

This Week on Campus

NorthWest Farm Credit Services Donates \$75,000 to MSUN Auto/Diesel Center



Last Friday, NorthWest Farm Credit Services presented Montana State University-Northern with a \$75,000 gift for the new Auto/Diesel Technology Center.

"We are honored to partner with MSU-Northern in support of the Auto/Diesel Technology Center project," explained Bill Perry, Montana President of Northwest Farm Credit Services. "This project will not only benefit the university and its students, it will provide a positive impact to industry partners as well as the North Central Montana community. Modern agriculture is reliant on diesel technology, and highly skilled diesel technicians are needed to keep farm machinery operating efficiently. We believe our investment today will pay dividends for the next generation of agricultural producers, and we are excited to contribute to this important project," said Perry.

"Northwest Farm Credit Services has made a commitment to serving higher education projects as well as rural community development across the Northwest," explained Jim Bennett, Director of the Northern Alumni Foundation. "They are excited to partner with MSU-Northern on this project because they see the educational and economic impacts that this project will have, not only in Havre, but across the Hi-Line. I would like to specifically thank Shaud Schwarzbach from Northwest Farm Credit Services' Havre office for advocating on Northern's behalf. The discussion of this gift started in October and Shaud took the helm and turned this generous donation into a reality. I cannot be happier to partner with Northwest Farm Credit Services, and I thank them for their support for this project," said Bennett.

State of the University Address



Yesterday Chancellor Greg Kegel gave his first "State of the University" address since being appointed Chancellor this fall. He outlined what we have achieved since September and stressed the importance of everyone's committed involvement in recruiting and retention. He shared that we need to build programs that focus on Northern's unique qualities. We are going to avoid the temptation to try and do everything, and we are going to expand our successful programs like criminal justice. He also stressed the importance of working together as a team and the importance of strategic "doing" not just strategic planning.

Ball Ticket Winners



This year Chancellor Kegel purchased eight tickets to the "We Love Northern Ball" to be raffled off to four lucky classified staff members. This week's winners are: Jillian Barber (left) and Jennifer Henderson (right). Congratulations! We will announce the other two winners next week, so stay tuned.

Northern Scientists Published in *Montana Professor*



Northern's Bio Energy Center's research scientists Dr. Randy Maglinao and Dr. Joynal Abedin recently co-authored an article in *Montana Professor* entitled "Developing a Conversion Process Technology to Produce the Next Generation Fuels and Chemicals from Natural Oils." The article stresses the importance of developing bio-fuels including bio-jet fuel to help reduce the negative effects of greenhouse gases. You can read this article and more at mtprof.msun.edu.

James Hersch Concert and Community Outreach



Singer/songwriter James Hersch performed at various venues this Thursday, reaching Havre residents of all ages and walks of life. He played and sang for the Northern Montana Hospital Care Center, St. Jude's School, the Eagles Manor, Highland Park Elementary School, in Northern classrooms, and he worked with Northern's student leadership groups. His tour of Havre continues today.

Hersch's performances are so much more than solely performance. They are outreaches- trying to connect people through a common "language"- music. Hersch was able to reach many people in Havre, some who came to him, and many he traveled to. In all circumstances attendees enjoyed Hersch's soothing voice and style, and some were even touched by the messages, lyrics, and words he shared.

We Love Northern Ball



The 29th annual "We Love Northern Ball" is only one week away, and we are pleased to announce that it is officially sold out. This year's ball will take place on February the 7th, and the theme is "The Roarin' 20s." It will feature authentic 20's cuisine and dancing to the music of "Blind Luck." We are going back to our original format of dressing up (20's attire) for an evening filled with excellent food, auction items, live music, dancing, and, of course, fun.

This event is one of Northern's primary fundraisers for new and returning student scholarships. Many of the students who take advantage of these scholarships are some of the sharpest students at Northern but they rarely qualify for athletic scholarships or federal financial assistance. This money often makes the difference between staying at Northern and dropping out of school. Anyone who still wants to make a contribution to the Ball Scholarship fund can do so through the Northern Alumni Foundation 265-3711.

Announcements

2015-2016 Scholarship Applications Deadline is January 30

Attention all continuing students: Your last day to apply for Northern scholarships is Friday, January 30. We encourage you to apply online by logging into Banner Web-MyInfo, but you also have the option to complete a paper version of the form, located on the financial aid page of the MSUN website. Last year we awarded over \$180,000 in continuing student scholarships. Please contact the Financial Aid Office, at 406-265-3787 with any questions. Don't miss this opportunity to earn scholarships for all your achievements.

Student Excellence Award Nomination

Each year we recognize up to ten students who have demonstrated exemplary service throughout their time as Montana State University - Northern students. The Northern family can assist in identifying those students who have represented themselves, MSUN and the community in a positive manner. Each faculty or staff member is allowed to submit up to four nominations. Thank you in advance for taking the time to nominate our outstanding students.

Student Excellence Award Nomination Criteria:

- Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to educational goals through their academic achievement and participation in extracurricular activities
- Any current student is eligible who will have earned the equivalent of 60 semester credits by the end of the Spring 2015 semester and must have been enrolled at MSU-Northern for Fall 2014 Semester
- The nominee must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75
- Previous winners are not eligible

How to nominate a student:

- * Pick up a form at the SUB Information Desk and return it to Kim Watson or
- * Email Kim Watson at kimberly.watson5@msun.edu with the following information:
 - Name of nominee
 - Email address of nominee
 - Cell number of nominee
 - Complete the following statement:

This student deserves a Northern Student Excellence Award for the following reasons:
Make sure you include your name, title, position, and identification or relationship to the student.

The deadline to submit nominations is 5 p.m. Friday, February 13, 2015.

Award recipients will be recognized on March 27, 2015 during the university scholarships and student awards ceremony. More information on this event will be available as the ceremony date approaches.

Upcoming Events

MAT's Show "9-Circles"- Final Weekend

In spring 2006, Private Reeves receives an honorable discharge from the army, returns home to Texas, and wakes up in a prison cell. On trial for brutal war crimes committed in Iraq, Reeves will not (or cannot) explain his motives. And everyone, from his lawyer to his pastor to the public, latches on to a different story. Mirroring Dante's Inferno, this fierce psychological drama ventures into the darkest corners of both the war and the mind -- in hopes of light on the other side. This play will be showing January 30-31 in the MSU-Northern/MAT Theatre. 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/seniors. This play contains adult language and content; audience discretion is advised.

Bingo - Feb. 4

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern will continue the monthly bingo night on February the 4th at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. Students can play several rounds of regular bingo for prizes, and the winner of the blackout bingo will receive a 7" Android 4.2 WiFi touch-screen tablet. ASMSUN will also provide free snacks and refreshments.

Coed Volleyball - Feb. 9

Intramural & Recreation coed volleyball will begin February the 9th. Pick up your rosters at the SUB Information Desk, and turn them in by 5 p.m., February the 6th. Games will be held from 8-10 p.m. in the Gym and will continue each Monday and Tuesday until February 24 with the tournament scheduled for March 2-3.

You don't have to be trained or be a sports superstar to join a team. It's meant to be a fun time getting to know each other, while taking part in a fitness event. The team that wins the tournament, wins a pizza party! SIGN UP TODAY!

Upcoming Faculty/Staff Workshops

Tech Snacks: Activities and Tools Galore- Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty. Give us 15 minutes of your time, get a tasty snack and some helpful instructional ideas. It's not easy creating opportunities for higher order learning - applying, analyzing, evaluating, creating - in the classroom or online. Extended University is developing a "menu" of activities and technology tools, each targeting a different level of learning. Come see what we have to offer, and share your own thoughts and suggestions. Tech Snacks is happening today, Friday, January 30, in the Extended University office (Cowan Hall 110) at 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., and in Brockmann Center 203 at 1:30 p.m.

Advising Workshop- this workshop will be informational and is recommended for all advisors. The workshop will review aspects of financial aid, change of major (and why it is important), holds, the Student Success Center, veteran certification, athletics, the Grades First early warning system, and wait lists. The workshop will take place on February 5 in Cowan Hall 319 at 4 p.m., and February 6 in Brockmann 209 at noon. Contact Tracey Jette for more information.

PASSHE Virtual Conference: Transforming the teaching and learning environment. This conference will take place February 9-20; stay tuned for more details, or contact Justin Mason in Extended University.

Second Advising Workshop- The second advising workshop will cover: Degreeworks, transferring credits and substitutions, general education paperwork and requirements, graduation paperwork, and tips from veteran advisors for new faculty and advisors. It will be held on February 19 in Cowan Hall 112 at 4 p.m. and February 6 in Brockmann 209 at noon.

Montana XLI Conference- The Extended Learning Institute (XLI) is Montana's premiere distance and blended education conference. XLI is a chance for innovative educators and administrators to come together and share what they know about applied educational technology. It will take place March 12-13 at Carroll College in Helena. For more information, visit <http://xli.carroll.edu/>

Karaoke Night- Feb. 18

Once a month this semester, the Program Council Committee is presenting "Karaoke" at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. The next karaoke night will be February 18. Come and practice those gutsy rock star songs and moves. Remember; the last karaoke night of the semester there will be a showdown to determine the best karaoke singer who will win a \$100 gift certificate. The dates of the other upcoming karaoke nights are: March 18 and April 15.

Weekly Articles

This Week's Writing Tip

By Terry Blosser

A summary accurately, objectively, and concisely provides the reader a helpful snapshot to grasp the purpose and meaning of the original text. When reading to write a summary, look for "chunks" or main ideas you can paraphrase in your own words. Jot down your paraphrase sentences in the order of the original text. This is your summary outline. Then insert key examples, quotes, and descriptions from the author to clarify and fill in the outline. Keep your opinions out, and be sure to include plenty of references to who says what in your summary.

Visit writing tutor Terry Blosser in the library, Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5 p.m.-7 p.m., and Fridays by appointment.

For more help with reading and writing topics, drop by the Learning Success Center in the library. Watch for the Writing Café coming soon!

From the Career Center

By Mary Heller

Recently, I've had a few students ask how they should prepare for the Spring 2015 Career Fair. I hope the following information will answer those questions.

CAREEREXPRESS: If you don't have an account on CareerExpress, get one. This online system offered through the Career Center is your key to information. Once you've built a profile, you can view all of the employers who are coming to the fair so you know who you want to visit with that day.

RESEARCH: One of the biggest pet-peeves of employers who recruit from Northern is that the students have no idea who they are. Use CareerExpress, Google, Bing or other search engines to research the companies you are interested in. The representatives of those companies will be highly impressed that you've done your research and have meaningful questions for them at the fair.

ATTIRE: Many universities require students to dress in business attire when attending a university-sponsored career fair for their students. MSUN Career Center does not make that requirement; however, we do wish to see our students dressed nicely. While it is understandable that students are in classes that day, they should be mindful of the representation they give to employers. Clean jeans and a tucked in shirt is an adequate presentation. Also remember to wash your hands in preparation for handshakes, and make sure your hair is neatly combed. Please do not wear sweatpants, pajamas or bunny slippers. If you have any personal interviews with employers that day, you do need to dress in professional business attire.

RESUMES: I highly suggest that students make sure their resumes are current and in excellent condition. Be sure you have faculty and staff edit your resume to check for any errors before handing them to employers. Make sure you have a folder to keep them in for protection and that you have made enough copies to hand out to the employers you are interested in.

PRESENTATION: Our culture likes firm handshakes and eye contact. Practice those things with a friend or even in front of a mirror, and then use the techniques at the fair.

INFORMATION: Don't forget to ask for business cards. You never know when that contact information will come in handy.

The fair is open to employers, students and alumni. At this point, there are 34 employers registered, so be sure you are ready. Please come to the Career Center for more tips on any of the items presented in this article. See you at the fair!

Call Jen Henderson or Mary Heller in the Career Center for further information. 265-4198

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Do you have a stack of printed pictures you've been wanting to share with family and friends? Maybe you have a bunch of recipes or other papers that you want to digitize for easy access, sharing, or storage. The Vande Bogart Library has a scanner attached to a computer that you can use for this purpose. The scanner has a flatbed for easy scanning of photos, books, and papers. You can also use the ADF (automated document feeder) for quick scanning of piles of loose papers. The ADF can scan both sides of a page with a single scan. The scanning software is very easy to use. Files can be saved as JPG (good for photos) or PDF (good for other documents). You can save the documents to your Z:\ drive, download to a USB drive, or send via email.

If you need to make color copies, the library has a color printer. Sign in on any of the main floor computers, and select the color printer from the printer options. Your PaperCut account will be charged \$.25 for each page you print.

For assistance with scanning or printing, talk to one of the library staff members. The library is open Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday 1-10 p.m.

Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

Did you know that former Student Senate (it was called Central Board at the time) President, Les Morse, is the Deputy Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development? For a brief time in 2010 and 2011 he was the Acting Commissioner. Deputy Commissioner Morse graduated from Northern with a bachelor's degree in secondary education and was Central Board President in 1984.

To learn more about Deputy Morse, here is his biography on the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development web page: <https://www.eed.state.ak.us/Commissioner/home2.html>