

# Northern Network News

The official newsletter for MSU-Northern

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By: Jim Potter, Director of University Relations

## Commissioner Stearns on Campus Today

Today the Commissioner of Higher Education Sheila Stearns and members of her staff will spend the day in Havre as part of her "listening tour" across Montana. We have arranged for her to have the opportunity to meet with students, faculty and staff, as well as various external constituencies, during her visit.

Sheila is particularly interested in hearing your ideas about how the Montana University System could better serve the higher education needs of Montana.

Students will have an opportunity to meet with Commissioner Stearns in the Hensler Auditorium at 10 a.m. and faculty, staff and community members will meet from 11:00-12:00 p.m. She understands that some of you have classes and responsibilities during that time, so arriving late and/or leaving early is fine.

## Name Badges

As was discussed at Wednesday's open forum, it is the hope that all employees will wear MSU-Northern name badges during the upcoming visit of the NW accreditation team from Oct 14-17. If you do not have a Northern name badge with your current name and position on it, we will arrange to have one made for you. These name badges can then be worn for many other functions as well as everyday.

If you are in need of an MSU-Northern name badge, please email Debbie at [ritz@msun.edu](mailto:ritz@msun.edu) with your current information. She will need this information by Friday, September 14.

## Campus Committees

The following campus committees need to provide a membership list to Jim Potter. Also identify the Chair of your committee and give brief description of what your committee does and when it meets. This information will be compiled and distributed to everyone on campus.

- Assessment and Accreditation Committee
- Academic Senate
- Federation Administration Committee
- Labor Management Committee
- Parking & Traffic Committee
- Safety & Disaster
- Wellness
- Indian Education for all

## Comedian Comes to Northern



Program Council is pleased to present comedian Jamie Lissow this September 13<sup>th</sup> at 8p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. Lissow has been heralded “the Best Writer since Seinfeld” and “Adam Sandler without the guitar” may seem like some pretty big shoes to fill, but Jamie Lissow, a New York resident now residing in Los Angeles, lives up to his reputation. A recent college graduate, and an even more recent law school dropout, Jamie entertainingly shares his diverse college experiences and unique family upbringing with audiences across the country. Jamie has appeared in numerous commercials, and has been seen on Comedy Central, and has been a contributing writer for The Tonight Show. In July of 2001, Jamie’s breakthrough performance at the Montreal Comedy Festival received praise in the Hollywood Reporter and Variety Magazine. He was touted as one of the top five comics to appear at the industry’s premiere comedy festival. Shortly thereafter, Jamie appeared on NBC’s Late Friday and on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. Since then he has worked with such performers as Jerry Seinfeld, Chris Rock, Kevin James, Bill Maher, Jim Brewer, Kevin Nealon and Gary Shandling. Jamie has showcased at 8 NACA conferences and has appeared at hundreds of colleges and clubs across the country. When asked “why comedy?” Jamie states that he is “Only doing comedy until he can save up enough money to be a waiter.”

## **Festival Days Parade**

Once again Northern is hosting the annual Festival Days Parade on Saturday September 15. We will be decorating the float Wednesday night in the AT Center. Every club, sports team and group that is marching in the parade needs to contact Jim Potter at 265-3727 so he can make sure you are registered. Everyone is encouraged to march in the parade.

## **Pep Band Needs You**

The Northern Pep Band is starting up again this year. Most of the members from last year are back but we still need some more brass. If you play an instrument and want to play in the Pep-Band please contact Jim Potter (CH 216 or ext. 3727).

## **Motorcycle Safety Class**

This is to inform everyone that there will be a Motorcycle Safety class held on campus this weekend (8th & 9th). We use the southwest parking lot as our riding range and need it free of cars. Please have your vehicles out of that lot Friday evening so we can hold the class.

Faculty & Coaches - Please remind your students to have their vehicles out of the southwest parking lot by Friday evening. Thank you very much for your cooperation! If you have any questions, please let me know.

## **Vicki Gist Accepts Library Directorship**

Congratulations to Vicki Gist for accepting the position of Director of Library Services after being the interim director for the past year. Gist has filled various roles at Northern’s Vande Bogart Library since July of 1980. She holds a Master’s degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Texas at Austin and a B.S. in Business (Marketing) from MSU-Bozeman. In addition to those credentials she has attended numerous library/computer training sessions and is a member of the American Library Association and the Montana Library Association.

## **Homecoming Nominations**

Attention Club Advisors: Get your club registration forms turned into the Student Information Desk or Athletic Office on or before September 21st in order to qualify your club to nominate Homecoming candidates.

Club Registration forms and Homecoming Candidate forms are available at the SUB Information Desk or in the Athletic Office.

## **Lewistown Update**

Our Lewistown facility is now open and classes have begun. We want thank Diane Oldenburg, Janice Brady, Chuck Jensen, Mike Campbell, Kevin Mielke, Dan Ulmen and the local supporters of Lewistown for all their hard work in getting that facility completed. The Address and phone numbers for that facility are as follows:

MSU-Northern at Lewistown  
773 Airport Road  
PO Box 1144  
Lewistown MT 59457

### **Direct Lines**

MSU Northern at Lewistown - 535-5577  
Central Montana Education Center - 535-5577  
Nursing Office (main nursing number) - 535-5575  
Director, Diane Oldenburg - 535-5570  
Community Education Office - 535-9022  
GED Examiner - 535-9022  
Fax number - 535-5578

### **Extensions:**

Barb - 11  
Diane - 12  
Debbie - 13  
Maureen - 14  
Vicki - 15  
Connie - 16

## **Veterans Upward Bound Receives Grant**

Montana State University Northern's Veterans Upward Bound has been notified by the U.S, Department of Education that the project has been awarded \$542,529 for the continuation of state-wide educational services for veterans. The award provides for 5 years of funding and is the third time the project has been recognized for exemplary service and awarded an additional year of funding.

Montana State University has hosted the project since 1992 and has grown to the largest Veterans Upward Bound in the nation enrolling 230 veterans annually. The project is one of the Department of Education TRIO programs desired to inform, encourage and prepare low-income and first-generation college students to pursue postsecondary education and training.

The project provides services at 15 locations including Montana's seven tribal colleges and at Montana Universities and College of Technologies in Great Falls, Missoula, Bozeman, Butte, Flathead, Helena. The project's administrative offices and the project's College Transition Assistance Program are located on the MSU Billings campus. Within the past two years the project has developed an On-line program and a Montana

National Guard and Reserve Program both in response to the increasing number of our state's veterans being deployed.

For more information about the project and its services visit their website at [www.vubmt.com](http://www.vubmt.com) or call toll-free at 1-877-356-8387.

## **Payroll Changes**

The four campuses of Montana State University have been involved in a Business Process Review to aid in developing common business procedures and processes, with the opportunity to improve efficiency. The changes that will be implemented for the pay disbursement process are as follows:

- Direct Deposit Pay Stub in Electronic Format– Beginning September 11, 2007, paper direct deposit pay stubs will no longer be distributed. A printable electronic version will be furnished through “MyInfo.” The improved electronic pay stub will provide even more information than the current paper stub. An e-mail will be sent to your portal address announcing when a payment has been processed for you.
- Improved Electronic Pay Stub – The new and improved electronic pay stub on “My Info” will now include our MSU logo, employee name and identifying Social Security number. Prior pay period stubs can be printed from this site as well. Additional links provide year-to-date or monthly totals of your gross and net wages or your deductions. Leave balances can be viewed and printable copies of W-2's for prior years are also available. All of these valuable resources are available on a secured web site, day or night.
- Central Payroll Check Distribution – Starting September 11, 2007, on campus paper payroll checks will no longer be distributed through campus mail. Payroll checks will have to be picked up at the Cashier's desk in the Business Office. Be prepared to show identification. Employees will have the opportunity to pick up their pay checks during normal business hours, Monday through Friday.

## **Northern Tidbit** by Bill Lanier

From the 1951-1952 Northern Montana College Catalog

“The following are the fee authorized for 1951-1952:”

Registration Fee (per quarter) - \$5.00, Incidental Fee (per quarter) - \$10.00, Student Activity (per quarter) \$7.50, Late Registration Fee - \$1.00, Special Attendance Fee (each course per quarter) - \$2.00, Non-Resident Fee (per quarter) - \$25.00 and Extra Transcript of Record - \$ 0.50. If a student took less than seven credits the Incidental Fee was \$5.00 per quarter.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Sept. 7**

Last day to Add Classes

### **Sept. 8**

Saturday Market 9 a.m.- 12p.m.

Children's Carnival 10 a.m. (Holiday Village Mall)

### **Sept. 10**

MPSEOC Tour 12 p.m. (Armory Gym)

ASMSUN Meeting 5 p.m. (Crowley)

### **Sept. 13**

NCF- Chi Alpha Meeting 7 p.m. (SUB Fireside)

## Sept. 14 (Festival Days Schedule)

- 8 AM-8 PM Friends of the Library Book Sale (Library meeting room)  
NOON-6 PM Festival of Quilts Show (Holiday Village Mall Community Center)  
**2 PM– 8 PM Havre Festival Days Craft Show** (Great Northern Fairgrounds)  
**5 PM - 7 PM Festival Days Friendship BBQ (Town Square)**  
6 PM-10 PM Car Show & Street Dance (2<sup>nd</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues)  
6 PM 48-Hour Softball Tournament (6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Softball Field)  
7 P.M. Blue Pony Football vs. Sidney (Blue Pony Field)  
MSU-Northern Rodeo  
(Great Northern Fairgrounds)  
9 P.M. Other Brothers Band (VFW Club)

## Sept. 15 (Festival Days Schedule)

- ALL DAY 48-Hour Softball Tournament (6th Ave. Softball Field)  
7 AM-2 PM Kiwanis Pancakes (VFW)  
**8 AM-Noon S.A.T.U.R.D.A.Y. Market** (Town Square Area)  
**10 AM Havre Festival Days Parade including Pet and Doll Parade**  
10 AM.-6 PM Festival of Quilts Show (Holiday Village Mall Community Center)  
**11 AM-6 PM Havre Festival Days Craft Show** (Great Northern Fairgrounds)  
NOON-5 PM Friends of the Library Book Sale (Library Meeting Room)  
1 PM MSU-Northern Football vs. Western (Blue Pony Field)  
2 PM Fun Run/Walk (Bill Blatrusch Nature Trail)  
4 PM – 7 PM Teen Car Show (Boys & Girls Club)  
5 PM MSU-Northern Rodeo (Great Northern Fairgrounds)  
6 PM Car Audio Fights – Registration 5 P.M. (Independence Bank parking lot)  
8 PM –11 PM Teen Dance (Boys & Girls Club)  
9 PM “Elvis” Impersonator (VFW Club)

## Sept. 16 (Festival Days Schedule)

- ALL DAY 48-Hour Softball Tournament (6th Ave. Softball Field)  
9 AM Dodge Ball Tournament Fundraiser Registration 8 A.M./ Games 9 A.M.  
(MSU-Northern Gym)  
10 AM MSU-Northern Rodeo (Great Northern Fairgrounds)  
NOON–4 PM Hi-Line Quilt Guild Festival of Quilts Show  
(Holiday Village Mall Community Center)  
2 P.M. Punt, Pass and Kick competition, children ages 8-15  
(HHS Practice Football Field)  
St. Mark’s Episcopal Church Croquet Tournament & Ice Cream Social  
(St. Mark’s Episcopal Church Lawn)