed by Pam Veis opens tonight at 8 p. m. in the Cowan Hall Little Theatre.

"Run for Your Wife" told the story of a British cabdriver, John Smith, who had two wives - without either knowing about the other. The action of the play escalates as he comes closer and closer to having his dual existence discovered.

"Caught in the Net" picks up years later when Gavin Smith, son of John and Barbara Smith, ends up meeting Vicki Smith, daughter of John and Mary Smith, online. They fall in love, and they discover that their fathers have the same name. They decide that they have to meet, and their dad, John finds out. He enlists the aid of his pal, the not-so-bright Stanley Gardner, who brings along his father. The result is confusion, and all sorts of craziness.

The play will run Feb. 11, 12, 14 (Valentines Day) and Feb. 17-19 and 24-26. The doors and the backstage bar open at 7:30 p. m. show begins at 8 p. m. Tickets are \$15/adults, \$10/students and seniors and MSU-Northern students are free with a valid student identification card.

Northern Showcase Hosts "Beatles" Tribute Band in Havre

The Northern Showcase Concert Association welcomes the Beatles tribute band "Imagine" to our community on Tuesday, February 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the Havre High School Auditorium. Tickets are available. Adults attend for \$20.00, and students for \$10.00.

From their Liverpool accents and Beatle wit to their pointed boots and fab gear, what you'll experience during their show is pure magic. It's like seeing the Beatles in concert for the first time! Their two-hour show starts with a Beatlemania set followed by the Sgt. Pepper era, all performed with authentic instruments and costumes.

The four lads joined in 1993 and have performed over 900 shows across the United States, Australia, New Zealand, the Orient and Central America. Their shows include entertaining with the Beach Boys, Jay Leno, The Temptations, Chicago, Badfinger, America, the Mandrells, the Shirelles, and the Buckingham. They performed on national TV for the Nokia Sugar Bowl half-time show, an outdoor concert for 30,000 in Virginia and they were the first act to perform at the 20,000 seat USANA Amphitheater in Salt Lake City. Recently, the band entertained audiences touring 25 U.S. cities from California to Virginia and last May they played in Shanghai China for over 75,000 screaming Beatles' fans. Yes, Beatlemania is alive and well on mainland China.

Tickets for "Imagine" on Tuesday, February 15th, 2011 at the HHS Auditorium are on sale now at the MSU-Northern Student Information Desk. Admission is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. For more information on the "Imagine" Concert contact Denise Brewer at (406) 265-3732 or Kyle Leeds at (406) 945-2843.

Student Surveys

Montana State University-Northern wants to improve your educational experience and you can help by completing the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). Four-Hundred and Forty randomly generated students will be sent an e-mail to their official campus e-mail account and their desire to learn account. This e-mail will contain the link to access the survey. The students who complete the survey will receive (via e-mail) a \$3.00 gift certificate for a free Latté, Mocha or coffee from the coffee cart in the Library. The certificates will be sent shortly after the last survey has been completed (end of March). All participants will be entered into a drawing to win a \$100 gift certificate at the Northern Book Store.

If you have any questions about the project at Montana State University-Northern or how we plan to use the results, please contact Ms. Lindsey Brown at lindsey.brown5@msun.edu or 406-265-3703. Your feedback is valuable, and I want to thank you personally for taking part in this survey.

Professional Development for Faculty and Staff

The members of the MSUN Professional Development Committee are: Janet Trethewey, Lanny Wilke, Krista Milligan, Mark Seiffert, Laurel Andrechak, Kathy Jaynes, Tracey Jette, Linda Osterman, Fred Smiley, Jebediah Gaffney

A special thanks to these individuals for their willingness to serve and create a professional development culture for faculty and staff. They are already developing a brown bag lecture series which will be announced in the near future.

Openings at Northern

- Industrial Technology Instructor
- Business Administration Faculty
- Assistant Professor of Nursing (Havre)
- Assistant Professor of Nursing (Lewistown)
- Instructor of Diesel Technology
- Director of Educational Field and Clinical Experience
- Director of Nursing
- Academic Affairs Office Manager
- Postdoctoral Research Associate: Biomass Conversion
- Catering Coordinator

- Dean
- Financial Aid Business Area Analyst (Computer Systems Analyst II) - MSU 4 campus position
- Adjunct Positions
- For more information contact the HR office at 265-4147, hr@msun.edu or go to www.msun.edu/hr/employment.htm for complete vacancy listings.

Free College-Prep Course for Veterans

The Veterans Upward Bound Program is currently offering a free college-prep class to veterans. The class is Introduction to Computers and will include 24 hours of instruction. This faculty directed class will take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from February 22 through April 7 in Cowan Hall at MSU-Northern. The class is now open for enrollment. For more detailed information on the class, location, and time or to enroll, please call: 1-877-356-8387 or visit: www.vubmt.com.

Looking for Founders Excellence Nominations

We are seeking nominations for the Founders Excellence Awards which is around the corner on May 6th. This event recognizes excellence within the MSU-Northern community. Nominations can be selected from alumni, administration, faculty, staff, and friends of MSU-Northern who have made a significant contribution to the development of Northern or to their chosen profession in one or more of the following areas:

Leadership (Local State or National)

- A person who gave significant ideas and actions
- A person who was a benefactor of Northern by giving moral support and service
- A person who enabled the growth of the college through legislations, etc.
- A person who gave original ideas, creations, or contributions to an academic field, particularly in degree areas offered by Northern
- A person who gave dedicated and long-lasting contributions to a particular field or activity
- A person of notoriety by virtue of office

Service

A person who has held an important position, published material, made an important discovery of inventions, made a contribution to an academic field, or has given significant direction or service to Northern for a minimum of 25 years, particularly if he/she is or was an alumnus, faculty, staff or administrator of Northern.

Financial

A person who gave a significant direct financial contribution to the University, Foundation, or Alumni Association for buildings, scholarships, research, faculty development, etc.

If you wish to nominate someone for this prestigious award, please send a nomination letter addressing how the nominee met one or more of the above criteria. All nominations should be sent to: MSU-Northern Foundation, PO Box 1691, Havre, MT 59501.

Free tax preparation and e-filing services

Free tax preparation and e-filing services are available in Havre and Fort Belknap! Trained, IRS certified volunteers can prepare and e-file your basic income tax returns starting February 15th in Havre and February

17th in Fort Belknap.

Free tax preparation services will be open Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 4-7 pm at the District IV HRDC office located at 2229 5th Avenue in Havre and Thursdays from 4-7 pm at the Fort Belknap Planning and Development office across the street from the Sacred Heart Church. You can receive a refund check in the mail in as little as 14 days or have your refund direct deposited into your bank account in 7 days.

Call Opportunity Link today at 265-3699 or 877-332-3699 (toll free) to schedule your appointment. Free tax services through IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) are brought to you by Opportunity Link in partnership with the Montana Credit Union for Community Development, Fort Belknap Indian Community, Chippewa Cree Tribe and District IV HRDC.

Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

Skylight basketball player Samm Schermele is having another fine season. Schermele is currently leading the NAIA in Free Throw Percentage at 91.4% while the Skylights as a team are at 77% (which is 4th in the NAIA). The Lights are ranked 3rd in the NAIA for 3 pointers made per game (9.13), 4th in Scoring Defense at 60.17 points per game, and 4th in total 3 point field goals made at 210.