

Northern Network News

The official newsletter for MSU-Northern

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When you have information you would like the campus to know about, e-mail it to Jim Potter at potterj@msun.edu and clearly mark it as for the NNN.

New Format for NNN

There will be no Northern Network News next week as I will be out of town.

I have been working with Marianne Hoppe to come up with a new format for the NNN which will allow me to add photos and not become so large to e-mail. The next few issues might have some problems as we continue to refine the process so please bear with me.

Gantt Resigns

Dave Gantt publicly announced his resignation as Northern's Athletic Director, effective Friday, March 30, 2007. Gantt will return to Bozeman and the Gallatin Valley to pursue private real estate and business ventures.

During the past two years he has implemented systems, procedures and events; and has developed a number of relationships that have broadened the base of support for Athletics. Gantt commented, "My hope is that those efforts will continue to have a positive impact on every program. Gantt continued, "I will always owe a debt of gratitude to MSU-Northern as they afforded me my first opportunity to be a collegiate head coach as well as my first opportunity to be an Athletic Director. I have developed many friendships during my time on the Hi-Line and I will continue to treasure those relationships."

Samson Named New Athletic Director



Mark Samson was named the new athletic director to replace Dave Gantt who resigned Monday. Samson has been with Northern for three years as the head football coach and will continue in that position while adding the responsibilities of Athletic Director.

Samson commented, "We have a great team of coaches and my goal will be to help facilitate their winning programs and to help their students be successful both academically and athletically."

Chancellor Alex Capdeville remarked, "I believe Dave Gantt has done an excellent job in organizing and streamlining our athletic department and as a result he has made it possible for a person like Samson to come

in and keep things going. I feel that Mark Samson has the respect and more importantly the support of the community.”

Capdeville continued to say, “Our enrollment is down this semester so we have to make cuts to bring the budget in line. As much as I would like to continue to have a full-time Athletic Director it is not possible at this time.”

Samson will assume his new roll effective Monday, April 2, 2007.

Interim Provost Visits Campus

Dr. Joe Callahan visited campus yesterday as a candidate for Northern’s Interim Provost position. Several people attended the open forum with Dr. Joe Callahan at 3:00 p.m. in Donaldson Commons and gave their comments on the session.

Dr. Callahan has a Doctorate in Education from the University of Montana and his Master’s and Bachelor’s degrees from East Stroudsburg University (PA). He has been at Dickinson State University since 1986 and has filled several roles which include Professor, Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Before that position he spent nine years at MSU-Northern at the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Graduate Studies and Dean of Continuing Education.

SkillsUSA Next Week

SkillsUSA will be on campus next week! Northern’s own Terry C. Blosser, Assistant Prof. of Communication and Composition will deliver the keynote address of the Montana SkillsUSA Conference on Monday, April 2. His speech is titled, "Soft Skill Wisdoms of my Hillbilly Friends," inspirational career-building stories and humorous anecdotes from his early job experiences in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky.

Summer Schedules Available

The 2007 Summer Schedules are available all over campus so please pick one up. Students can register for classes any time. It is recommended for students to register as soon as possible to make sure they get in the classes they need and so we know if there is enough interest in the class to run it.

University Day – No Classes

Next Friday April 6th is University Day and there will be no classes. All offices will be open as usual.

Annual International Yuri’s Celebration

Yuri Gagarin, was the first human in Space April 12, 1961. For the past six years college campuses all over the world have hosted various activities to celebrate this historic event. This year Northern will be joining the 7th Annual International Yuri’s Night celebration.

The planned activities are as follows:

4:00 PM start in Armory Gym (set up telescopes outside of gym)

4:30 Yuri Gagarin presentation to the Boys and Girls Club and others who show up

5:30 Plant the Moon Tree (weather permitting)

6:00 continue activities in gym

7:00 Lunar Base Architecture, Vision for Space Exploration, and Yuri Gagarin presentation

8:00-10:00 Concert

There will be giveaways (Yuri buttons, pins, tattoos, etc.) and free raffles for prizes (Lunar Ice and Moon Crater Dust [candy], NASA T-shirts, Yuri Gagarin T-shirts, etc.) during the event as well.

Spring Fling Update

Last Friday's "Spring Fling", raised approximately \$24,000 for Northern's Athletics department. So on behalf of the administration we just want to extend our appreciation to everyone who helped make that event a huge success.

Pick up Your Graduation Apparel

If you are graduating in May, please come by the Northern Bookstore as soon as possible to pick up your graduation apparel. It is best to come in early to assure that we have your size of gown. It takes just a few minutes to put together a cap, gown and tassel package. The cost is \$20. We also have announcements available. They are beautifully done and have all the pertinent information in them so that your friends and family can plan to share the day with you. The cost is \$10 for a pack of ten announcements (included is name cards, inner envelopes and mailing envelopes). Please don't wait to pick up your items. We are here to help you from 8 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Congratulations from the Northern Bookstore.

Baskets for the Ball



The I Love Northern Ball is less than a month away and many departments have completed their Baskets. If your basket is finished, please drop it off to my office (Jim Potter) as all of the baskets will be photographed for the Ball web site. Many of the baskets will be placed in the display case in the entryway to Cowan Hall. All baskets will need to be turned in by March 30th. The person or department whose basket sells for the highest amount will be given one of the ten scholarships (of at least \$500 each) that will be awarded from the Ball profits. Their scholarship will then be awarded to the student of their choice. To view the items for the Ball, please go to: <http://welovenorthern.msun.edu/items.htm>

Career Center News

The Career Center, in conjunction with the MSU-N Student Senate, are hoping to assist students with transportation to two upcoming Career Fairs. The fairs are:

Helena Area Career Fair - Wednesday, April 11th

University of Montana Educator's Fair - April 29th & 30th
(The transportation being planned is only for the 30th)

If you are interested in attending one of these fairs please sign up for the Helena fair in the Career Center or for the Educator's fair please sign up at the Information Desk at the Sub or in the Career Center. Once we determine how many students are interested in attending we can decide on a method of transportation and cost per student. The deadline for sign-ups has been extended to March 30th.

Please stop by the Career Center or the Student Senate office for more information.

Hypnotist to Perform at SkillsUSA

Steve Meade's Virtual Reality Tour Comedy Hypnosis Show will be held on the MSU-N campus on April 3rd at 8pm in the Armory Gymnasium for SkillsUSA conference participants and campus students/faculty and staff. Volunteers and the audience will be held spellbound as they are taken on a lifelike mental vacation using the power of hypnosis and their minds...

The powerful hypnotic commands from Steve will quickly have the stage hypnotism volunteers dropping like flies, and the jaws in the audience dropping in amazement...

The first stop on this mental vacation may be Jamaica, where they'll believe they're right on the beach soaking in those tropical rays, and before they know it they'll think they're at a beach party competing to be the world's greatest reggae dancers...

Maybe they'll think they have turned into aliens or a famous musical star such as Madonna, Michael Jackson or even Elvis... Who knows where The Virtual Reality Tour Comedy Hypnosis Show will take you - but you are guaranteed to laugh so hard - that TEARS WILL RUN DOWN YOUR FACE!!!

Sponsored by SkillsUSA and the Associated Students of MSU-Northern - this event is totally FREE of charge.

Country Concert for Campus Improvement Day

Miko Marks was named "2006 Female Vocalist of the Year" by Indie World in Nashville putting her in the company of big names like Dolly Parton. She was also named "Best New Country Artist for 2006" by New Music Weekly Magazine and her debut album, Freeway Bound was named "Country Album of the Year" at the Independent Music Awards. Among the judges were country legends Wynonna Judd and Patti Loveless.

Chris Gray has been on the music scene since 1997 in clubs, casinos and dance halls from Louisiana to Florida. His first big break came when he opened for George Strait, Tim McGraw, Kenny Chesney, Mark Wills, The Dixie Chicks and Martina McBride at the Louisiana Superdome for George Strait's "Straitland Festival".

Miko and Chris will be performing at MSU-Northern in the Armory Gymnasium on April 19th at 8pm. Tickets will be available April 9th at the MSU-N SUB Information Desk, MSU-N Gymnasium and Creative Leisure.

Check out their websites:

<http://www.mikomarks.com>

<http://www.chrisgray.com>

Student Awards Convocation Day

Friday, April 13 has been declared Student Awards Convocation Day. The awards ceremony will be held at 10:00 am in the SUB Ballroom. The Chancellor has requested that faculty excuse their classes that day from 10-12 so that students, faculty and staff may attend the awards ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony,

there will be a reception for everyone beginning at approximately 11:30. I hope you will take time out of your schedules to join us and help congratulate the student award recipients.

Campus Improvement Day

Thursday, April 19 we will have Campus Improvement Day. This has been a tradition at Northern for many years and is a day that faculty, students, and staff can participate in a variety of campus improvement activities, (i.e. planting flowers, picking up trash and paper, etc.). This day is devoted to developing a sense of pride among the college community by improving the appearance of our campus. If possible, the Chancellor asks that you cancel classes between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on this day so that all students can take part in this activity. A BBQ for participants will be held beginning about 4:00 near the SUB. Also that evening, there will be a Country band "Miko Marks and Chris Gray" out of Nashville, performing at 8:00 in the Gymnasium. Tickets will be available through Denise Brewer and Student Senate prior to the concert. Proceeds will help with marquee expenses.

Although offices are kept open during the Campus Improvement Day, staff members with the support of their immediate supervisors, may form clean-up teams and participate in campus improvement. Please contact Anita Strommen, Vice President of Associated Students, at 265-3714 if you are interested in forming a team or if you would like to help with a project.

A Northern Tidbit By: Bill Lanier

With the completion of 2006-07 basketball season the Skylights just completed their 26th consecutive winning season. During this time the Skylights have won an amazing 624 games (average of 24 wins per year). This compares to 618 wins for the Lady Griz (average of 23.8 wins per year). By the way the Lady Griz has only had a winning season for the past 8 seasons.

Upcoming Dates

Mar. 30

Advance Registration for Summer & Fall Terms Begins

Mar. 31

Governor's Best and Brightest Scholarship Applications Due

Apr. 2

SkillsUSA State Conference

Intramural Co-ed Softball 6:00 PM

Apr. 3

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Hypnotist Steve Meade 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Apr. 4

SkillsUSA State Conference

Apr. 6

University Day - No Classes, Offices OPEN

Apr. 9

Intramural Co-ed Softball 6:00 PM

Apr. 10

Intramural Co-ed Softball 6:00 PM

Apr. 11

Helena Area Career Fair 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Apr. 12

Yuri Night 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Medieval Dinner 4:30 PM - 6:45 PM

Apr. 13

Student Excellence Awards Convocation 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM