

Northern Network News



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Torgerson's & MSU-Northern Equipment Partnership



Torgerson's LLC along with Case New Holland (CNH), have established a unique educational equipment partnership and lease with MSU-Northern. Torgerson's recently delivered to MSU-Northern, via an educational use lease, three large agriculture tractors, a large Patriot field sprayer and a Scout utility vehicle. All of the equipment is new from the factory and will be used by several hundred MSU-N students in a number of different courses. Students enrolled in a variety of agricultural, diesel, agricultural mechanics, GPS and other courses will be able to study and learn and work with many amazing technologies associated with this equipment. Every six months Torgerson's will exchange this equipment for different models. This will ensure our students are always able to work on the latest equipment. This is truly a win-win partnership with a generous investment by Torgerson's and CNH which will have a positive impact on MSU-Northern students, Montana agriculture, and the region.

Harvest Dinner

MSU-Northern Food Service held the Harvest Dinner this Thursday. All MSU-N students who showed their I.D.'s were able to eat at the SUB for free. Anyone else who wanted to partake from the tremendous spread just had to bring \$6 and a non-perishable item. The dinner consisted of turkey with stuffing, roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, sweet potatoes, asparagus, cranberries, vegetable tray, assorted salads, dinner rolls with herbed butter, and apple crisp. Mmm Mmm Good!

Board of Regents Update

The Montana University System Board of Regents met in Billings on September 21-22. In addition to the inauguration of Dr. Rolf Groseth as the new Chancellor for MSU-Billings (Groseth was former interim Chancellor at MSU-Northern), the Board reviewed FY 12 budgets for the entire system along with other agenda items. Interim Chancellor, Joe Callahan provided an update on the MSUN Bio-Fuels renovation project. The project will need to be re-bid since the bids were rejected as they exceeded the cost budgeted for the project. MSUN officials will meet with the State A&E division to review the next bid process.

In addition, MSUN received approval of a modification of its Mission

Featured Program

Civil Engineering is divided into five broad areas which include structures, hydraulics and hydrology, geotechnical engineering (soil mechanics), traffic and transportation, and environmental engineering. The Civil Engineering Technology program at MSU-Northern offers course work in each of these areas with the exception of environmental technology. Graduates of the bachelor's program are required (after passing the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) Examination to pursue careers as engineers in training. After passing the Principle Practices of Engineering Exam, students will be registered as professional engineers and will be qualified to work in the field.

Statement which was addressed internally to fit within the new regional accreditation guidelines. MSUN budgets and metrics were presented which showed a five per cent tuition increase along with state funds to result in a balanced budget for FY 12 with no negative fund balances reported for Northern.

Chancellor Callahan stated that he was pleased with the leadership the Board of Regents provided to the system authorizing a 1% plus \$500 pay raise for all full time employees since it has been a number of years of no pay raises resulting from no pay plan approved for MUS employees. This year, tuition increases and reallocations allowed the Regents to authorize pay raises for Northern employees. (Note: The MSUN faculty contract is negotiated separately and currently is under review for ratification action by the faculty, thus the approved raises effective October 1st will exclude the faculty until ratification and BOR approval). MSU-Northern's fall enrollment is expected to be slightly down (approx. 1%) for the fall of 2011, according to Callahan. "Many factors, including a stronger economy in NE Montana and Western North Dakota, are pulling potential college students toward employment and postponing college enrollment", said Callahan. "I am confident we can address any enrollment decrease within our budget plans and identify ways to increase enrollment for the Spring and the Fall of 2012", stated Callahan who remains optimistic for MSU-Northern and its core, high quality programs.

MSU-Northern Golfer Excels at Rocky Mountain Invitation

Jeremy Jensen, one of MSU-Northern's golfers shot a low round score of 64, seven under par for round two at the Rocky Mountain Invitation in Billings this weekend.

Tibetan Culture: Yesterday, Today and -Tomorrow?

Montana State University-Northern will host Humanities Montana Speakers Bureau program "Tibetan Culture: Yesterday, Today and-Tomorrow?" with Deanna Campbell on Tuesday, October 4, 2011. The program will be at the Hensler Auditorium, Applied Technology Center, MSU-N Campus at 7:30 PM. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Campbell, executive producer and director of a documentary film on Tibetan culture, provides an insider's view of the rich and ancient Tibetan culture and the people behind the news headlines. Her work as Executive Director of a non-governmental organization working with Tibetans in the Himalayan regions of Nepal and as a foreign expert in the employ of the Chinese government, has provided her with a first-hand experience of the Han Chinese and indigenous Tibetans. Her frequent trips to Nepal and Tibet ensure an always up-to-date-view of the topic. She offers a fresh perspective on today's dilemmas in Tibet and examines the situation of Tibetans in Tibet; as refugees in India and other places around the world; and as indigenous Tibetans in the Himalayan regions of Nepal. Few people understand how different the circumstances facing Tibetans in these very dissimilar situations are.

For more information, please call Barbara Zuck, MSU-Northern, Department of Business at (406) 265-4175

Do You Read Banned Books?



Have you read Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen, Betrayed by P.C. & Kristin Cast, Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson, or Brave New World by Aldous Huxley? These are just a few of the books that have been challenged in U.S. libraries during the past year. To find out why, visit the Library's website and check the Books Challenged or Banned 2010-11 link for more information about these and other books.

Sept. 24-Oct. 1 is Banned Book Week. During this week we will be celebrating your right to "free your mind" and read a banned book. For more information about BBW, visit the Library's web page <http://msun.edu/infotech/library/>.

Join the library staff on Thursday, Sept. 29th from 2:30-5:00 PM for the chance to browse through many of these challenged books and to enjoy some cookies. And pick up a banned book to read today!

Alumni Social and Chinese Auction - Oct 22

We're throwing a new party in a new location for the Northern Alumni Association's 31st Annual Alumni Social and Auction. Join your fellow alumni and friends in the Armory Gymnasium on Saturday, October 22, to raise money for student scholarships. Doors open at 4:30 PM following the Lights' home football game.

At 5 PM, the all you can eat taco cart and full bar will open; the auction begins at 6 PM. Tickets cost \$15 each and are available at Cavaliers, Creative Leisure, Gary and Leo's IGA, and the Top Hat Salon. Don't miss the best party of the year, the Northern Alumni Association Social and Auction, Saturday, October 22 in the Armory Gymnasium.

Tailgate Party with Alumni and Foundation

The Northern Alumni and Foundation are coming to Helena October the 1st for the Lights vs. Saints football game. Go join them for a tailgate party located by the east door of the gym in the tailgate area starting at 12:30 PM with the game starting at 1 PM.

CIA Holds Community Wide Food Drive



CIA (Community Involvement Association) is a MSU-Northern student organized club that focuses on helping our school community along with the Havre community. It's another school year and CIA is off to a new start, and we are trying to get our membership up once again so we can help our MSU-N Campus Community, and our local Havre Community throughout the year!

CIA is currently holding a Campus Food Drive. All food collected on campus will be donated to Northern students who are in need. The food drive will run from September 20 to October 31. Our hopes are to make sure everyone is taken care of and to make our campus community stronger, along with helping people who are facing hard times. We have distributed boxes around the community, so keep a look out for the yellow boxes!

Student Union Building's 50th Anniversary

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern are hosting a 50th Anniversary Party for MSU-Northern's Student Union Building.

In 1958 the plans were being drawn up for a new Student Union Building on the campus. The entire cost of the structure was to be borne by students and financed by increased fees authorized by the students themselves. Max Kuhr of Havre was appointed the architect for the building. Built in almost the same location as the original Student Union Building, it was ready for use in 1961.

The new building has a large ballroom and a smaller adjoining open space, an attractive fireside room and lounge, bookstore space, new offices and a snack bar. A smaller second floor houses conference rooms and additional office space. A large basement allowed room for the development of recreational facilities. These were added in 1964. A Pin and Cue area was added in 1965. Hagener, A (2001). *A Northern Reflection*

The party will be held in the SUB Pin-n-Cue at 7 PM on October 13, 2011. Birthday cake and refreshments will be served. A ping pong tournament will be held along with bowling, billiards, Wii "Just Dance" or Rock Band. Come on down and celebrate the "Birthday" of the MSU-Northern Student Union Building.

Dinner to Help Professor

Come out for a free will donation spaghetti dinner October 23 at the St. Jude's Parish Center. Dinner will be 4 PM till 7:30 PM. There will also be a dessert silent auction. All the proceeds will go to Will Taylor who is

awaiting a kidney transplant. Will and his wife Jolene are both Northern graduates and Will is now teaching in MSU-Northern's Diesel Technology program.

Moonlight Bowling

Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 7PM, the Intramural and Recreation Council will be hosting a Moonlight Bowling event in the SUB Pin-n-Cue. Prizes will be awarded for High Individual Game and Series for both men and women. Refreshments and snacks will be served. Moonlight Bowling is a No-Tap (9 pins same as a strike) Tournament played in the dark. The only lights on, are the ones over the pins. Come on out and show your bowling skills "In-the-Dark"!!!

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Excel 2007/2010 Tip

Save split screens and multiple sheets as a view

If you work with a split sheet or a couple of sheets open in different windows, did you know you can save your view? When you do this you can then open the workbook to the saved view. You won't have to spend the first few minutes putting everything in order - it'll be just the way you want it when you open the workbook.

Once you have your sheet split or multiple sheets open and arranged, do the following in Excel 2007 or 2010 to save the view:

1. Click the **View** tab.
2. Choose **Save Workspace** in the **Window** group.
3. Save the view as an XLW file - that will be the default, so you won't have to change the file type. Just give the file a name that you recognize, and click **Save**.

The next time you open this workbook, open the XLW version instead of the XLSX version. Excel will open the same workbook(s) with all the sheets intact, but it'll open to the view you work with the most.

TidBit

By Bill Lanier

For the first time in over 40 years Northern is competing in men's golf. In the first two conference tournaments, Northern golfer, Jeremy Jensen finished 8th and 3rd respectively. Jeremy is currently sitting in 5th place out of approximately 60 golfers in the Frontier Conference.