

# Northern Network News

The official newsletter for MSU-Northern

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By: Jim Potter, Director of University Relations

## SkillsUSA - Record Attendance



380 students from 34 high schools attended this year's SkillsUSA Competition. Congratulations to all those who placed and thank you for everyone on campus who helped make this event a huge success.

## Diversity Committee Meeting

On April 28, Ellen Swaney from OCHE will be on campus to meet with Northern's Diversity Committee. She is part of the committee and is coming to help focus the committee's efforts and help the committee understand the diversity issues facing the Montana University System.

Some of the topics they will discuss are:

1. appropriate interaction modalities for faculty, advisors, and students when dealing with cultural differences;
2. examples of model behavior for dealing with culturally different individuals;
3. referring students to appropriate offices for explanations of rights and procedures;
4. detailing resources available to those who are culturally different;
5. examples of inappropriate verbal behavior which employees (faculty and staff) should be aware of in dealing with culturally different students.

Some of the possible outcomes of this committee will hopefully be some diversity training workshops and updated policies and practices relating to diversity issues on the campus.

## Spring Fling



Last Friday night was NLSAF's third annual Spring Fling. This event features a prime rib dinner with live and silent auction items. This year 330 people packed into the SUB ballroom to help raise money for Northern Athletics. They feel confident that the event raised significantly more money than last year but the final number will not be available until next week. The campus would like to extend a great big THANK YOU to everyone who attended and volunteered their time to help make the Spring Fling a great success.

A special thank you goes out to Pam Conatser and her staff for an outstanding meal and also to all the athletic programs and their student-athletes for all their help. Thank you again!!!

## **Cheerleading Tryouts**

Cheerleading tryouts are scheduled for Sunday, April 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the Armory Gymnasium.

## **Advising Session**

Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 in Cowan Hall 113. This is available for all continuing students in any major.

## **Articulation Agreement with SAIT**



George Schonnop, Academic Chair for the Automotive Service Technology program for The School of Transportation at Southern Alberta Institute of Technology Polytechnic visited Northern on Wednesday to finalize and sign an articulation agreement with Northern for our automotive program. SAIT is located in Calgary Alberta and is one of the best technology institutions in North America with over 64,000 students. We look forward to visiting and working with SAIT in the near future.

## **EOC Presents: “Return To Learn”**

Mike Ley with the Educational Opportunity Center will be conducting a workshop on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to 9: 00 p.m. in Donaldson Commons entitled *Return to Learn*. This workshop is designed for people who are thinking about attending college and would like to explore career options. This workshop is free and open to the public and will contain information on:

Montana colleges

Learn what it takes to go to college

Paying for college - federal financial aid, grants, loans and scholarships

Learn a lot about yourself and why you could be a good student

Everything you need to know to get started

## **Recycle Your Old Phone Books**

Triangle Communications (formerly Triangle Telephone Cooperative) is coordinating a Directory Recycling Program in our area. They will pick up telephone directories from the campus for recycling in late May. Please drop off your old phone books in the Business Services Mail Room. We have some new Yellow Book directories here, and the new Triangle directories will be here soon. New Triangle Communications directories should be delivered by early next week

## **Yuri’s Night Celebration**

This Saturday evening, April 12th, starting about 6:30, there will be a party at the SUB for Yuri’s Night, in the celebration of the first human in space April 12, 1961. There will be presentations, raffle items, and a local live band, “Blind Luck”, will be playing from ~8:00 to whenever.

Please bring your telescope, if you would be willing to set it up for viewing the stars and Moon which will be in the first quarter, so viewing should be excellent, depending on the weather. If you are able to bring your telescope please call Spike Magelsson at ext.4123.

## **Mascot Contest**

The MSU-Northern Student Senate is working on selecting a mascot for Northern. They are requesting that people submit their ideas for a mascot to [msunmascot@hotmail.com](mailto:msunmascot@hotmail.com). They will screen and compile the submissions and place them on the ballot for their spring election. Anyone can submit an idea, but only students will be allowed to vote.

## **Student Senate Elections**

Students who are interested in serving on next year's Student Senate are requested to pick up an application at the SUB information desk. The spring election will be held April 22nd from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm on April 24th. For more information, contact the Student Senate at 265-3714.

## **Skylights Rummage Sale**

The MSU-Northern Skylight basketball program is holding a rummage sale in the gym on April 12th. We are going to be collecting any donations starting next week. If you have things to donate, please contact me and we'll get a crew to pick them up.

## **Summer Schedule**

If you are looking to register for summer workshops or classes than please go to the Northern web site ([www.msun.edu](http://www.msun.edu)) and click on the sun in the bottom right corner. It will take you to the schedule and it will explain how to register. Printed schedules are available at the Registrar's office.

## **Student Awards Convocation**

Friday, April 18 has been declared Student Awards Convocation Day. The awards ceremony will be held at 10:00 am in the SUB Ballroom. Interim Chancellor Groseth is requesting that faculty excuse their classes that day from 10-12 so that students, faculty and staff may attend the awards ceremony. I hope you will take time out of your schedules to join us and help congratulate the student award recipients.

## **Campus Improvement Day**

On Thursday, April 24 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, I ask 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.

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 Kristiny Loret, President of Associated Students, at extension 3714 if you are interested in forming a team or if you would like to help with a project.

## **MSU-Northern Brings**

### **“Led Zeppelin” & “Doors” Tribute Bands to Havre**

The Associated Students of Montana State University-Northern (ASMSUN) welcome the Doors tribute band “American Night” and Led Zeppelin tribute band “No Quarter” to campus on Saturday night, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in the Armory Gymnasium on the MSU-Northern campus. Tickets for the concert are \$15.00 for adults, \$10.00 for senior citizens/students, \$7.50 for MSUN faculty and staff and are FREE to MSU-Northern students. Tickets are available at the MSU-Northern Athletic Office, the MSU-Northern Student Information Desk, and at Holden's Hot Wheels and Creative Leisure in downtown Havre.

For more information on the “No Quarter” concert contact Denise Brewer at (406) 265-3732 or Pearl Brower at (403) 502-0999.

## **Ball Basket/Donations Deadline**

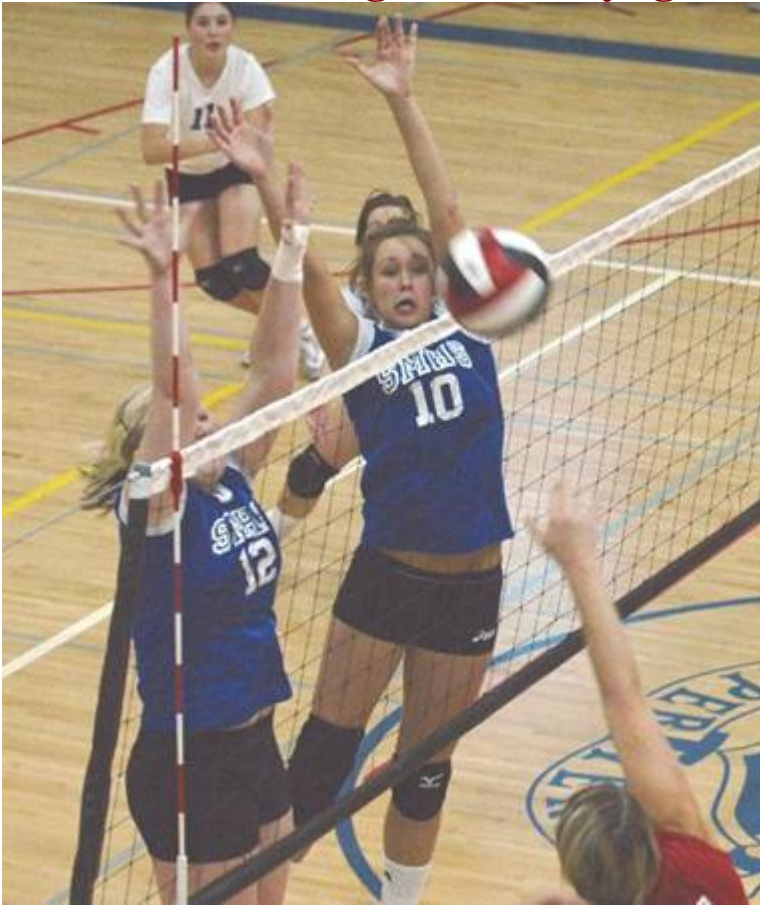


Get your tickets for the Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> We Love Northern Ball TODAY! Call Debbie Ritz at 3720 to sponsor a table or purchase an individual ticket. Tickets are \$45.00 each, \$350 for a table of 8 or \$400 for a table of 10. The “We Love Northern Ball” is a wonderful evening featuring a prime rib dinner, dancing to Can Am Entertainment along with live and silent auctions. Last year we raised \$25,000 for student scholarships. Scholarships such as those raised at this event are our most direct and effective methods of helping students afford a higher education.

## **Graduation Announcements Available**

The Graduation announcements have arrived and are available in the Northern Bookstore. They cost \$11.50 for a pack of ten. Get yours today while supplies last. Graduation caps and gowns are also in the bookstore and ready for pick up! Thanks.

## Desiree Gatin's Signs with Skylight Volleyball Team



Desiree Gatin from Prince Albert, Sask. attended specific scouting camps, including one in Assinibioa in which she made first contact with MSU-Northern coach Greg Ryan. "My trip to Montana to see the school was the first time I had ever left Canada," said Gatin.

Gatin has been able to satisfy all of her requirements. Along with a solid volleyball program, Gatin cites the availability of the health promotions and community development studies, the feel and size of the school in Havre, and its relative proximity to her hometown. Full of praise for his latest recruit, Ryan said they are looking forward to the presence Gatin should add to the team. "She is an incredible athlete," said Ryan. "But more importantly, she has a great personality and should fit in and add a lot to our team." Gatin will play middle.

## Havre Pride

Join the HAVRE PRIDE Committee, Saturday, April 26th, to clean up our town. Pull the weeds, sweep the sidewalks, pick-up litter around our community, your business, your school and your home. Dumpsters will be located around town to make it easy for you to get rid of your extra garbage.

Just let the Chamber know if you have selected a certain area to pick up by calling 265-4383. Extra help is available from the Youth Diversion office. Call Kim Cripps at 265-4353 to make arrangements.

## Dining Room Menu

The Food Services weekly menu is available on line by visiting the Dining Hall page (<http://www.msun.edu/stuaffairs/housing/dining.htm>) or via the "MSU-N Food Services" channel in the Portal.

## Alumni Update

By Judy Bricker

The Northern Alumni Association has been on the phone since mid February talking to alumni. Hopefully you got a call if you're an alum. We make every attempt to call every alum once a year, but given blocked calls, bad phone numbers and address changes, this is always possible. The calls will end this week. Many alumni board members are busy preparing for Founders' Excellence, graduation, and our 50-Year Reunion for our Golden Grads. You will see them on campus May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. If you get a chance to visit with any of them, you will see why this is such a rewarding event. They have the history and they love to talk about it. If you are interested in their schedule of events, please contact Judy in the Alumni Office.

## Career Center News

By: Terry Lilletvedt

We have two weeks remaining in our spring recruiting season. Please note that the recruiting date for Target has changed from April 16th to April 23rd and that their general information session will be held in Donaldson Commons rather than Hensler Auditorium.

Torgerson's, with several locations in Montana, plans to be on campus Thursday, April 17th. They will be holding a general information session at 9:00 am in Hensler Auditorium. Interviews will follow in the Career Center. They are currently recruiting students in Diesel and Automotive for both full-time and Co-op positions. Please sign up for an interview time in the Career Center.

Wyoming Machinery will be making a return trip to MSU-Northern on Tuesday, April 22nd. They will hold a general information session at 9:00 am in Hensler Auditorium. Interviews will follow in the Career Center for both Diesel and Automotive students seeking full-time or Co-op positions. Interested students should sign up for an interview time in the Career Center.

Target will be on campus to recruit students on Wednesday, April 23rd. They will be holding a general information session at 9:00 am in Donaldson Commons. Interviews will follow in the Career Center. Any student pursuing a bachelor degree interested in a retail management career is welcome to apply. An interview sign up sheet is available in the Career Center.

The Bureau of Land Management will be on campus Thursday, April 24th to recruit students in Civil Engineering Technology for STEP (Student Temporary Employment Program), SCEP (Student Career Experience Program) and FCIP (Federal Career Internship Program) with their agency. This recruiting is targeted at freshman, sophomore and junior students. They will hold a general information session in Hensler Auditorium at 9:00 am that morning. A sign up sheet for interviews is available in the Career Center.

Several career fairs for education students graduating this year will be held across the state in April and May. Below please find information on these fairs:

Looking for fall 2008 teaching or counseling jobs? Bring your résumé, wear your interview suit, and plan to attend Teacher Recruitment Interviews from 9-4PM in the SUB on April 25, at MSU-Billings. Read all about this FREE event at <http://www.msubillings.edu/careers/upcoming.htm> After April 15, check the web for info about participating districts and vacancies.

The University of Montana 23rd annual Multi-State Educators' Career Fair will be held on Monday, April 28th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn, 3720 North Reserve Street. The pre-fair school district information sessions and candidate strategy session will be held on the UM campus in the University Center on Sunday, April 27 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Join us at the most extensive and successful Educators' Career Fair west of the Mississippi! The Fair is an effective and inexpensive way for school district representatives to meet and interview qualified candidates for classroom, special education, counseling and administration positions. It is also an outstanding way for candidates in the field of education to interview in one place for over 1,500 job

openings. Last year nearly 400 outstanding candidates from 26 states and Canada attended and interviewed with almost 150 school districts from 17 states, and Siapan. Please visit the web site at

<http://www.umt.edu/career/ecf/ecf.htm>

The 7th Annual Teach Montana Educators' Fair will be held on Friday, May 2, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am in the Strand Union Ballroom A. As a "Montana only event", the purpose of this fair is to connect Montana school districts with educators who have a desire to teach grades K-12 in the state of Montana. Time has been set aside for superintendents/principals to conduct interviews during the afternoon hours of 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm if they choose to do so. For more information please visit the web site at [www.montana.edu/careers](http://www.montana.edu/careers)

Students interested in a summer Cooperative Education position should stop by the office and make an appointment to see Terry A.S.A.P. Students currently enrolled in Co-op need to set up their final evaluations. Please contact the Career Center to make those arrangements.

## Computer Tip of the Week

### Office 2007's Quick Access Toolbar

By: Marianne Hoppe

There are a lot of useful features on Office 2007's ribbon -- there are even too many to sort through at times. If you find yourself frequently clicking around the ribbon to get to the same handful of commands, you can add them to Word's **Quick Access Toolbar**, and you will not have to hunt for it again.

In the Quick Access Toolbar located to the right of the Office button, click the downward arrow to display the "Customize Quick Access Toolbar" list. A number of frequently used commands are listed that you can select from.

If you don't see the one you're looking for, click on **More Commands**. A window will open and you'll see a list of commands on the left to select from. Double click the command you want to add, or click it once and then click the **Add>>** button.

In this window you can also rearrange the order in which the commands are shown on your Quick Access Toolbar by using the up and down arrows on right. When you're done click the **OK** button at the bottom of the window.

Once you add a tool, you can remove it from the toolbar by right-clicking the tool and selecting **Remove From Quick Access Toolbar**.

## Tidbit

By Bill Lanier

Did you know that Northern has had three student athletes receive the Montana AAU Little Sullivan Award? Patti Weed, Basketball (1992), Turk Lords, Wrestling (2000) and Emmett Willson, Wrestling (2003). All three of these former Student Athletes also received the Student Excellence Award while attending Northern.

## Upcoming Events

### April 11

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Bowling Alley and Pin-n-Cue Recreation Area Open 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

### April 12

Motorcycle Safety Basic RiderCourse®

Yuri's Night 4:00 PM



## **April 13**

Motorcycle Safety Basic RiderCourse®

## **April 14**

Skylight Golf @ Warrior Spring Invitational 12:00 AM - Midnight

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Student Senate Meeting 5:15 PM

Coed Softball 6:00 PM

## **April 15**

Coed Softball 6:00 PM

Wall Climbing 6:00 PM

## **April 16**

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## **April 17**

ReSPONSE Information Lunch 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Bowling Alley and Pin-n-Cue Recreation Area Open 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

NCF ChiAlpha Meeting 7:00 PM

## **April 18**

Scholarship Awards Convocation 10:00 AM

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Bowling Alley and Pin-n-Cue Recreation Area Open 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

## **April 19**

Music Festival- Tribute Bands "The Doors" & "Led Zeppelin" 4:00 PM - 11:00 PM

We Love Northern Ball 6:00 PM - 11:45 PM