

Northern Network News

The official newsletter for MSU-Northern

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By: Jim Potter, Director of University Relations

Nursing Workshop



Last week 91 nursing students from Northern's Havre, Great Falls and Lewistown campuses participated in a special nursing workshop. Five clinical oriented presentations were given. Five contact hours of continuing nursing education contact hours were given by the Montana Nurses Association. The workshop was provided thanks to an UCAN Serve grant from Americorps.

Farewell Party

Please plan on attending our upcoming "Farewell Party" in honor of all those Northern employees who have resigned or retired over this past school year. The party will be held from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm on April 30th (Wednesday) in Donaldson Commons.

Cheerleading Tryouts

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

Alternate Energy Workshops



Northern hosted an alternate energy workshop on April 16 in Brockmann Center. It included a live presentation by Phil Reinemer or WINDTERRA demonstrating an actual live model of a wind turbine power generator. www.windterra.com Also, Jim Rollett discussed Ground Source Heat Pumps and Geothermal Energy. This was part of an Earth Day celebration and awareness event that included a live broadcast of “Campus Chillout” addressing global warming. <http://www.focusthenation.org/chillout.php>

Yuri’s Night Celebration

The Yuri’s Night Celebration was huge success. It was a party that reached across 7 continents, 51 countries, in 198 different locations, in 2 worlds (one in Cyber Space- Second Generation); They had a beautiful night for seeing the Moon, Saturn’s rings, Mars, Arcturus, Sirius, and other stars. We set up the Starry Night Pro so we could locate celestial bodies on the big screen inside and then go outside and find them. The Boy Scouts made a big presence. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Pow Wow

The Sweetgrass Society’s annual pow wow is on Friday, April 25, and Saturday, April 26th. Grand entry is on Friday at 7 pm and on Saturday at 12 noon. Attendance is free and everyone is welcome to attend. We could use some volunteers for clean-up on Friday night and Saturday.

Banner Outage

Banner will be unavailable between 12 noon and 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 19th while database configurations are being changed.

Possible Network Outage

Bozeman will be working on their air conditioning system on Saturday, April 19th. They will maintain as many services as possible, but there is a possibility of any service or all services being unavailable during the maintenance timeframe: 6 a.m. to 12 noon.

Webinar- Hiring Campus Leader

Interim Chancellor Rolf Groseth is starting to look into how we are going to approach the search process for the new permanent Chancellor. Therefore Northern is partaking in an audio webinar entitled Hiring Campus Leaders: Issues and Challenges on Wednesday April 23rd at 11:00 a.m. in the Hensler Auditorium. This one hour conference will feature Jonathan Fortescue, managing director of the Education/Not-For-Profit Practice at J.Robert Scott Executive Search. Fortescue will discuss managing the productive tension that helps create a successful search, including:

- Transparency vs. Confidentiality
- Representation vs. Efficiency
- Partnership vs. Outsourcing
- Stereotype vs. Diversity
- Settling vs. Choosing

Wrestling Search Update

We have received over 30 applications for the head wrestling coach position. The committee made a short list of five people and conducted phone interviews. From those interviews they have decided to bring three candidates on campus for an interview. The finalists are: Mitch Overlie, Tyson Thivierge, and Guy Melby. Below is a list of the days they will be visiting and their shared schedule.

Monday April 21, 2008 - Mitch Overlie from Fallon Nevada

Wednesday April 23, 2008 – Tyson Thivierge from Carson City Nevada

Monday April 28, 2008 - Guy Melby from Sidney Montana

8:00 – 9:30 AM	BREAKFAST at the Gallery (Mark Samson, Christian Oberquell, and Edie Smart)
9:30 – 10:00 AM	MEET THE DR. ROLF GROSETH
10:00 – 11:00 AM	MEET WITH KATHY JAYNES (HUMAN RESOURCES)
11:00 – 11:30 AM	CAMPUS TOUR
11:30 – 12:30 PM	LUNCH at 15 West (Committee Members and Members of the Coaching staff)
12:30 – 1:00 PM	MEET WITH WRESTLING TEAM
1:00 – 2:00 PM	MEET WITH COACHING STAFF
2:00 – 3:00 PM	TOUR OF HAVRE
3:00 – 4:30 PM	MEET WITH SEARCH COMMITTEE
5:00 – 6:00 PM	OPEN FORUM WITH PUBLIC
6:00 – 7:00 PM	DINNER (Dr. Rolf Groseth, Mark Samson, and Byron Ophus)

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.

HHS Career Fair



Several faculty, staff and students from MSU-Northern participated in Havre High's Career Fair. This was an excellent opportunity to talk to potential students about the opportunities available to them at Northern.

Ten Student Excellence Award Winners

Ten Montana State University-Northern students were recently named student excellence award winners for the 2007-2008 school year. In order to qualify for a student excellence award several criteria must be met. Students must be at least a junior at Northern and have a 2.75 grade point average or higher and be actively involved in the campus community. The student excellence award is the highest honor a student at Montana State University-Northern can receive. These students will officially receive their awards during the Student Scholarship and Excellence Awards Convocation which will and held this Friday in the Student Union Building (SUB) on the campus of MSU-Northern at 10:00 – 12:00 a.m. The following is the list of this year's award winners:

Tolan Allen of Fort Benton, Montana;
Chad Arnson of Clinton, Montana
Amy Sue Barclay of Scobey, Montana
Lindsey Krause of Fort Benton, Montana
Kristiny Lorett of McAllen, Texas
Michael McPeak of Clarkston, Washington
John Mitchell Jr of Box Elder, Montana
Denise Pankratz of Lustre, Montana
Andrew Pettersen of Everett, Washington
Shannon Walker of Floweree, Montana

MAT Presents Divorce Southern Style



Once again MAT has produced a side-splitting comedy suitable for all ages by Jennifer Jarrett titled *Divorce Southern Style*. Pam Vies does an outstanding job playing the lead role of Eleanor Bander. Bander's character is that of a middle-aged southern divorcee. After 15 years of living as a wealthy single mother she discovers that she is running out of funds. She decides the best way to solve her financial troubles is to pursue her ex-husband and father of her daughter Elizabeth. The only problem with Eleanor's idea is that she may actually get what she wants. The story focuses on Eleanor's pursuit of Bander as she tries to convince him that they were once happy and that she is still very desirable.

Included in the comedy are uproarious scenes involving her optometrist (played by Northern's own Joel Soiseth) who is pursuing Eleanor and her alcoholic best friend, Alma Lou, (played by Lena Lamphier) who is also a well-known novelist. The play receives two thumbs up for plot, acting and entertainment value.

The play opens next Wednesday and will run from April 23-26 and April 30-May 3. Shows nightly at 8:00 p.m. Doors and lounge open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door and are \$10/adult and \$8/student & Seniors. MSU-N Students are free with ID

Foundation Board – Hard at Work



The Foundation was originally started by President Joe Crowley and Earl Wiser in approximately 1963. John Kuhr wrote the by-laws in 1964. The first Annual Fund Drive raised \$22,000 for the campus.

The management and control of the Foundation resides and is vested in a board of 14-22 Trustees. Trustees are community minded members that are interested in the continued growth and development of MSU-Northern.

The Foundation Office has three major objectives.

1. To promote and inform the public on excellence at Montana State University-Northern;
2. To financially supplement students, programs, staff and administration in the search of excellence;
3. To provide a linkage of business, industry, friends and alumni to improve the teaching-learning process.

Summer Sports Camps

Invitation to MSU-Northern employees with young children: You are invited to enroll your child in one of our camps and receive a 50% discount for the K-6 age group (K-4 for Football). For older children, contact the coach for other discounts. These are special rates for children of MSU-Northern employees only. Take advantage now! The brochures are online now.

To reach the coaches for questions call the following:

For Coach Huse (Men's Basketball) call 4131

For Coach Mouat (Women's Basketball) call 3584

For Coach Ryan (Volleyball) call 4112

For Coach Kyle Samson (Football) call 4184

Please leave your name & number if the coach is not in.

Imagine MSU-Northern on April 24

The Student Senate of Montana State University – Northern invite our friends and neighbors throughout north central Montana to participate in a community visioning session to *Imagine Montana State University – Northern* on Thursday, April 24 in the university's Ballroom from noon – 4 p.m. This community conversation is open to everyone who cares about MSU-Northern -- community leaders, business leaders, students, faculty, staff, parents and concerned citizens. It is designed to engage everyone in exploring ways we can collectively strengthen the university. Please come and help shape the future of this important community asset.

Bliss W. Browne, founder of Imagine Chicago, will facilitate the April 24 Imagine MSU-Northern community event. Bliss has designed and facilitated dozens of collaborative projects, which have transformed communities, incorporating appreciative inquiry and other strength-based approaches into civic projects that harness hope and imagination as resources for public good.

Imagine MSU-Northern is organized by MSU-N students and faculty. It is sponsored by Hopa Mountain, Imagine Chicago, and Opportunity Link. For more information, or to get involved, please call Katherine Williams at (406) 265-3522.

Louis Overcast Passed Away

It is with regret that I inform the campus that Louis Overcast passed away on Monday. I don't have a lot of information at this time. Louis came to Northern as an Instructor in Physics in 1988. He retired in 1994 as Associate Professor of Physics/Mathematics. He was also instrumental in organizing the Northern Christian Fellowship group on campus.

If you want to send card to family – Sharon Overcast, 34 Vista, Billings, MT 59102.

A memorial service will be held at Faith Evangelical Church, 3145 Sweet Water Drive, Billings, on Friday, April 18, at 10 a.m. Reception to follow.

Donations in memory of Louis can be made in care of: Clydehurst Christian Ranch, 1650 Ave. D, Suite 7, Billings, MT 59102 or by visiting <http://www.clydehurst.com>.

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. 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.

Summer Schedule

If you are looking to register for summer workshops or classes than please go to the Northern web site (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.

One Year After Virginia Tech

Members of the Safety and Disaster Committee along with key Northern administrators participated in a Webinar on Thursday with Dr. Robert Chandler from Pepperdine University and Marc Ladin Vice President of the National Notification Network. They shared their insights and recommendations from their evaluation of

the Virginia Tech crisis. They stressed developing a pre-defined message map that uses multi-modal approaches to getting your message out to the campus during a crisis. Northern is working closely with MSU-Bozeman to set up and use an emergency notification system. We hope to have this system up and running by the Fall.

MSU-Northern's Volleyball Team Heads to Europe

Head Coach Greg Ryan today announced that the MSU-Northern Volleyball team will be embarking on a European tour May 8th through the 22nd. The tour will include stops in the Netherlands, Ireland and Germany. The team flies from Great Falls to Amsterdam where they will compete in the European Grass Court Championships. This is a unique event played completely out doors on as many as 30 courts. Teams are predominantly European, but other continents are represented. This tournament is the beginning of the Outdoor season in Europe.

From Amsterdam the team flies on to Ireland. While staying in Dublin the team will compete against teams like Dublin University College as well as putting on a clinic for local coaches. From Dublin the team flies back to Amsterdam and then travels to Berlin for a match vs. a local club team.

The final stop will be to the German Sport University in Cologne (Köln). There the team will have an opportunity to train with one of Europe's most renowned volleyball teachers, Papageorgiou Athanasios as well as compete against a local club team.

The tour is not all work. While in Dublin, Amsterdam, Berlin and Cologne the team has historical tours in each city.

The team has been actively fundraising for the tour for about 18 months. We would especially like to thank all those who helped make this trip possible. You can follow the Skylight European Tour at www.msun.edu/athletics. The players will provide a daily blog of this tour along with pictures of competition or major sites they have visited.

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.

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 19th, 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.

We Love Northern Ball - Saturday

Get your tickets for the Saturday, April 19th We Love Northern Ball TODAY! Call Debbie Ritz at 3720 to sponsor a table or purchase an individual ticket. Tickets are \$45 individual, \$350 for an 8-Seat Table, or \$400 for a 10-Seat Table. 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.

Havre Pride – Clean Up Havre

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.

Library Corner

By Vicki Gist

The Peters' Scrimshaw collection is on display downstairs in the Library. This collection was donated to MSUN by Grace Peters. The pieces were collected by her husband Clifford during World War II. The story that we were told is that he traded cigarettes for the items.

Belinda recently read one of the new books here in the Library-- Unleashing the Potential of the Teenage Brain, and wrote the following review. This book can be found on the New Book display shelves in the Library and the call number is LB1060.C6598 2008.

---"Many teenagers appear to be motivationally impaired." This is a quote in Barry Corbin's book Unleashing the Potential of the Teenage Brain. As a parent of teenage boys, I did not find this enlightening, but it was nice to have it acknowledged and also to know that I am normal (and so are my kids).

This is a great book for teachers, parents and anyone who works with teens. I also found this book to offer hope to that same group of people. We all want our children to be motivated and grow up to accomplish things, this book just lets you know it may take longer than previously thought. Research is showing that it can take up to 20 years for the brain to be fully developed and the last part to be developed is the logical decision making part. So for all of you involved with teenagers read this book for ideas to improve teens and read it so you know you are not alone.---BP.

Wellness tips

Exercising with allergies

By Heather Sinclair

For those who have allergies or not, we need to continue exercising regularly for our overall health. Here are just a few things that people with allergies should know when exercising.

1. Check your calendar frequently. Pollen seasons are easily predictable. To prevent any possible problems, you can start by taking preventative medications.
2. Information on the pollen levels is readily available either on the internet via local newspapers.
3. Choose the right time of day to exercise. The best time to exercise is in the morning or late in the evening, but be cautious during pollen season. Problems can arise during this season at any time.
4. Choose less intense exercises such as stretching exercises, yoga, and weight training.

Career Center News

By: Terry Lilletvedt

We are wrapping up the spring recruiting season. Please note that the general information session for Target will be held in Donaldson Commons rather than Hensler Auditorium.

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. A 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.msubitings.edu/careers/upcoming.htm> After April 15, check the web for info about participating districts and vacancies.

The University of Montana's 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

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. All students participating in Co-op over the summer are required to attend one Co-op summer orientation meeting. The meetings will all be held in Donaldson Hall Commons and are scheduled for Monday, April 28th at 3:00 pm; Thursday, May 1st at 12:00 noon; and Tuesday, May 6th at 4:00 pm. Please bring a handbook, which can be purchased at the bookstore with you to the meeting.

Computer Tip of the Week

Word 2007: Drawing Tables

By: Marianne Hoppe

Sometimes, you just want to insert a simple table in the middle of your paragraph but don't want to have to choose among the ready-made tables Word gives you. You could click and drag over the table grid, but that would give you a table that extends from margin to margin. You could also use the Table dialog box, or you could just draw it to your specifications — for example, a table with four cells at the right margin in line with the text. Follow these steps:

1. Click the **Tables** button on the **Insert** tab and then click the **Draw Table**.
2. Press and hold the **Ctrl** key.
3. Click and drag the “pencil” pointer to draw the outside border of the table.
4. Release the **Ctrl** key.
5. To draw the cells in the table, click and drag: Click in the middle of the top border and drag the pencil pointer to the middle of the bottom border. Then click the middle of the left border and drag to the middle of the right border.
6. Double-click outside the table to return the pointer to an arrow.

You can right click on the table to further format it if needed. To erase a line, click the eraser tool on the **Design** tab, then click the line you want to remove. Double-click outside the table to return the pointer to an arrow.

Tidbit

By Bill Lanier

Over the next week three of the longest standing traditions on the Northern campus will be taking place. Today (Friday April 17th) at 10:00 is the annual awards convocation. At this awards convocation the Student Excellence Awards will be awarded to 10 outstanding Northern students for the 27th year. On Saturday, the 22nd consecutive “We Love Northern Ball” will be held in the SUB and next weekend the 32nd annual Powwow will be held in the Armory Gymnasium.

Thank you to all who have helped (and will be helping) with these most important events to help make Northern the place to be!

Upcoming Events

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 & Auction 6:00 PM - 11:45 PM

April 20

Cheerleading Tryouts for 2008-2009 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

April 21

Skylight Golf @ Westminster Invitational 12:00 AM - Midnight

Student Art Show

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 22

Student Senate Elections

Coed Softball 6:00 PM

Wall Climbing 6:00 PM

April 23

Student Senate Elections

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

MAT performance "Divorce Southern Style" 8:00 PM

April 24

Student Senate Elections

MAT performance "Divorce Southern Style"

Imagine MSU-Northern 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Campus Improvement Day 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 25

MAT performance "Divorce Southern Style" 8:00 PM

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

Annual Sweetgrass Society Pow Wow 6:00 PM

April 26

Havre Pride Day

MAT performance "Divorce Southern Style" 8:00 PM

Annual Sweetgrass Society Pow Wow 12:00 AM