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From the Chancellor

By Dr. James M. Limbaugh

The horrific events at the Boston Marathon this week remind us that in today's world terror can strike any place and at any time. Therefore, it is important that Montana State University-Northern be vigilant in its duty to protect our students, our property, and ourselves.

To that end, I provide you an update on the work accomplished thus far to build upon and update MSUN's disaster response and mitigation plan.

- The Chancellor's Council has provided initial input into areas of concern that have surfaced since the shootings at Virginia Tech (The current disaster response plan was released in March 2007; the Virginia Tech shootings occurred in April 2007 and our plan has not been updated since then). Of importance in this initial discussion was the assessment of the capabilities of our information technology/communications systems to operate in a crisis.
- An initial meeting has been held with local law enforcement agencies to assess their level of response time and to develop an understanding of the community services available in case of a campus emergency.
- An ad hoc committee (Jim Limbaugh, Dan Ulmen, Brian Simonson, Stuart Sparvier, and Michael DiBrizzi) has evaluated all the materials produced in 2007 and has identified areas in need of updating. The first result of this effort is the creation of the one-page disaster/emergency checklist which was announced in last week's Northern Network News.
- An initial roster of necessary equipment upgrades (e.g., generators) and supplies has been generated for budget consideration.
- The Safety and Disaster Committee, as originally outlined in MSUN policy 307.1, has been revitalized to provide leadership to MSUN efforts to respond to disasters, either natural or man-made. Members of this committee will serve as MSUN's emergency response team and will receive adequate training on a regular basis. Members of this committee will

include the Director of Facilities, the Director of Human Resources, the Director of Student Health Services, the Director of Dining Services, the Director of Student Life, the Chief Information Officer, the Director of University Relations, and two members of the faculty representing Criminal Justice and Nursing. The chair of the committee will be the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance.

- Nine members of the MSUN community participated in a recent two-day workshop facilitated by the American Red Cross to develop individual preparedness skills appropriate to disaster response.
- The University partnered earlier this spring with local law enforcement officials to host an active shooter exercise and training in Donaldson Hall.
- All emergency protocols developed for the MSUN campus will adhere to tenets of the [National Incident Management System](#).
- This summer, two important initiatives will be completed.
 - The aforementioned Safety and Disaster Committee will substantially complete, for operational purposes, the revision and updating of our emergency plans to ensure that processes are in place as of the opening of the fall 2013 semester.
 - Stuart Sparvier, Director of Student Life, has drafted a proposal for the creation of a Behavioral Intervention Team, whose sole purpose is to evaluate and track, in a proactive and preventive fashion, information received through reports from the campus that may reveal patterns of behaviors of concern to the community at large. These teams, now in place or in development at campuses across the country, have become increasingly important as universities grapple with what was once the unthinkable (if you would like more information on BITs, please follow [this link](#)). This team will be fully in place for the fall semester.

Through our collective awareness and our proactive efforts as a community, we will ensure that we keep our campus as safe as possible.

This Week on Campus

Campus Honors Those Killed in Bombing

In accordance with the Presidential Proclamation on April 16, 2013, and by request of Governor Bullock, MSU-Northern's flags are being flown at half-staff until sundown on Saturday the 20th of April 2013, to honor the memory of those who died and those who were injured in the bombing on April 15, 2013 in Boston.

Northern Hosts TekNoXpo



(left) Sanjel was just one of the many industry partners who provided specialty equipment for the event. (right) Students learn about plumbing fittings and equipment as they build their own marshmallow guns.

TekNoXpo was in full swing on this chilly April Wednesday! Each year, high school juniors and seniors from across the state visit our campus to learn about the programs MSU-Northern's College of Technical Sciences has to offer and to get hands-on experience with some cool equipment.

This year there were 225 students who made up 7 groups. The students were able to access take part in multiple learning activities like: Excavator Simulator (involving 2 simulators), Backhoe Basketball (with 4 backhoes), and Skid Steer Racing (utilizing 4 skid steers). The Electrical and Plumbing programs did an activity using marshmallow shooters; Design Drafting and Business held a marshmallow challenge; Diesel, Automotive and Agriculture used large trucks and Chassis Dynamometer; and Welding demonstrated the robotic welder and brazing techniques.

Great Falls High School Students Visit Campus



A group of students from Paris Gibson, CM Russell, and Great Falls High students visited MSU-Northern this week. They visited the day after TekNoXpo so they were able to do some of the same activities. Here are some of those students learning how to braze.

One Remarkable Violinist



Monday night Jack Glatzer gave an outstanding presentation and shared some amazing insights into Italian music. He made his 310-year-old violin sound like a symphony. One minute it had a breathy flute-like quality and the next it sounded like a trumpet. His repertoire included Bach, Paganini, Bartok, Locatelli, Ysaye, Bloch, Stravinsky, Elgar, Rochberg and Sculthorpe. It was truly a night to remember.

Reggae Artist, Cas Haley Croons for MSUN Audience



America's favorite homegrown reggae artist, Cas Haley, performed at MSU-Northern this week. The 2007 "America's Got Talent" contestant has been gaining a fan base ever since his appearance on the show's second season. The result was no different at MSUN. Those in attendance seemed to thoroughly enjoy Haley's laid-back style. If you missed Haley's performance, but would like more information on this artist, visit www.cashaley.com.

Student Art Exhibition



The Annual Student Art Exhibition opened this Wednesday in the Student Union Gallery. Each spring MSUN students from several campus program disciplines exhibit a variety of artwork in drawing, painting, ceramic, photography and digital media. Opening night was well attended once again, and many student artists were commended for their incredible work. If you were unable to make it to Wednesday night's opening, please take some time during the next week to view this amazing collection of artistic talent.

Students Help with Hands-on History



Last Saturday several students, staff, and faculty from MSU-Northern helped local children get a grip on the past through the sixth annual Hands on History which was held at the Holiday Village Mall. This fun and educational event helped children see how things were done in the past. There was more than 30 activities which included making ice cream; learning to throw an atlatl, making a clothes pin doll; riding a horse; making a puppet; learning to tool leather and much more.

Northern Seeks to Help Adult Learners

Over 164,000 adults in Montana have partially completed their college degree. Northern has been working with the Office of Commissioner of Higher Education and their two-year initiative to seek ways to help adult learners complete their degree. Therefore, Northern took part in the Noel Levitz Adult Learner Inventory and the Institutional Self-Assessment Survey. The results of those surveys are now in and will help future strategies and it will give us a benchmark to determine our successes.

Important Announcements

Program Review Update

The Program Prioritization Review report completed by the Academic Council has been submitted to Chancellor Limbaugh. The report contained the recommendations from the colleges' deans and chair, Academic Senate, Academic Council and the Provost. A copy of the report will be made available on the Provost's website shortly. Chancellor Limbaugh will review the recommendations and may final decisions on May 10, 2012.

Northern Montana College
honors its

Golden Graduates



Golden Grads, You Are Invited to be our Special Guests....

By Autumn Elliot

The Northern Alumni Association and MSU-Northern cordially invite you to your Golden Graduation Reunion. You will be our honored guests for two memorable days on campus that will include tours, the annual alumni meeting, and a lot of time to socialize with classmates and friends. We are inviting all Golden Grads who graduated 50 years ago as well as those who graduated more than 50 years ago. The Northern family believes that you should not have to wait 10 years to come back to campus. If you came back for your Golden Graduation and would like to come again, please feel free to do so. Also for those of you that were not able to come to your 50-year reunion, please come and join us this year. We would love to see you and your family.

Friday evening is a special evening for Founder's Excellence and Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame. This banquet is our opportunity to recognize those who have done so much for Northern. This evening will include a special presentation made to our Golden Graduates.

Commencement is the highlight of the weekend as our Golden Grads march in the processional. We will honor you as you receive a new diploma while gowned in gold.

Your timely response and participation will help make this reunion a success. Please let us know as soon as possible if you will be attending so we can include you in the graduation program. To register, simply complete the form (instructions for the form are included below) and return it with your payment to the Northern Alumni Association. It is advisable to arrange for accommodation early, as Havre will be buzzing with activity and people that weekend.

Please encourage your friends from your class to attend the Golden Reunion. A personal call can do wonders (the Alumni Office can help you find phone numbers and addresses). You can also help us contact lost classmates by providing information to the Alumni Office.

If you cannot attend the reunion, but would like to share special memories with your classmates, please complete the "Memories" form and return it to the Alumni Office for publication in the Reunion booklet.

Click on link to open registration form. Fill it out and send it in for a great weekend!!

<http://msun.edu/alumni/docs/2013GoldnGradsLetter.pdf>

Upcoming Events

A Steady Rain



Montana Actors' Theatre opened another show last weekend- *A Steady Rain* written by Keith Huff. This dark plot follows two policemen who mistakenly return a missing child to a serial killer who claims to be the boy's uncle. Confusion and despair surround the policemen as they try to decipher who is most at fault for this tragedy. Though this play promises to be gripping, it contains adult situations and language, and is not recommended for children. If you'd like to attend this event, the remaining shows are on April 19-20 and 25-27. The doors and backstage lounge open at 7:30 p.m., and the show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, and MSUN students can view the show for free with their current I.D. cards.

Sock Hop/Malt Shop Dance



If you're looking for something fun to do this weekend, don your dancing shoes and hop on over to the Sock Hop this Friday at 7 p.m. Chi Alpha is sponsoring a 50s style dance in the red bus barn behind

the Havre Assembly of God Church (at 901 9th St West). The event will include lots of swing dancing, 50s and 60s tunes (mixed in with some modern songs), and an ice cream bar with options like root beer floats, sundaes, and milkshakes. If you'd like to dress to match the theme, feel free. It'll be a fun throwback in time.

Directions from MSU-Northern to the barn: Head west on 11th street. Turn right on Boulevard Ave. Go 2 blocks to the top of the hill. The church is on right hand side.

Spring Havre PRIDE is April 20th

Join the Havre PRIDE Committee, Saturday, April the 20th to clean up our town. Your help is much needed to clean up our community after the long winter that dirtied our streets. Working together to clean up our town makes the task easier. Show your PRIDE! Let the Chamber know if you have selected a certain area to pick up by calling 265-4383.

Also, the Recycle Drive and E-Waste Collection will run from 8 a.m. to noon on the corner of 1st St. and 5th Ave. They will be accepting: aluminum- separate from other materials, cardboard and boxboard- flattened, e-waste- TV and computer screens, glass- triple rinsed with lids removed, paper- all newspaper, junkmail, office paper, etc., plastic #1 and #2- triple rinsed with lids removed, tin, and other metal. Call Candi at (406) 899-6513 for more info about the collection.

Campus Improvement Day - April the 23rd

Since 1932, Northern has set aside a day for general campus clean-up and campus improvement. This year's Campus Improvement Day is set for April the 23rd at 1 p.m. and is sponsored by the Associated Students of MSU-Northern. Students, faculty and staff who participate in this event will receive a free T-shirt. Some of the projects assigned this year will be raking and general cleanup. Departments on campus are encouraged to clean up their own area. This is a day to take pride in Northern and make it the best it can possibly be.

Join a team or work on your own. Campus Improvement Day registration forms are available at the SUB Information Desk. Teams will meet at 1 p.m. in the SUB Lobby to receive T-shirts, work assignments and cleaning materials.

Retirement Reception

There will be a retirement reception on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the MSU-Northern SUB Ballroom. We will be honoring James Edwards, Michael Ley, Vaughn Rundquist, and Janet Trethewey for their years of dedicated service at MSU-Northern.

12th Annual Tucker Montgomery Folf Tournament

The 12th Annual Tucker Montgomery Folf Tournament will be held on April 24 at 5 p.m. on the MSU-Northern's folf course. The tournament will include singles, doubles, and team divisions. Registration forms are available at the SUB Information Desk. Registration forms are due at the SUB Information Desk by April 24 at 5 p.m. All participants will receive a T-shirt to commemorate this year's tournament. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each division and a free BBQ will follow on the SUB East Lawn.

Waffle Wednesday



The last Waffle Wednesday of the year will take place this coming Wednesday (4/24) at 8 p.m. in the MacKenzie Hall common area. Come try flavored cake batter waffles or a regular batter waffles with tons of crazy toppings (peanut butter, frosting, fruit, syrups, or even ice cream). Milk will also be on the menu for the night to help tone down the sugar rush. As always, this event is free of charge, so bring your dorm friends, and join Chi Alpha for one last waffle-hurrah before the summer begins.

NorthPoint Auction Coming Soon!

Our campus adopted the NorthPoint Card Rewards Program in the Fall of 2012. NorthPoint is a program developed to connect MSU-Northern students to Northern's extracurricular events and activities.

Over 500 students have earned points this semester for attending school-related events such as: intramural and recreation activities, athletic functions, dances or comedy or variety shows, the Chancellor's Lecture Series, Northern Showcase events, SUB Fitness Center or the Pin-n-Cue recreation area. These points will be calculated and posted in the SUB Lobby.

At the NorthPoint Auction, students spend those points on prizes. The silent auction will begin April the 25th at 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Conference Room. At 8 p.m., in the Ballroom, the live auction will begin. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Students don't forget to check your points!

Sweetgrass Society Pow Wow

The 37th Annual Sweetgrass Society Pow Wow is scheduled for April 26-27 in the MSU-Northern Armory Gymnasium. Grand Entry will begin Friday, April the 26th at 6 p.m. Admission is free. Come celebrate and enjoy Montana's Native culture. For more information, call Jaakko Puisto at 265-3595.

Athletic Hall of Fame - May 3

Montana State University Northern has a tradition of excellence both in the classroom and with its athletics; this tradition goes back to Northern Montana College's first athletes and has continued through its 86-year history. The Northern Alumni Association recognizes the students and coaches who built that tradition by inducting two outstanding men into its Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame. Emmett Willson of Miles City, Montana, and the late Larry Sapp of Havre, Montana, will be presented commemorative awards in a ceremony during the Founder's Excellence & Hall of Fame Banquet on the Northern campus Friday, May the 3rd. We are proud to induct these two amazing men to our Athletic Hall of Fame!

The Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes players, managers, and coaches for achievement of athletic

honors in their sports and to individuals for their outstanding and meritorious service to Northern Athletics. We would like to invite you to join us as we induct these amazing Northern standouts May the 3rd at 5 p.m. The cost is \$25/person and includes a prime rib dinner. Please RSVP in advance, tickets are available at the door or through the Alumni office at 406-265-3770.

Weekly Columns

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

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"Help-I need 5 articles for my paper!" Is this you? A good starting place to find articles is the "Academic Search Complete" or "Academic OneFile" databases. Both databases include articles on many, many topics and have lots of complete articles that you can download. If your topic is a "hot social issue," try the "Opposing Viewpoints In Context" or "Points of View" databases for articles, topic overviews, and statistics. Still need additional information? Try some of the specialized subject databases that can be found on at <http://www.msun.edu/infotech/library/dbtopics.htm>. Don't forget, you can always stop by the library for suggestions on other databases to use for your research.

Extended hours start on Monday, April the 22nd. The library will be open until 11:00 p.m. most nights until May the 3rd. The library will also be open on Saturday, April 27 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Check the library's webpage (<http://www.msun.edu/infotech/library/index.htm>) for a complete listing of hours.

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Word 2010 Tip

Ways to select text (Part 1 of 2)

Besides entering text, selecting text is probably the most common task for most Word users. Almost every task begins by selecting something. Perhaps that's why there are so many ways to select text. The following is a list of some of those methods. There are more - but these are the easiest ones.

Click and drag

Probably the most intuitive and common way to select text is to click and drag the mouse in any direction.

Shift + arrow

To move one character or one line at a time, hold down the **Shift** key and press the right, left, up or down arrow keys.

Shift + Home or Shift + End

Pressing **Shift + Home** selects everything from the cursor to the left margin in the current line. Similarly, **Shift + End** will select everything from the cursor to the last character to the right.

Double-click

To select the current word, double-click it. Word will select to the left and right of the cursor, until it encounters a space character.

Triple-click

A triple-click selects the current paragraph.

Margin + click

To select an entire line, move the cursor into the left margin. When you see the cursor turn into an arrow pointer, click. Doing so will select the current line. Clicking twice will select the paragraph, and clicking three times will select the whole document.

Margin + click and drag

This selection method is similar to the previous one. If you drag while holding down the mouse Word

will select multiple lines. Word will stop selecting when you stop dragging.

Ctrl + a

Pressing **Ctrl + a** selects the entire document.

Ctrl + click

To select a sentence (not just a line), hold down **Ctrl** and click any place within the sentence.

Tune in next week as we wrap up ways to select text in a Word document...

A Pinch of Salt

By Kimmi Boyce

To stick to the April theme, here's a quick money saving tip: use the "PERK" system. When you look at expenses in your day-to-day life, decide whether you can "Postpone," "Eliminate," "Reduce," or "Keep" the expense. Some money-eating habits are frivolous and need to be reevaluated. Use this system to itemize your large and small expenses.

Info gleaned from: http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-505125_162-37442796/5-quick-painless-money-saving-tips/

Mission Statement

"MSU Northern, a teaching institution, serves a diverse student population by providing liberal arts, professional and technical education programs ranging from certificates through master's degrees. The university promotes a student centered and culturally enriched environment endorsing lifelong learning, personal growth and responsible citizenship. The university partners with a variety of community and external entities to enhance collaborative learning, provide applied research opportunities, stimulate economic development and expand student learning experiences."