

# NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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*"The Library has the best coffee on campus" - Aurora & Boris*

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## From the Chancellor

By Dr. James M. Limbaugh

This legislative update is current as of this week's NNN deadline (Wednesday, March 20, noon):

HB 13, the pay plan, did not pass out of the House Appropriations committee. The College Affordability Plan (CAP) is affected by this action, because the CAP consisted of two parts: a present law adjustment and a fully-funded pay plan. Without a pay plan, the Board of Regents would have to reassess the system's position if only the present law adjustment were passed. However, it is generally felt that eventually some kind of pay plan will be enacted, with the only questions being in what form and at what funding level.

HB 2 passed this week by an extraordinary vote of 100-0. Included within HB 2 was total biennium funding of \$400,000 for MSUN's Bio-Energy Center.

HB 14, the bonding bill, continues to move forward, with a hearing expected this week in the House appropriations committee. There has been no change to the funding levels assigned to each project within the bill; i.e., MSUN's auto-diesel building's total cost of \$7.9M is still funded at \$5M, with the expectation that we will raise the balance of approximately \$3M through private donations.

HB 240, informally known as the "guns on campus" bill, continues to make its way through committee hearings.

Speaking in a broader context, it is important to note that the Montana University System remains appreciative for the support it has received so far from the legislature and, in particular, our local legislators: Senators Jergeson and Windy Boy and Representatives Hansen and Warburton.

## This Week on Campus

### GE Donates Training Engine



General Electric Transportation (GE) recently donated a cut-away Tier II/Tier III Diesel locomotive training engine and specialized tooling to MSU-Northern's Diesel Technology program. GE will also assist in faculty training and curriculum design for the new training module. The custom training engine and specialized tooling are valued at a million dollars.

GE and Northern have had an ongoing partnership for many years and Northern credits the partnership as a reason why their Diesel graduates are sought after on the global market. A previous GE donation of a 7FDL Diesel engine cut-away is currently used in the program to give students real life work experience on GE's big bore engines. This new investment will help bridge the gap between the older and the newer technology used in modern locomotive engines.

General Electric Transportation has been employing MSU-Northern graduates for many years in full time and intern positions. Since 1996 GE has hired 85 full time employees and 81% of current employees are in upper management positions within the company. Jason Greenwood, a past graduate and current GE/BNSF Havre Shop Manager, agrees that the partnership is a win-win: "The benefit of this partnership is twofold. MSU Northern gets the latest up-to-date technology in locomotive emission engine design and the advanced tooling for its students. This allows industry to do our part in preparing the students for what they will see out in the work environment. Industry receives highly trained and qualified employees."

Greg Kegel, Dean of Technical Sciences at Northern, says, "This partnership is the result of high expectations and coordinated planning between MSU-Northern's faculty and the management team at GE. Every student in our program will benefit from this effort. We sincerely thank General Electric for making it happen." [Click here](#) to see a video of this event.

## Wrestling Team Places Third in Nation



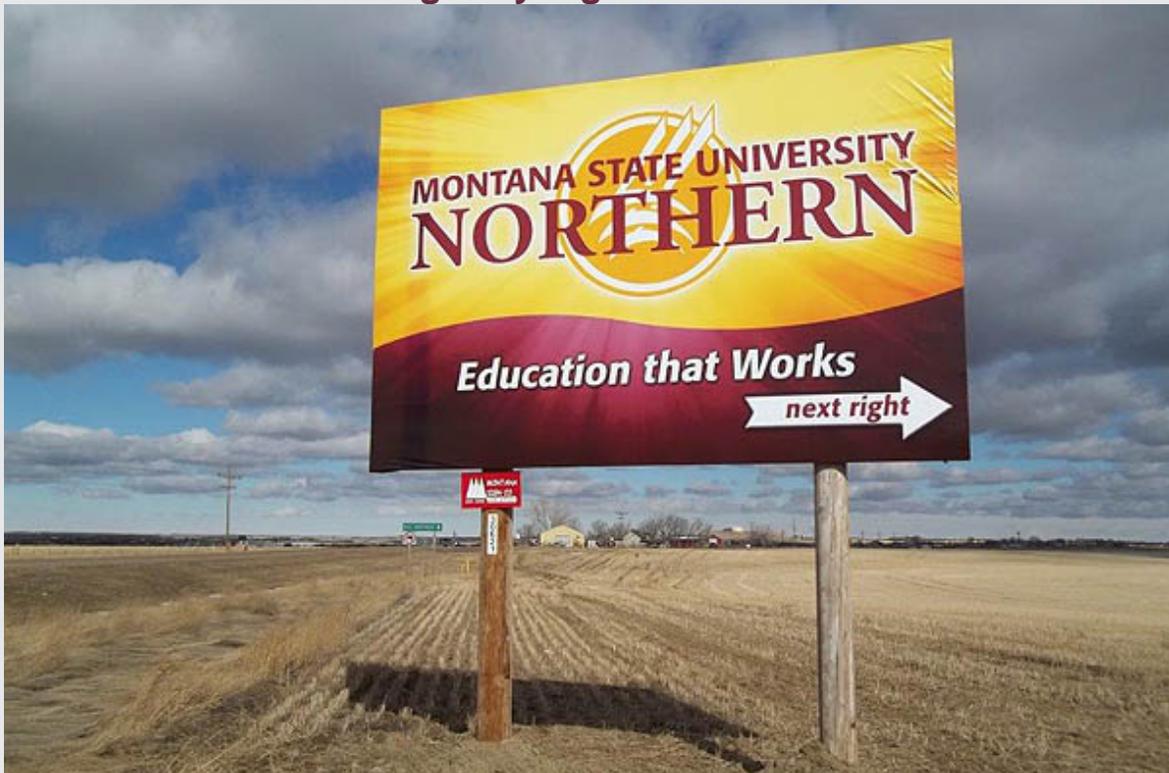
The MSU-Northern wrestling team placed third at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national tournament held recently in Des Moines, Iowa. Seven wrestlers from MSU-Northern were also named to the All-American team. Pictured here from left to right are coach Austin Ouellette, Kody Reed, Max Payne, student assistant Anthony Weerheim, Aaron Lafarge, Eli Hinebauch, Mickey Cheff, coach Tyson Thivierge, Ethan Hinebauch, Cameron Neiss, Toby Cheff, Duell Stadel, coach Dustyn Azure and Trevor Goss.

## Scholarship Celebrations



MSU-Northern faculty, staff, students and donors gathered in Northern's Vande Bogart Library this week to recognize students' achievements and Northern's generous donors. At the celebration, more than 200 continuing student scholarships totaling more than \$150,000 were given out for the 2013-2014 academic year. Thank you and congratulations!

## Northern Gets a New Highway Sign



Now potential students coming from Great Falls will be met with a new Northern sign. This sign is designed to promote Northern and to help visitors to find their way to campus. The sign is on highway 87 just before the Old Post Road turnoff. We want to thank Montana Sign for helping to make this sign a reality.

## Students Enjoy Ireland



Spring break 2013 found a group of 22 MSUN students, faculty, staff, friends, family, and Havre community members touring Ireland. The group toured the Ring of Kerry including Torc Waterfall in

Killarney National Park where this picture was taken. The students are from left to right: Kimmi Boyce, Emily Bean, Laura Evans, Andrew Bradshaw, Maure Murdock, Leah Olson, and Kirsten Wilhelm. In addition, the group was able to experience St. Patrick's Day in Dublin which featured the St. Patrick's Day parade followed by an Irish music and dance show, which also showcased the talents of a couple of the students! Who knew they were so talented!

## Spring Break Photo Contest



Attention Northern Students: we are hosting a photo contest to determine the best photo from this year's spring break. So, if you have a photo from your break that you are proud of, email it to [admissions@msun.edu](mailto:admissions@msun.edu). We will post the photos on our Facebook site. The photo with the most "likes" by March 28 will be the contest winner. Submit as many photos as you like, we just ask that you keep the images clean and we reserve the right to refuse any photos. Submitting your photo allows Northern to use your photo in promotional publications. The winner will receive a \$100 iTunes gift card and their winning photo will be featured in the Northern Network News and on our Facebook site.

## Northern Takes Part in Legislative Reception



All the campuses and units of the Montana University System joined forces last week for a joint legislative reception. Held at the Helena College UM's airport campus, the reception featured the great work of our students, faculty, agencies and programs from across the state. Legislators saw displays on everything from laser optics, agriculture, community engagement, student success programs, health care, music technology and much more. Pictured here is MSU-Northern's display which featured a robotic welder and 3D printer.

## Edwards Shares His New Book



Northern faculty and staff should be aware of several things going on in the life of our own Dr. James R. Edwards. First, Dr. Edwards had a new book published by University Press of America in January, titled *Painful Birth: How Chile Became a Free and Prosperous Society*. Copies are available in the campus bookstore.

Second, Dr. Edwards had a paper titled "Adverse Selection and Costs: The Diminishing Case for Insurance Market Intervention" published just last month in the *International Journal of Economics and Management Sciences* Vol. 2 No. 6, pp. 74-85. The *IJEMS* is an open-access online journal so the paper can be either downloaded or read online easily (well, maybe not easily; it would take significant knowledge of economics).

Last, Dr. Edwards is officially retiring at the end of this semester, needing a rest after having taught at Northern since the 1988/89 term and at other institutions of higher learning before that. For his contributions he has been

nominated for emeritus status, and he says he hopes that professors from all departments will put in a good word for him with The Powers That Be at Northern.

## Check out the Education Board



On the first floor of Cowan Hall, you will see the 2013 Department of Education's "Picture Board." The display includes pictures of this year's elementary and secondary school teacher education candidates, as well their major field of studies, and favorite quote. This photo board gives these candidates some publicity for their hard work and diligence to become educators. In addition, this "Picture Board" is a great way for MSU-N staff, faculty, and students to view the candidates, but it is also an effective recruiting technique for students and their parents/guardians who visit our Cowan Hall building. The photos were by Jim Potter, the layout was by McKenna Mielke and Justin Newton and it was printed by Autumn Elliot.

## Important Announcements

### Advance Registration

**Advance registration for the 2013 SUMMER semester will begin Monday, March 25**

**Advance registration dates for the 2013 FALL semester are:**

STUDENT CLASSIFICATION (As of end of Fall semester 2012-your class standing does not include Spring semester 2013 classes.)

SENIORS Tues., Mar. 26 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

(Sem. Cr. Earned: 90 or above)

JUNIORS Thurs., Mar. 28 beginning at 8:00 a.m.  
(Sem. Cr. Earned: 60-89)

SOPHOMORES Mon., Apr. 1 beginning at 8:00 a.m.  
(Sem. Cr. Earned: 30-59)

FRESHMEN Wed., Apr. 3 beginning at 8:00 a.m.  
(Sem. Cr. Earned: 0-29)

NEW STUDENTS Mon., Apr. 8 beginning at 8:00 a.m.  
Open registration will continue until the first day of classes.

**Graduate & post-baccalaureate students may register at any time beginning March 25, 2013**

## 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. Refreshments including cake, nuts and oatmeal raisin cookies will be served.

## Stacey Gonzalez Update

We want to thank everyone who participated in the fundraiser for Stacey Gonzalez. They were able to raise close to \$17,000 (this amount included a \$2,000 match from Thrivent). She is responding to treatments and if all goes well she should be home sometime in April.

# Upcoming Events

## Buldazzle - This Weekend

MSU-Northern Booster Club and Rodeo Team are hosting the Buldazzle bull riding event this Friday March 22, and Saturday March 23. Performances start at 7:00 p.m. at the Bigger Better Barn. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, kids under 10 get in free, and there will be a kids play area! Concessions and beer garden! Come out and enjoy some exciting bullriding and support the MSUN RODEO TEAM!

## Wilbur W. Rehmann In Concert March 28



The Chancellor's Lecture Series is pleased to present noted Jazz artist Wilbur W. Rehmann in concert on March 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hensler Auditorium. Rehmann will be presenting a music lecture entitled "American Art and Democracy Come Together in Jazz".

America is the only place that the art form called jazz could have been created. Rehmann begins by describing the roots of jazz in the field hollers and work songs of slaves and follows the art form through to the modern jazz era of the 40s, 50s, 60s, and beyond. Rehmann illustrates points with examples from recordings, his own saxophone playing, and video footage.

## **Comedian & Celebrity Impressionist Melissa Villasenor**

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern are proud to present America's Got Talent 2011 Semi-Finalist "Melissa Villasenor" ("Vee-uh-sin-ore") on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Hailing from Southern California, comedian and celebrity impressionist Villasenor is most well known as a semi-finalist on "America's Got Talent." Melissa's iconic impressions have been on Comedy Central's Adventureland, Family Guy and Frank TV.

Melissa grew up in Los Angeles and started her stand up career at 15 years of age performing at the Laugh Factory Comedy Camp. After years of hard work, she is now a regular at the Comedy Store, Improv's, Laugh Factory, and Comedy & Magic Club.

She did her first TV appearance on The Ellen DeGeneres Show and Sarah Silverman impressions on FrankTV. She also was in the Just for Laughs Montreal Comedy Festival as part of the New Faces show in 2010. Recently she played a part as Nora Ephron on Fox's "Family Guy." Melissa wrote and will star in her one woman show, "I'm Not Myself." You can catch Melissa perform and her many voices in stand-up shows all around the US.



Melissa is one of the most in-demand comedians in the college/university market...this is one show you don't want to miss! Admission for this performance is free to MSU-Northern students, faculty and staff. Community members may attend for \$5/adult and \$3/students.

## **Benefit Dinner for Soup Kitchen**

There will be a benefit dinner for the Havre Feed My Sheep Soup Kitchen on Saturday, April 6 in the Olympic Room at the Duck Inn. The dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. and includes an elegant roast beef dinner, a homemade pie auction, and live music from the "Nerds of Notes." Tickets are \$25/person and are available at: Cavalier's, Creative Leisure, & The Press. For more information call Tim at 265-8482.

## Northern Showcase presents The Alley Cats



THE ALLEY CATS will perform at the Havre High Auditorium April the 9th at 7:30 p.m. This will be the last performance of the 2012-13 Northern Showcase Concert Association season.

The Alley Cats began in California, and landed their first professional gig at Disneyland's "Blast to the Past." Soon after, they appeared on TV, radio shows, corporate events, performing arts centers, fairs, festivals, schools, and even a USO show aboard the John C. Stennis aircraft carrier welcoming home the troops from Iraq. Currently, the CATS are the opening act for Jay Leno in Las Vegas.

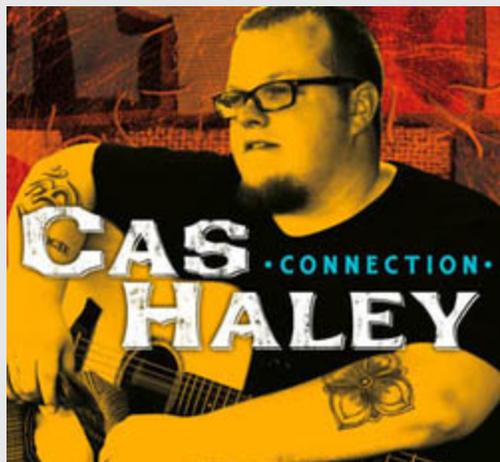
They are a perfect blend of musical talent and comic timing. Their interaction with audiences combined with their spontaneous humor make each show refreshing and exciting. The Alley Cats never miss a beat as they bring their own contemporary style to the great songs of the 50s and 60s. Their combined talent adds freshness and excitement to every show.

Tight harmonies, universal humor and unbelievable a cappella energy have made The Alley Cats "America's Premier Doo-Wop Group".

Individual tickets will be available at the door if you do not have a season pass for \$15/adults and \$10/students. For more information check their website at [www.thealleycats.com](http://www.thealleycats.com) or call Denise at 265-3732.

## ASMSUN Program Council Presents Reggae Artist, Cas Haley

America's favorite homegrown reggae artist, Cas Haley, will be performing at MSU-Northern on April the 16th at the Student Union Ballroom at 7 p.m. Haley first came to national attention in 2007 as a contestant on the second season of the television show "America's Got Talent", where he finished in second place and, in the process, garnered a huge audience of fans. Cas's debut album, which came out quickly to capitalize on the success of AGT, sold over 30,000 units in the US without a marketing



campaign or extensive distribution.

In his new album, *Connection*, Haley wanted to make a timeless album so he retreated to his home town of Paris, Texas, and took two years to create a record that honestly represented who he is as an artist. The process was long, but Cas has emerged with a strong musical statement.

One track on the album is a cover-version of the Commodores song "Easy," and upon hearing Haley sing his classic hit, Lionel Richie stated "he made it seem easy, and there's nothing easy about it." Since rising to prominence on the world stage, Haley has performed alongside such notables as UB40, Blues Traveler, Al Green, Los Lonely Boys, Martin Sexton, Soulive, Mofro, and Lucky Dube, to name a few.

Admission for this performance is free to MSU-Northern students, faculty and staff. Community members may attend for \$5/adult and \$3/student. For more info visit [www.cashaley.com](http://www.cashaley.com)

## Weekly Columns

### @ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Are you getting started on that big project or paper for your course? Do you need some books and articles that didn't come from the internet or Google? Check out the Library's LibGuides for recommended databases for different types of information. There are LibGuides designed for Nursing, Business, Education, Science, History, Writing and Speech and several technology classes. Each guide has links to recommended databases and print resources. You will also find tips on evaluating and citing sources and how to access these resources from home. You can do many searches using the search boxes included in the guides. These guides can be accessed from the "Library Guides (LibGuides)" link on the Library's home page (<http://www.msun.edu/infotech/library/index.htm>) or directly from <http://libguides.msun.edu/>.

If you are preparing to take the PRAXIS or NCLEX exams this Spring, you will find a display of study books in the Library. Near the Coffee Cart is a group of study books that you can check out and use at home. Many of these books contain CD's or DVD's with additional study resources. Many more print books can be found downstairs. There are also electronic study materials available in the "Testing and Education Reference Center" database. Look under the Career Tools tab for Medical/Nursing or Teaching (PRAXIS) for online practice tests and online study books. If you have any questions about any of these resources, contact the Library Staff.

### Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

#### Word 2010 Tip

##### Use the Navigation pane to increase productivity

Word's Navigation pane offers 3 features in one place: Browse by headings, Browse by pages and Find. To view this pane click the **View** tab and then in the **Show** section check **Navigation Pane** (or you can just press **Ctrl F**).

The first tab to the left displays your document's structure using the built-in heading styles. You can collapse and expand these nodes. To access a section, just click a node. It's that easy.

The second tab displays thumbnails of each page in the document. Click a thumbnail to go to that page.

The third tab gives quick access to Word's **Find & Replace** feature. Enter a search string and Word takes you to the first occurrence of the string in your document and highlights all other occurrences. In the pane itself, you'll find a list of each occurrence with the surrounding text. You can use the triangle arrows to move through this list. Clicking an item in the list selects it in the document - the selection in the pane always matches the selection in your document.

Clicking the dropdown by the search box will give you access to other search features such as **Advanced Search, Replace** and the ability to search for other elements such as graphics, tables, etc. The Options item will let you specify case, whole words, wildcards, and so on for your search.

Click the **X** to the right of the search string (and to the left of the dropdown) to clear the search string. And of course clicking the **X** at the top of the Navigation pane will close the pane.

## *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."