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Tennis Courts Get a New Life

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From the Chancellor

By Dr. James Limbaugh

At this week's meeting of the Board of Regents of the Montana University System, MSUN received multiple accolades for two significant achievements:

...the continuing implementation of the academic program prioritization process through the submittal of requests to put into either termination or moratorium thirty-two academic offerings (majors, minors, and certificates); and ...our success in meeting--and exceeding--our enrollment goal of 1,320 (head count), topping out at 1,334, as well as posting a first-year to second-year retention increase of 6.46%. My sincere thanks goes to each of you who have worked and continue to work tirelessly on these initiatives that are so important to the vitality and the future of Montana State University-Northern.

On another note, I want to express the appreciation of the entire University to the members of the Board of Trustees of the Montana State University-Northern Foundation, who earlier this week boldly voted to mount an aggressive three-year fundraising campaign to support important institutional goals in scholarships, student leadership, and academic enhancement. Of importance is that the decision to implement this initiative is in addition to our campaign to raise the necessary dollars to construct a new auto-diesel building.

Homecoming Issue

MSU-Northern Enjoys Enrollment Increase

The numbers are in and Montana State University-Northern's enrollment is up 4% (1334 headcount) as compared to last year's (1282 headcount). They are also up 2.1% in full-time equivalent (1080.38 FTE) students. We also have a 6.46% increase in the retention of our continuing students. This is the second consecutive year that MSU-Northern has experienced an increase in enrollment. Northern has 49 students who graduated from Havre High School last year. This number represents 42% of their graduating class which was 111 students.

SPIRITED "CAMPUS-WIDE DECORATING" COMPETITION



Last week we challenged Northern family and community members to get creative with their school spirit by decorating rooms for a spirit competition. The categories of the contest were: faculty office, staff desk, office reception area, RA dorm door, club display case, and community storefront. If you've gotten a chance to walk around campus this week, you've probably seen some of the fun, classy, crazy, and spirited designs. If you didn't happen to stroll by these decorated areas, we've included some photo examples for your enjoyment. The winners for each category will be announced at the football game on Saturday.

Hello Walk Gets a Face Lift



Every year during homecoming week the campus clubs rally together to recreate a bright and welcoming stairway near Pershing Hall. The Hello Walk is a fun tradition, as each club is able to show its purpose and personality via paint on a step.

Northern Club Fair



Northern's clubs gathered together to present their clubs to the campus this week. Students were able to talk to representatives, and sign up for new campus involvement.

HOMECOMING ELECTIONS

This week students voted for their 2013 Homecoming Court. The candidates included: Tyson Ferda and Mary Kaercher for the Ambassadors, Eric Billmeyer and Wendy White for PAS (Post Secondary Ag), Nick Louma and Kassie Kudrna for SEA (Student Education Association), Kody Reed and Molly Grubb for the Residence Hall Association, and Andrew Walker and Jordana Nile Mitchell for Sweetgrass Society. The votes are in, but the results have not been revealed. The Homecoming Court will be introduced, and the winners will be announced during the half-time of the Lights vs. Eastern Oregon football game on Saturday, September 21.

PIE YOUR FAVORITE CANDIDATE



"PIE YOUR FAVORITE CANDIDATE" has been a Northern tradition for several years. Last Wednesday, Northern students, faculty, and staff were encouraged to throw a pie at a favorite homecoming candidate. Usually these types of events are fundraisers for various clubs or organizations, and the recipients are well-known figures on campus or in the community; however, we just did this for the sake of having a fun homecoming week.

Northern Rodeo Success



Every year MSU-Northern's rodeo team takes part in the rodeo held in Havre. This year's rodeo was quite a memorable occasion as Northern's team placed third in the whole state. The leaders from Northern were Charlie Mack and Nick Owens. Both men scored high in bareback with Mack scoring a first-place 139 and Owens scoring the fourth place 116. Congrats rodeo team members!

Frontier Volleyball Player of the Week

Skylights volleyball player Kelsey Williams was named the Frontier Conference's volleyball player of the week. Averaging 4.29 kills during each set, Williams was in integral part of the wins last weekend. Good work Kelsey! You make Northern proud.

Northern Helps Clean 5th Avenue



Last Saturday was the annual fall HAVRE PRIDE DAY. The Northern cleaning team met at the park across from Taco John's and separated from there to pick up trash along 5th Avenue. Many of Northern's participants were seen wearing their MSU PRIDE t-shirts to show their pride for Northern alongside their community pride.

The activity was a success, as many trash bags were filled, multiple items were sent to be recycled, and 5th Avenue looked neat and clean once again. Thanks to all the people who participated in this event; Havre's streets are tidy and welcoming thanks to your efforts.

Constitution Day



Kelly Johns is taking a few minutes out of her busy schedule to learn a little more about our Constitution by looking at the Constitution Day display in the Vande Bogart Library. The United States Constitution was signed on Sept. 17, 1787, by 39 men at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. During September, MSU-Northern has been and will continue to celebrate the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution.

Important Announcements

Last day to:

- Drop a first-half semester class with a "W" is Friday, September 27, 2013

Dress Up for a Dollar Off Your Meal

The Northern Food Court is doing something new this year, and all faculty, staff, students, community members, and their families are invited. Once a month we will have a "Theme Dinner" in the Food Court. The dining room will be decorated to go along with the theme. If you dress according to the theme, you'll get a dollar off the price of your meal. The first meal was on Wednesday, and as it was Homecoming Week, people were asked to wear their best Northern Gear. Be on the lookout for the upcoming themed dinners.

Upcoming Events

GLOW RUN/CLINTON SHELTON BAND

The first annual Glow Run will be held tonight after dark at approximately 8:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the east entrance of the campus (near Morgan Hall). The Glow Run will include a 1-mile walk/run, a 3-mile run, and a 5-mile run. Maps will be distributed to show participants the course for each run, and t-shirts and glow items will be given to the first 100 people who register. The MSU-Northern Alumni will provide the music. After the race, former Northern Lights Basketball player Clinton Shelton will be performing his newest rap hits. Shelton was recently the opening act for Snoop Dogg. Tickets for this event are available in advance at the SUB Information Desk for \$10/adult or \$5/students with MSU-Northern students admitted free of charge.

Festival Days Parade - September 21

MSU-Northern is once again the official sponsor of the Festival Days Parade, so we want to have many Northern students and fans in attendance. Various campus clubs will display their school spirit with floats in the parade. Even if you don't have a float to ride, students, faculty, and staff are welcome to walk with the Northern Family (at the head of the parade). The event should be loads of fun, as always, so bring your friends and family out to the Festival Days Parade. It starts at 10 a.m.

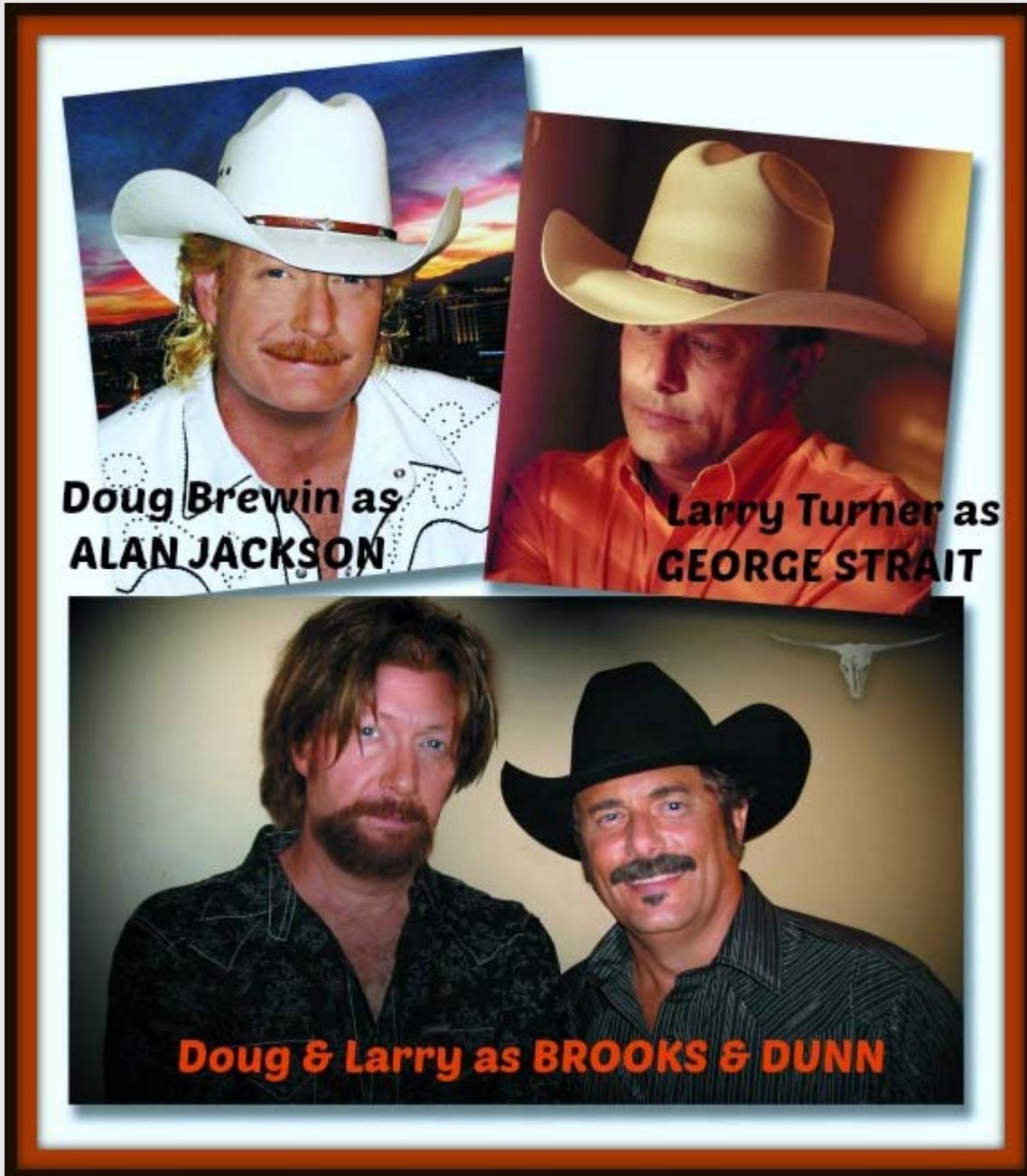
Northern Alumni Auction

The annual Northern Alumni Auction will be held September the 21st right after the Lights Homecoming Football game. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. with an all-you-can-eat taco cart at 5:30 p.m. The auction begins at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available from the Alumni Office. Stop by Cowan 307 or call 265-3770 to purchase yours today. Come for some camaraderie and an exciting auction that supports student scholarships. Don't forget your one-dollar bills for the Chinese auction!!

Alumni Weekend is BACK!

Join us on November the 29th and 30th for the Northern Alumni Games. This year will be the 1st annual Alumni vs. Alumni games. We will start off the weekend with Alumni Volleyball on November the 29th at 7 p.m. with a social to follow. Saturday will feature both the women and men's Alumni vs. Alumni games starting at 1:30 p.m. Then stay for the first conference home opener when the Lights and Skylights basketball teams take on Carroll College!

Country Superstars Tribute Tour stops in Havre



Why go to Branson when Branson can come to you? Encore Entertainment and Northern Showcase Concert Association presents the Country Superstars Tribute Show coming to Havre direct from Branson. The show features tributes to Alan Jackson by Doug Brewin, George Strait by Larry Turner and Brooks & Dunn by Doug & Larry. The show includes an amazing 6-piece band, including an incredible female vocalist, all from the Nashville area. "Doug and Larry perform all over the country in Las Vegas, Branson, Myrtle Beach, Lake Tahoe and Reno. Now they are on tour and they are coming to Montana. This is as close as the real thing," says John Raymond the promoter for the show.

Doug Brewin is a professional musician, rated by audiences, critics and the entertainment industry as one of the Top Celebrity Impersonators. A recent reviewer wrote: "Doug Brewin brings Alan Jackson to life with his tribute to the country master. Doug resembles and sounds so much like the real Alan, he fooled an awards show full of stars." Doug Holland -Branson Critic Magazine.

Larry Turner grew up playing music, and started playing professionally in 1976, receiving nine years of vocal training along the way. "When the father of the man you're paying tribute to, tells you that you

resemble his son, you know you must be doing something right." Interestingly, Larry received this compliment from Strait's father before deciding to become a professional tribute artist. Challenging himself to transition into a country music role, Larry has since developed an incredibly impressive act as George Strait. He now regularly pleases the audience with his renditions of George's songs, like "All My Exes Live in Texas" and "Amarillo By Morning"

Don't miss this authentic recreation of some of America's true Country Legends. The show will be at the Havre High School Auditorium on Tuesday September the 24th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are at Creative Leisure and at www.EasyTik.com. All tickets are general admission and are \$20.00 for adults with students (using their college I.D.s) only \$10.00.

Weekly Articles

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Banned Book Week (Sept. 22-28) is an annual event celebrating your freedom to read. Have you read *Fifty Shades of Grey*, *The Kite Runner*, *Captain Underpants*, or *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*? These are four of the top ten challenged books of 2012. To find out more about these challenged books visit http://www.ila.org/BannedBooks/BBW_2012-2013_Shortlist.pdf. You can also go to <http://www.ala.org/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks/top10> for more information about additional books.

Friday, September the 27th is Montana American Indian Heritage Day. In celebration of this day, the library will have a display of Indian artifacts from the Hagener collection. For more information about AIHD and Indian Education For All, visit <http://opi.mt.gov/programs/indianed/IEFA.html>.

Stop by the library to see the Banned Book Week and Montana American Indian Heritage Day displays. Also, sign up for the book tote bag drawings!

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Word 2013 Tip

Continue Editing a Document from Last Position

When you save a document in Word 2013, it also saves the location of the cursor. When you reopen the document a small pop-up appears in the document on the right that says "Welcome back! Pick up where you left off:" and how long ago you last edited the document. Simply click on the popup and it will move you to where you left off.

If you have an older version of Word you can try this to accomplish the same thing: press **Shift** and **F5** simultaneously.

From Your Learning Success Center

By Brittani Bergtoll

Websites to Help you Format Your Papers

Unsure how to format your next APA or MLA paper? Confused on how to include in-text citations? Wondering how to complete a works cited page? You should visit the Purdue OWL websites! These sites are easy to navigate and contain many visual examples. To find these websites, just type "Purdue OWL APA" or "Purdue OWL MLA" into your search engine browser. Then, click on the first result. The tabs on the left side of the page will help you to answer your questions. I hope you find these resources as useful as I do. If you have any more questions, or want face-to-face assistance, stop in and see me at the Learning Success Center.

A Pinch of Salt

By Kimmi Boyce

As the temperature begins to drop and the days lose their length and light, people often fall into a fall/winter slump. I've compiled a list of ten ways to bolster your tank of happiness through the long cold autumn and winter.

1. Spend time with glass-half-full type people. Their joy will rub off on you.
2. Curl up with a steamy mug of your favorite warm beverage and a good book, magazine, or newspaper.
3. Write an anonymous compliment to someone you care about, and secretly deliver it.
4. Exercise. Whether it's a brisk fall jog, relaxing yoga, or intense cardio, the endorphins will do wonders for your morale.
5. Write your Christmas wish list. Looking forward to the holiday cheer will give you something positive to focus on, even momentarily.
6. Blast your favorite song in the car or at home and sing it at the top of your lungs. You may push repeat as many times as necessary.
7. Eat fruit.
8. Get something done that you've been meaning to do for a long time. Conquer that to-do list item!
9. Call someone you love. Catching up can result in a boost in your outlook on the rest of the day.
10. Smile. ☺There are enough frowns walking around.

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."

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