

Northern Network News

The official newsletter for MSU-Northern

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Back to School Issue

Classes Start Tuesday, September 2

New Rotary Clock Tower Dedicated



The Havre Rotary Club members proudly stand in front of the clock tower they donated to the campus. The official dedication of this stunning clock occurred last Monday night at 5:00 p.m. Rotary President Bill Gupton presented to Chancellor Groseth a photo of the clock which will be placed on display on campus.

Fire Alarm Tests

Simplex Grinnell is here on campus and will be conducting fire alarm tests throughout all of the buildings on campus, both today, August 29th and also on Tuesday, September 2nd. This is only a test of the fire alarm systems and not of our drills to evacuate the buildings. Therefore, you will not need to evacuate the building. Remember under normal conditions when you here the fire alarm you must evacuate.

They will be testing each pull station in the building being tested. The alarm only goes off for approx 3-5 seconds. Not only is each pull station tested but also the emergency lights, horns and alarms will also be tested. Depending on the number of pull stations in each building are the times you may hear the alarm for a few seconds. Thanks again for your patience with these alarm tests.

State of the University Address



Interim Chancellor Rolf Groseth gave his State of the Campus speech on Tuesday morning as part of the faculty and staff orientation. In his speech, he thanked the campus for holding the line on spending and conserving resources. He cited the pool closure and office moves from Donaldson Hall as two emblematic ways we have been able to reduce expenditures without impacting the central academic mission of the campus. He thanked Provost Callahan and Dean Brady for their efforts in reducing under subscribed classes during the summer session which resulted in a huge cost savings. He also mentioned the process he used to rearrange the staff in student services so it could enhance and improve the educational experience of our students. He explained that our funding allocation will be going down as a result of the recent decline in students and that we will need to do a better job in recruiting and retaining our students. To help with that he will be reinstating the bus tour and formalizing a partnership with Havre Public Schools to share faculty in specialized areas and to enroll qualified Havre High students in MSU-Northern courses. We will continue to work with Medicine Hat College and Mid-South Community College to deliver programs on those campuses. We will also be looking for ways to bolster our offerings in Native American Studies. He plans to bring the Liberal Studies degree out of moratorium. He explained that President Gamble has asked him to work with Interim Dean Joe Shaffer of MSU-Great Falls to consider the range of ways in which the two campuses can work together. They will be making a recommendation to President Gamble regarding the future leadership for the campuses and he will let us know what he wants to do.

Fall Connection – A Good Start for New Students

The Fall Connection activities are intended to introduce new students to Northern and the various campus services available to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. Activities are scheduled for Saturday, August 30th through Tuesday, September 2 with classes beginning on **Tuesday, September 2 @ 1:00pm.**

Saturday, August 30, 2008

10:00 a.m. Halls open for New Students (Morgan & Mackenzie Hall)

Monday, September 1, 2008 (SUB)

1:00 p.m. Welcome (SUB)

1:00 p.m. IT'S ALL ABOUT U (meet in the Ballroom)*

(Marty Foxman will facilitate a variety of stimulating, interesting and fun group activities. All participants will receive a free t-shirt because IT'S ALL ABOUT U!)

- 1:15 p.m. Parent/Spouse Session (SUB)*
(Parents and/or spouses are provided an opportunity to ask questions and to learn more about MSU-Northern while students are busy making a Fall Connection.)
- 4:30 p.m. Complimentary Dinner for New Students and Families (SUB)
- 9:00 p.m. College Movie Night @ Cottonwood Cinema

Tuesday, September 2, 2008 (SUB)

- 9:00 a.m. Check-in, Continental Breakfast and Welcome (SUB)
- 10:00 a.m. Making the Connection (SUB)*
(A fair style boardwalk of all student service offices and many of the on campus organizations will be on hand. Bring your questions, concerns, etc. for any area of student services.)
- Student/Faculty Connection (SUB)*
(Meet faculty in your major before classes start. Learn what student expectations they have and how you can better prepare for the semester that lay ahead.)
- 11:30 a.m. Complimentary Lunch for those faculty and students who attend the Student/Faculty Connection Program
- 1:00 p.m. Registration for non-registered students
- 1:00 p.m. CLASSES BEGIN**
- 4:30 p.m. Complimentary Campus BBQ (SUB)
- 6:00 p.m. Residence Hall Floor Meetings (Morgan & Mackenzie Halls)
(All residence hall students are required to attend the floor meeting that has been scheduled. Meetings are approximately one hour and are staggered through out the evening. Please check with your RA for the exact time and location.)
- 8:30 p.m. Pizza Party (Morgan Hall)*
(Campus clubs are invited to meet with the new students in a relaxing atmosphere.)

Notes: Many events will have free giveaways and events with an * and will have at least one drawing for a bookstore gift certificate ranging from \$25 to \$100. Other prizes will be given out during the week.

The meal plan will begin with brunch on Saturday, August 25th. The Dining Hall is open for cash sales to those people not on a meal plan (except those that are designated as complimentary).

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STUDENT/FACULTY CONNECTION

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ACT Testing

If you have not previously taken the ACT test and are under 21 years old, the ACT test is required to be admitted to MSU-Northern and be eligible for your financial aid funds. The test will be administered on Saturday, 9/6/08 in Hensler Auditorium in the ATC Center at 12:45 p.m. It will take approximately 4 hours. Please bring \$27 (check preferred or can be charged to your fees), a picture ID, a four function calculator and two #2 pencils.

ID Cards

All students are required to have a MSU-Northern ID card. There is no charge for the initial ID card (\$10.00 for replacement cards). This ID card is required to check out books at the Vande Bogart Library and to get into sporting events. Pictures will be taken on Saturday afternoon and Sunday and can be picked up at the Admissions Office one week later.

Chokecherry Stomp

The Central Montana Education Center is hosting the first Chokecherry Stomp on September 6th to raise money for the Lewistown campus. The event has a \$20 admission and features Shane Clouse and Stomping Ground. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Contact Janice Brady if you want more information or if you need a room reserved.

Parking Space Winner



Bill Gupton was this year's winner of the coveted free parking space. In case you didn't know Bill pays for his spot just like everyone else. Congratulations Bill.

New Emergency Notification System

The New Emergency Notification System provides MSU-Northern students, faculty, staff, parents and others critical information in the event of an emergency. The system delivers emergency messages through text messaging, voice messages over cellular or landline phones, and e-mail.

Enrollment in MSU Alert is free and voluntary. If you do not enroll in the system, you will not receive critical text or voice messages on your cellular and landline phones. Enrollment also allows you to enter an e-mail account you wish emergency messages sent to, if other than your myportal or work e-mail account.

The MSU Alert system will only be used for critical messages, testing and maintenance of the system. You will not receive spam through the system and your personal information will not be used for commercial purposes.

Enrollment is strongly recommended. If you have already enrolled, please ignore this message. Enrollment is easy and takes only a few minutes. Go to www.montana.edu/msualert to enroll now. Computer people will be available during orientation to help people register.

Community Chorus Begins Sept. 15

The MSU-Northern Community Chorus, directed by Dr. Jan Wiberg and accompanied by May Stevens will begin its fall rehearsal schedule on Monday evening, September 15th. Rehearsals will be from 7:00 to 8:50 p.m. in Room 208 of Pershing Hall on the MSU-Northern campus. All experienced singers are invited to participate.

M.A.T. Auditions

Auditions for AMERICAN BUFFALO by David Mamet will be held this Monday and Tuesday, Sept 1 & 2 at 7 pm in the MAT Theatre. Directors will be Samantha Pollington and Tolan Harber. Roles are available for three men (sorry girls!) - two older (but flexible here) and one younger (16-18) or so. Call Sam or Tolan at 945-0640 for details!

This is a great show so get up there and audition. The show runs Nov. 7, 8, 13-15, 20-22 in Havre and Dec. 4-6 in Missoula in the Crystal Theatre.

Student Work Available

If you are looking for a job, please visit Jennifer in the Career Center (which has moved to Cowan Hall 213). They have jobs available for student who have work study money and those that do not. They also have jobs on and off campus. If you are not sure if you have a work study allocation, please check with Financial Aid.

Work-study students can begin using their Fall/Spring award. Please remember that the award amount for your work-study student is for the entire year, Fall & Spring Semester, so use accordingly. Time sheets from previous semesters cannot be used for any student employees! Also, time sheets can never be altered with a different name, social security number, or wage rate!

Please call Jennifer Henderson at ext. 4198, if you have any questions, or need a temporary time sheet

Welcome Back Dance

On September 4th at 9 p.m., MSUN Program Council and New Media Broadcasters (KRYK, KOJM, KPQX) are sponsoring a Welcome Back Dance for all new and returning students in the Student Union Ballroom. Pizza and drinks will be served.

Comedian in Concert September 11th

Comedian Chad Daniels from Fergus Falls, Minnesota will be performing live in the Student Union Building on September 11th at 8 p.m. Chad has appeared on the Late Late Show with Craig Kilbourn, Comedy Central's "Live at Gotham", and taped his own half hour special "Comedy Central presents.....Chad Daniels." Check out his website at www.chaddanielscomedy.com.

MSUN Students, Faculty and staff are admitted free of charge and tickets will be available at the door for \$5/adult and \$3/students.

Egypt Trip

Next May, it's 13 days in Egypt!!!

Consider joining us and spread the word among your friends about the trip to Egypt! If you are a faculty member, please consider announcing it in your classes. We'd love to have you join us! If interested, contact Brenda Skornogoski at (406) 265-4178. You may check it out further and/or enroll by going to <http://www.eftours.com/ForStudents/Tour/ViewTour.aspx> It may be necessary to input the tour number, 468059.

New Faculty and Staff

Here are the names of the new faculty and staff since this time last year:

Laurel Ann Andrechak is a new Nursing Faculty member – She attended school at Gonzaga University where she received an MSN. She also received an MBA from City University in Spokane, WA. Most recently, she worked as a Family Nurse Practitioner with Spectrum Medical Group in Great Falls, MT. She has previously taught at MSU-Northern as a clinical instructor – hands on teaching of nursing skills in the hospital incorporating theory and practical skills in the workplace.

Ligia Arango coordinates the tutoring lab for student support services. Prior to working at Northern, Ligia worked at Stone Child College where she was a Biology and Math instructor. She teaches science at Saint Jude School in the morning and devotes from 1-5 pm to her work at Northern.

Tracey Dahl is the new Admissions Evaluator – She has an Associate's Degree in General Studies from MSU-Billings and is working on a B.S. Degree. She has over 12 years of communications, public relations and management experience in federal, state, and municipal government. Most recently, she was employed by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Dr. Denise F. Baldwin will serve as Assistant Professor in the College of Education at Montana State University-Northern Great Falls campus. She has her Master of Science in Human Resources Development and Administration from Barry University in 2000, and her Doctorate of Education in Organizational Leadership with a specialization in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University in 2006. For the past six years she has worked for the Lee County School District in Fort Myers, Florida.

Barbara Coffman is the new METC Director. She received her A.S. (Environmental Health) B.S. (Interdisciplinary Studies), and Master's of Education from MSU-Northern. Most recently, she was the Course Editor and contracted with MSU-Northern to update MSUN's water quality correspondence courses related to groundwater, water distribution systems, and disinfection. She has also worked as the Water and Wastewater System Operator for Brady County Water and Sewer District.

Amy Crowder is the new CRRN (Clinical Resource Registered Nurse) with the Nursing Program. She will be providing clinical experience for nursing students including patient assignments and review of nursing care plans.

Dr. Rolf Groseth is the new Interim Chancellor. Groseth has served in a variety of positions at MSU since 1977 including dean of students, vice provost for students affairs, executive assistant to the president, and the MSU System coordinator. The Chicago-area native has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University where he was also an All-American in swimming. He earned his master's degree from Iowa State University and his doctorate from the University of Florida. Groseth also served two years in the U.S. Army, including a 12-month tour of duty in Vietnam.

Doug Habeger is the new custodian/groundskeeper. He was born and raised in Havre. He has extensive experience in building and department maintenance.

Steve Leggitt is the new Interim Head Women's Volleyball Coach. He has served as the Asst. Women's Volleyball coach. He is also a student at MSUN.

Lourdes Munoz-Fox is the new Administrative Associate III in the COTS. She has an A.S. Degree in Business Technology from Northern. Most recently, she worked as an administrative assistant for Waddell & Reed.

Dr. Fred Smiley will be an Associate Professor of Education. He has his Bachelor's Degree in English from California State University, Chico. He taught English, social studies and physical education for 20 year before he received his Master's degree in Education from Chapman University in Orange California and a Doctorate in Education from Oklahoma State University and completed his Ed.D. in 1992.

Michael Sievers is the new Chemistry/Physics Faculty member - He received his B.S. in Chemistry from Boise State University in Boise, ID and a PhD in Physical Chemistry from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Awards include Postdoctoral Fellowship from Battelle National Labs in Richland, WA and the Henry Eyring Summer Research Fellowship from the University of Utah. Most recently, he taught at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, NY as an instructor for General and Organic Chemistry and General and Engineering Physics Lab and lecture courses.

Tyson Thivierge is the new Head Wrestling Coach – He received a B.S.Ed. in Health and Physical Education from MSU-Northern with an emphasis on coaching. Most recently, he was the Head Wrestling Coach for Carson High School in Carson City, NV. In 2007, he received the Northern Nevada Wrestling Coach of the Year and in 2002 was the NAIA National Champion.

Dr. Barbara Zuck is the Assistant Professor of Business in the College of Technical Sciences at MSU-Northern. She began teaching at Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake, Washington. She has worked at Montana State University in several capacities, including instructor in the Business Department. Barbara earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Luther College in 1984, a master's in public administration from Portland State University in 1993, and a doctorate in adult and higher education from Montana State University in 2007.

Part-time new faces at Northern include:

Kennedy Anderson is the new assistant coach for football and will coach the linebackers.

Leo Bullchild is the new asst. coach for Men's Basketball and part-time Athletic Information Director.

Jake Eldridge played at Northern last year and is finishing school this year. He will coach the running backs.

Jason Christenson will be the new Athletics Building Director and will coach the linebackers.

Rob Everingham is the new publicist for the Montana Motorcycle Safety Program.

Josh Glahn played at Northern last year and will finish school this year. He will coach the defensive line.

Justin Krezelak is the new KNMC Radio Station Manager

Mike McPeak is a new asst football coach

Janelle Merja asst women's volleyball coach

Kyle Samson is a new assistant football coach

Advising Center Moved

The Advising Center is now located in the lower level of the Library. There are two numbers Shauna Albrecht can be reached:

- **3760** ~ this is the main reception area for the Advising Center
- **3789** ~ this is Shauna's direct extension

Please direct any students looking for Shauna to her new location or come down and see the new area when you stop over to the library to have a coffee.

Festival Days Activities

Festivities start on Friday (Sept. 19) with the Festival of Crafts and Commercial Show at the Fairgrounds and the Community Friendship BBQ at the Town Square.

The big event of the weekend is always the parade on Saturday morning. If you plan to have a float in the parade, please contact Jim Potter (3727) so he can coordinate Northern's portion of the parade. This year's parade will include a ribbon cutting celebration for the 1st Street project, with the Chamber, the City, MDT and Nelcon Construction.

Saturday is full of activities for all from the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast to the Teen Car show and car audio fights. Northern will be celebrating homecoming throughout the weekend with volleyball games and the homecoming football game against Carroll College Saturday afternoon.

Sunday continues with the 48-hour softball tournament, a Dodge-ball Tournament, a croquet tournament and ice cream social and the Jaycees Soapbox Derby. There is something for everyone to enjoy throughout the weekend. Commemorative mugs and buttons are again being offered and will be distributed in the coming days. The mugs are \$5.00 and the buttons are \$1.00.

Upcoming Events

Aug. 30

Residence Halls Open

SATURDAY Market 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Sept. 1

12:00 AM - Midnight

Fall Connection (new student orientation)

Labor Day Holiday ~ Offices Closed

Sept. 2

Fall Semester Classes Begin 1:00 PM

Sept. 3

Montana Army National Guard Paint Ball

Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Folf Game 6:00 PM

I Survived My First Day of School Bash 8:00 PM

Sept. 4

Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

ChiAlpha Fellowship Welcome Back BBQ 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Welcome Back Dance 9:00 PM - Midnight

Sept. 5

ChiAlpha Fellowship Kick off Camp Out in the Bear Paws

Last day to add a first-half-semester class

Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Sept. 6

Motorcycle Safety Basic RiderCourse®

ChiAlpha Fellowship Kick off Camp Out in the Bear Paws

SATURDAY Market 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Lights Football @ Rocky Mountain College 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Sept. 7

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