

Northern Network News

The official newsletter for MSU-Northern

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By: Jim Potter, Director of University Relations

Last Issue for the Summer

This will be the last issue of the Northern Network News for this school year. The next issue will be the first Friday in September. If you have business information that you need to distribute across campus during the summer please feel free to use the "All Users" distribution list. A special thanks to everyone who contributed information to the NNN and to Bill Lanier, Terry Lilletvedt, Marianne Hoppe, Vicki Gist, Debi Rhines and Heather Sinclair for their weekly columns and Janice Brandy, Rob Everingham, Debbie Ritz, Sandy Jappe and Susan Jappe for helping to proof read it every week. Have a great summer break and I will see you again in the fall.

Nurses Pinning Today

MSU-Northern's Nurses Pinning ceremony is today at 1:00 p.m. at 5th Avenue Christian Church. 36 Nursing students will receive pins this year, 17 from the Havre Campus, 12 from the Great Falls Campus and 7 from our Lewistown campus. 18 BSN students who are also graduating this weekend will be recognized. There will be a reception to follow at the church.

MSU-Northern Founders' Excellence Winners

The Founders' Excellence/Alumni Reunion Dinner will be held tonight in the dining room of the Student Union Building beginning with a social hour at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00 p.m. MSU-Northern Founders' Excellence Awards will be presented to Tony Preite and Greg Jergeson.

Commencement Ceremonies

Tomorrow, Saturday, May 10th will mark the end of another academic year at Montana State University-Northern and a new beginning for over 300 graduates. Commencement ceremonies will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 10, in the Armory Gymnasium. Dr. Mary Moe, Dean of the M.S.U. Great Falls College of Technology will deliver the commencement address and the Timely Trio will be the special music.

Commencement Brunch Tickets

A commencement brunch will immediately follow the ceremony. Each faculty and staff member who would like to attend may receive one complimentary brunch ticket. Each Graduate will receive a ticket for themselves and one other person. The complimentary tickets are available at the Information Desk in the Student Union. Additional brunch tickets for spouses or family members will also be available in advance or at the door for \$7 and no charge for children under six.

Education Presentations

Many education students presented their portfolios to their faculty, family and friends this week. This is the first year these presentations have been done in this format. The idea is to make it more of a celebration instead of just another presentation. The education department hopes to make this an annual event.

Open Forum Update

Chancellor Groseth reminded everyone about Commencement, Founder Excellence Dinner, 50-year grads, the Board of Regents, Roger Barber's retirement party, our new Mascot, the Clock in the Courtyard, our preservation award and summer hours. I will not say any more about those topics since all of those items are covered already in this issue but some of the items that came up that have not been covered are: The Intercap loan to renovate the gym was denied, but we will be resurfacing the gym floor and repairing our existing bleachers. The ideas from the Imagine Northern workshop are on display on the third floor of Cowan hall. Please feel free to add your ideas. Chancellor Groseth announced that undecided students will be advised by the advising center and the Chancellor's search will probably begin this fall. Questions were posed about student loans and what we are doing to improve our campus facilities and what we are doing to save the pool.

HS Drama – The Baachae



This weekend Havre High School is presenting a Greek tragedy called **The Bacchae**. It powerfully dramatizes the conflict between the emotional and rational sides of the human psyche. When the people of Thebes deny the existence of the god Dionysos, he punishes them by unleashing the full force of female sexuality, thereby destroying social order and driving them to certain tragedy. This play may not be suitable for younger children.

Roger Barber Retirement Party

The Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education is planning a retirement party for Roger Barber to recognize his 33 years of remarkable service to the students and the State of Montana.

The Montana University System will honor Dr. Roger Barber at a dinner in Havre. Thursday, May 29, 2008 in the Duck Inn Olympic Room -1300 1st Street

- No-host cocktails at 6:00 p.m.
- Buffet Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
- Cost is \$25.00 per person
- Send checks for dinner payable to the Duck Inn to Sandy Merdinger
- Send gift checks payable to Sandy Merdinger
- RSVP and send dinner and gift checks in advance to:
Sandy Merdinger
Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education
46 N. Last Chance Gulch ♦ PO Box 203101
Helena, MT 59620-3101
Questions? Call Sandy at 406-444-0317

Board of Regents

The Board of Regents will be on our campus May 29th and 30th everyone is welcome to attend the meetings that will be in the SUB Ballroom.

Preservation Award

On Monday during the normal Havre City Council Meeting, the Havre Hill County Historic Preservation Commission presented Northern with a preservation award for our work upgrading Pershing Hall. It was one three awards presented. The other awards went to Antoinette “Toni” Hagener for her many year of preservation work in and around the region and to Gary Grant for his work restoring his residence.

Summer Hours

The Chancellor has approved that MSU-Northern will again observe Summer Hours beginning May 12th. Summer hours will be from 7:30-4:00 with a ½ hour lunch period. Of course this is at the discretion of each office/department and should be arranged with each supervisor. Please be sure to put signs on your doors and change your voice mail messages to reflect summer hours. The summer hours will end on August 22.

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Saturday, July 26th will be the 10th Annual 3-on-3 Nothin’ but Net Tournament Hosted by the Havre Chamber of Commerce

Pre-Register by Friday, July 20th and pay \$55.00. Registration after July 20th registration will cost \$65.00 per team. There is no same day tournament registration. Pre-registration for the tournament is required with registration fee to the Chamber by July 25th.

3 on 3 Nothin’ But Net Tournament continues to be the premiere youth basketball tournament in North Central Montana and owes a large part of it success to the many volunteers working diligently to organize and execute the tournament weekend.

Volunteers are needed at each of the 13 hoops to keep score and run the time clocks. Help is also needed during the day to run water, keep the area clean, as well as with set up and take down. To volunteer, call the Chamber office at 265-4383.

Boys and girls entering grades 4-12, are eligible to participate. Each team roster can include 4 players. Last year, over 50 teams participated.

Three games are guaranteed. Teams are computer bracketed into male-female divisions by entering grades. The tournament is a pool play competition in the morning, which brackets the teams within the grade divisions for single elimination play in the afternoon.

Divisions for the tournament are: grades 4-6 Mixed; there must be one girl on teams entering this grade division; Boy's 7-8 and 9-12; and Girls 7-8 and 9-12.

Kicks @ 6:00 p.m.

This summer, every Wednesday (June 11 - August 13) at 6pm – 7pm in the Town Square come out and enjoy the music of the Other Brothers. Bring your picnic ~ meet a friend~ relax & sing along.

Tunes @ Noon is now Kicks @ 6! Based on the success of our finale session last year and not to fight with the 1st Street construction project, the summer music series will be at 6pm. Nothing else has changed.

The Other Brothers is a group of Hi-Line area educators/musicians formed in 2001 by Kirt Miller. The vision for the group is to keep alive the traditions of American Folk/Rock music with a focus primarily on youth and senior citizens. The group has performed throughout Montana at rest homes, schools, library functions and Boys and Girls Clubs.

Wellness Tips for BBQ season

BY: Heather Sinclair

1. Pay attention to portions.
 - A baseball or tennis ball= 1 cup (potatoes, pastas, and bean salads).
 - A deck of cards= 3 ounces of meat (steak, chicken, fish).
 - A thumb= 1 tablespoon (salad dressing or spread).
 - Choose reduced fat varieties which have ½ the calories.
2. Fill up on vegetables (all kinds).
 - Using a couple of tablespoons of salad dressing.
 - Go easy on the chips and dip.
 - Have dessert within reason.
 - When finished eating, go play!
 - Toss the ball with the kids.
 - Play horse shoes.
 - Crochet.
 - Go for a walk.

Computer Tip of the Week

Outlook 2007: Color code your Outlook items

By: Marianne Hoppe

Color categories allow you to easily identify and group associated items in Microsoft Office Outlook. Assign a color category to a group of interrelated items — such as notes, contacts, appointments, and e-mail messages — so that you can easily and quickly find, sort, filter, or group items. You can also assign more than one color category to items. The category colors are prominently displayed in table views (such as your Inbox) and within the open items themselves.

For an existing message in your Inbox, you just right-click it, point to **Categorize**, and then click a color category. You can also use the **Rules and Alerts** to automatically assign categories to incoming messages.

To remove categorization from an item, right click it, point to **Categorize**, and click **Clear All Categories**.

Don't like the category names or colors? You can change them! You can rename the categories to something more meaningful to you or choose different colors for the categories. This flexibility enables you to design a color category system that fits your personal work style.

1. On the toolbar, click **Categorize**
2. Click **All Categories**.
3. To rename a category:
 1. Select the category,
 2. Click the **Rename** button,
 3. Type a new name,
 4. Click **OK**.
4. For a new category:
 1. Click **New** and the **Add New Category** dialog box opens.
 2. In the **Name** box, type a name for the new color category.
 3. Click the arrow next to **Color**, click the color that you want, and then click **OK**.

Tidbit

By Bill Lanier

This weekend will mark the last commencement for Robert Miller as Faculty Marshall. Professor Miller will be retiring this year after teaching here at Northern for 37 years. Professor Miller started here at Northern in 1971. To put this in perspective Richard Nixon was President, a first class postage stamp was \$0.08, a gallon of gas was \$0.36, a dozen eggs was \$0.53 and a gallon of milk was \$1.18. Here on the Northern campus Mackenzie Hall and was being constructed and the Food service was being added on to the SUB. Did you know that Robert Miller is a member of the Simpson College Athletic Hall of Fame for football? Congratulations and thank you for everything you have done for Northern.

Dining Room Menu

Food Services will only be open for scheduled Catered events for the rest of May. See you in June!

Upcoming Events

May 9

Alumni 50 Year Class Reunion

Spring Semester Ends

Spring Semester Finals Week

Book Buy Back 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Nurses Pinning Ceremony & Reception 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM 5th Ave. Christian Church

MSUN Founders' Excellence Awards 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM SUB

May 10

Alumni 50 Year Class Reunion

Commencement 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Commencement Brunch

May 12

Extended Summer Session Begins

Pre-Summer Session Begins

May 13

Grades Due

May 17

Motorcycle Safety Basic RiderCourse®

May 18

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May 26

Memorial Day Observed ~ No Classes, Offices Closed

May 29

Board of Regents meeting

Retirement Dinner for Dr. Roger Barber 6:00 PM

May 30

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