

Northern Network News



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MSU-Northern Begins Visioning Initiative



MSU-Northern has initiated a campus-wide Visioning Initiative which seeks to collect the thoughts of faculty, students, staff and community on where they see Northern in five years. These comments will be compiled, analyzed and shared with the campus. This information will also become the basis for Northern's new vision statement and strategic plan. You can add your comments to the display in the Library or online at: <http://www.msun.edu/visioncomments1.htm>

MSU-Northern Receives EDA Grant

The U.S. Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration (EDA), along with U.S. Senators Max Baucus and Jon Tester, announced yesterday a \$647,748 grant to MSU-Northern to support the North Central Montana Renewable Industry Initiative to commercialize green technology and create new high-skill, living-wage jobs.

The U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development John Fernandez said. "This EDA grant will enable Montana State University-Northern to develop a coordinated methodology to work with inventors, entrepreneurs, new start-up companies, and small businesses in the commercialization and manufacturing of renewable and energy efficiency technology."

"Celebrate Northern Day"



Show your school spirit by wearing MSU-Northern logo apparel or the colors of maroon and gold every Friday in celebration of MSUN's history and its promising future. We are going to call our Friday's "Celebrate Northern Day." If you do not have any MSU-Northern apparel, you are invited to take advantage of the new employee discount at the bookstore: 10% off any apparel item with the presentation of your MSUN employee I.D.

Northern Celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. Day



On Wednesday January the 18th in the S.U.B. Ballroom Northern's Multicultural Center and

Campus Corps hosted a free lunch to raise awareness of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Ronnie Simpson presented a recitation of "I Have a Dream" followed by an Art Gallery exhibit featuring local artist pieces focusing on diversity. This powerful event promoted diversity as well as art and was well received and attended.

New Mattresses in Morgan Hall



On Monday January 16, the Residence Life Staff, unloaded and replaced 125 mattresses in Morgan Hall with brand new ones. The staff completed this task in less than 90 minutes.

OPI Campus Visit

An Office of Public Instruction (OPI) team was on campus this week to review progress that has been made on aspects of the MSU-Northern's Teacher Education Programs and Graduate Programs. The OPI team met with faculty, students and administrators during their on-campus visit. The OPI team enjoyed their visit and provided meaningful information to faculty and staff. MSU-Northern would like to thank the OPI Team for their skillful review of our education programs.

Future Football Players Visit Campus



Last Friday at the Lights game, four future MSU-Northern football players were introduced as part of the Northern family. Patrick Kiser- Offensive Lineman from American Canyon, CA, Jordan Sharp- Offensive Lineman from Fresno, CA, Kyle Wagar- Linebacker from Richland, WA, and Leon Carroll- Defensive Back from Vicksburg, MS.

Also visiting were prospective student athletes Tyson Patterson- All-State Outside Linebacker from Great Falls, Sy Keltner- All-State Running Back from Helena, Derek Moore- All-League Middle Linebacker from Bakersfield, CA, and Jonah Koreski- All-Region O-Lineman and D-Lineman from Vancouver, WA.

Incoming Commissioner to Conduct Listening Session



Chancellor Limbaugh would like to invite the campus and community to a listening and learning session with President Waded Cruzado and the incoming Montana Commissioner of Higher Education, Clay Christian on Tuesday, January 24, at 4:30 p.m. in the Hensler Auditorium.

Points of Pride

- The Lights basketball team's recent victories have given Coach Shawn Huse his 200th win at MSU-N. Northern is so thankful for Coach Huse's leadership over the years. He has led many Northern players to many victories. We thank Coach Huse for his dedication and drive. Coach Huse, you make Northern proud.
- Lights player Shaun Tatarka achieved greatness during Northern's 63-62 win over Great Falls January 6. Tatarka's sixth triple, which came at the 13:30 mark of the second quarter, will be remembered forever. The shot placed Tatarka in the 1,000-point club at MSU-Northern. Entry into this point club is a great achievement as only 16 other players have met the standards. Shaun Tatarka, you make Northern proud.
- Success in school often happens with a little support. Student Support Services (SSS), a federally-funded TRIO Program, has been helping students at MSU-Northern for 32 years. The success of the tutoring program in SSS is a Point of Pride. Eleven tutors were available at different hours, and covered subject areas from accounting to welding, with special emphasis on math, science, and writing. Special effort is made to secure tutors for students who are struggling in a specific class for which there is no tutor on the schedule. Thus, we have students tutored off-site, by appointment, in addition to being tutored in our open lab. Of the 47 tracked students, 19 were successful (a C or better, or a W and good grades in all other classes) in the class for which they requested tutoring. Significantly, 32 of the 47 registered for the Spring 2012 semester, including 18 of the successfully tutored students. A retention rate of 68% is a strong indication of the value of supporting students with tutoring and salutary accommodations. In addition to the tutored students, 1069 visits were made to the lab for computer use, studying, or open lab tutoring during the Fall 2011 semester. Northern is thankful for the dedicated workers in SSS. You make Northern proud.

5 on 5 Basketball

Intramural & Recreation 5 on 5 Basketball begins January 23 in the Armory Gym at 8 p.m. Sign up your team at the SUB Information Desk by Friday, January 20 at 5 p.m. T-shirts will be given to all participants, and the winner of the tournament will receive a gift certificate for their team.

Sax Gone Wild!

The Northern Showcase Concert Association is back on track with their first performance of the spring on January the 26th at 7:30p.m. at the 5th Avenue Christian Church. Saxophobia, featuring Rob Verdi, brings to the stage a who's who of sax gone wild! Set in a jazz format, Saxophobia offers audiences a rare glimpse at some of the most unusual saxophones ever made, and pays tribute to the great jazz legends who popularized the instrument. The show explores over a half-century of jazz and features a range of instruments from a tiny curved soprano sax up to a six-and-one-half-foot-tall contrabass sax, and virtually everything in between.

Hear some classic saxophone melodies such as Take 5, St. Thomas, and Girl From Impanema showcasing the works of Adrian Rollini, Charlie Parker, Stan Getz, Gerry Mulligan, Sonny Rollins, Paul Desmond, John Coltrane and many others. Add a bit of Tequila, Pink Panther, and Yakety Sax, just for fun and you've got an entertaining, rich and riveting history of the saxophone and the players who gave the sax its unique voice in jazz.

Joining Rob on stage, during the second half of the show, will be the Havre High Jazz Band.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$15/adult and \$10/students for those who do not have a season pass. MSU-Northern students may attend free of charge with a current student I.D.

Auditions for Scotland Road

Auditions for the play Scotland Road will take place on Tuesday, January 24 from 7-9p.m. and again on Wednesday, January 25 from 5:30-7:30p.m. For more information contact Audrey Barger through audreybarger.com.

The play is about a beautiful young woman who is found floating on an iceberg in the middle of the North Atlantic in nineteenth century clothing. When rescued, she says only one word: Titanic. The

woman, Winifred, is taken to an isolated spot on the coast of Maine where an expert on the sinking of the liner, a mysterious man named John, has arranged to interrogate her for six days. His goal: to crack her story, get her to confess she's a fake and reveal her true identity; his one clue: her enigmatic references to an unknown place called "Scotland Road."

HHS Speech and Debate Judges Needed

The HHS Speech and Debate Team will be hosting its Divisional Tournament this Saturday - January 21. Judges are needed! Please contact Kevin Shellenberger at shellenbergerk@havre.k12.mt.us to volunteer a little bit of your time! Slots are available in both speech and drama events! Thanks for your efforts in helping our area kids!

Native American Guest Speaker Series

Throughout this spring semester, Montana Humanities will be sponsoring a guest speaker series. The series will include four guest speakers, one from each Hi-Line Reservation. The speakers will present in the Hensler Auditorium. The first speaker will be Alvin WindyBoy, with an elder, from Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation, on Wednesday January the 25th from 2-3 pm. The topic is yet to be determined.

First Annual Fresno Ice Derby

The Agribusiness Committee of the Havre Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an ice fishing derby at Fresno Reservoir on January 28 and 29. Money generated from this event helps sponsor scholarships at MSU-Northern. Our agriculture students have received scholarships from the Agribusiness Committee for many years and this is a fundraiser that helps support our students. If you are interested in participating, you can access the registration form here:

<http://www.havremt.com/events/icefish/Fishing%20Application.pdf>

For the rules you can visit here: <http://www.havremt.com/FISHING%20RULES%202012.pdf>

What's Your Most Memorable Book?

By Dr. Carol Reifschneider

Years ago I was flipping through the channels on my television and came across the rather new channel, C-SPAN. The program playing at that time featured authors discussing reading and writing. David Halberstam, author of *The Brightest and the Best* (and other noteworthy books), and David McCollough, author of *John Adams* (among other noteworthy books) were among the interviewed authors. As the discussion progressed, the question, "Were you always a reader?" arose. Both authors said they did not grow up as avid readers, but at some point they came across a book that completely changed their desire to read. McCollough's most memorable book was *Stillness at Appomattox* by Bruce Catton.

Reading broadens one's horizons, and it promotes proper grammar and word usage, but often avid readers are not just born. Passionate readers develop through exposure to all types of reading material.

So with that said, MSU-Northern faculty, staff, and students, what is your most memorable book? Please send the title and author of your most memorable book to Library Director, Vicki Gist, or myself, Carol Reifschneider. We would like to feature a reader and his or her book choice in the NNN each week of February. In your submission, please include (along with the book title and author) a brief write up as to why the book is so memorable for you.

Contact Vicki Gist at: gist@msun.edu or 265-3706 or contact Carol Reifschneider at: reifschneider@msun.edu or 265-3768.

Chancellor's Corner

By: Dr. James Limbaugh
Chancellor, MSU-Northern

Public comprehensive universities like MSUN are able to achieve their educational goals through a combination of resources: faculty, staff, facilities, curricular offerings, and community/alumni/legislative support. However, one significant component of ongoing institutional excellence hasn't yet been mentioned.

Institutional accreditation

I fervently believe that institutional accreditation is the single most important asset of any university or college. Without it, an institution loses access to federal financial aid funds and often has difficulty in having its courses accepted for transfer to other institutions.

At MSUN, we are governed by the standards of the [Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities](#). I encourage you to take the time to review the standards, because they outline expectations of virtually every program and service on our campus; in other words, we all have a responsibility to be knowledgeable about institutional accreditation. Ongoing attention to institutional accreditation will be one of my top priorities, especially as the tenets of accreditation are interwoven into our strategic planning process. To this end we have established two important deadlines. On May 1, 2012 we will have completed a student learning assessment plan. On July 1, 2012 we will have finished a fully-vetted institutional assessment plan (focusing on non-academic units). I want to encourage everyone to assist the committee members and contribute to the completion of these plans by the dates required.

A peer review team has evaluated our Year One Review Report (available on the [MSUN website](#)) and we will be distributing their report when we receive it. A permanent, campus-wide committee will focus on the NWCCU standards on a year-round basis so that the drafting and submittal of required reports will become part of the regular cycles and rhythms of our campus.

In closing, I encourage you to visit the "Visioning Initiative" display in the Library. This exercise, in and of itself, provides a foundation for the fulfillment of NWCCU Standard Three ("Planning and Implementation"): "The institution engages in ongoing, participatory planning that provides direction for the institution and leads to the achievement of the intended outcomes of its programs and services, accomplishment of its core themes, and fulfillment of its mission." Provide your comments often; periodically visit the display and contemplate the thoughts and opinions of others. Our vision for the MSUN of the future lies within each of you.

Alumni in Action

By Autumn Elliot

Calling all Golden Graduates

Each spring, Montana State University - Northern hosts a Golden Reunion for all the 50 plus years classes. Our Golden Reunion at Montana State University - Northern will be on Friday May 4 and Saturday May 5, 2012. The University and the Alumni Association will give you their undivided attention; so anticipate two days filled with special events, memories and fun. Please encourage all your friends from your class to attend the Golden Reunion. A personal call will do wonders (the Alumni Office can help you find phone numbers and addresses). Please help us contact lost classmates by providing information to the Office of Alumni Relations at (406) 265-3770 or e-mail us at alumni@msun.edu. We have the potential for the largest turnout of any of the Golden Graduate classes. A registration form will be sent to all Golden Graduates soon.

We look forward to seeing you in May when we'll have a tremendous Golden Graduate Class Reunion! This promises to be a memorable weekend filled with opportunity to renew friendships, share memories and enjoy the spring beauty on campus.



@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Are you looking for a topic for a speech or paper? The Library has several databases that can offer topic suggestions and help get you started with your research. Take a look at Credo Reference, CQ Researcher, or Opposing Viewpoints in Context. Use these three databases to get an overview of your topic of interest and locate information in newspapers, journals, magazines and books. Many of the articles can be read with the click of the mouse. Go to the Library's A-Z list of databases webpage <http://www.msun.edu/infotech/library/DbDescript.htm> to use these databases. Stop by or call the Library for assistance in using any of these databases.

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Outlook 2010

Use color to identify mail messages to and from specific people

One way to increase productivity is to use color to identify specific messages so you can spot them instantly in a crowded Inbox. If you use multiple folders, color can help you distinguish messages within a specific folder. Regardless of why you apply color, it'll help you quickly spot messages that are important to you. Fortunately, this process is much easier than you might think using conditional formatting. Here's how:

1. With your Inbox open, click the **View** tab, and then click **View Settings** (in the **Current Settings** group).
2. In the resulting **Advanced View Settings** dialog box, click the **Conditional Formatting** button.
3. Click **Add** and give the new "rule" a name - such as *From The Boss*.
4. Click the **Font** button, choose a color from the **Color** dropdown, and click **OK**.
5. Now click the **Condition** button and then click **From**.
6. Find the contact, double-click it to add it to the From control, and click **OK** four times.

Outlook will display existing messages from the designated contact in the assigned color. It will also display new incoming messages in red as they arrive.

You could also create a coloring rule for messages sent to specific people - just follow the above instructions except in step #5, click Sent **To** instead of **From**.

TidBit

By Bill Lanier

Did you know that the Lights Basketball team is leading the Men's NAIA Division I in Scoring Defense per Game at 56.43? And the Skylights are only allowing 54.47 points per game. They are ranked 10th in Women's NAIA Division I.

Featured Program

Health and Physical Education: The Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education and Health will prepare students for the education job market by equipping them with the basis of knowledge they will need to instruct K-12 health and physical education. Theoretic elements of health and physical education are taught to the candidates in the classroom and through field experience. The market for health and physical education teachers is usually steady. Many HPE teachers also find employment in coaching and/or wellness fields.