Welcome to the Northern Network News. This e-mail newsletter is provided weekly, except during the summer and scheduled academic breaks, to subscribers who include students, alumni, employees and friends of MSU-Northern.

OPI Visits Campus

This past week a group of education professionals from across the state and representatives from the Office of Public Instruction were on campus to review our Education programs and make recommendations on how we can improve those programs. This visit was a technical visit and will provide us with valuable recommendations for the official accreditation visit which is scheduled for November.

Run For Your Wife - Opens Tonight

Montana Actors Theatre presents "Run For Your Wife"! A British farce, this fast-paced mad-capped comedy ran in London for nine years. John Smith, a cab driver has two wives and two lives, but when an accident threatens to push the two together, he must make some quick moves to keep his secret.
Student Senate

Elections
Nominations for Student Senate elections must be turned into the SUB info desk by 5:00 p.m. today. Student Senate Elections will be next week and will appear on your student portal account. To vote, simply follow the link and the instructions.

Spring Thaw Celebration
Tonight the MSU-Northern Food Service & Program Council will be sponsoring a semi-formal dinner and dance for all MSU-Northern students at 5pm in the SUB Dining Hall. The Social Hour will begin at 5pm with dinner to follow. Mocktails will be served and door prizes will be given out throughout the night. At 7pm, Northern will have its own rendition of "Dancing with the MSUN Stars". Music will be provided by "Mystic Rhythms" from 8pm-midnight. Students may bring a guest to this event for the low cost of $3.00.

Rachael Price in Concert
Jazz vocalist Rachael Price was the final performance for the Northern Showcase Concert Association's 2008-09 Season, was held Tuesday, in the Havre High School Auditorium.

Orientation Meeting for Summer Cooperative Education Students
The Career Center will be holding orientation sessions for Summer coop students. It is MANDATORY that you attend one of the sessions. They will be held in the Library Downstairs Computer Lab on the following dates:
Tuesday, April 21st at 4:00pm
Thursday, April 23rd at Noon
Monday, April 27th at Noon
Wednesday, April 29th at 4:00pm
If you are a first time cooperative education student, purchase a Cooperative Education Handbook at the Bookstore and bring it with you to the session.

2nd Annual Rummage Sale
The Skylight and Light basketball programs will be teaming up to hold a 2nd Annual Rummage Sale Saturday, April 18th from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Armory Gym. Proceeds from the sale will directly benefit the Skylight and Light programs.

Anyone interested in donating items to the sale can call Chris Mouat (265-3584), Anna Bateman (265-3779), or Shawn Huse (265-4131) to arrange for items to be picked up. We will be running pick-ups from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

We look forward to hearing from you and assisting in your Spring Cleaning!!!
TekNoXpo Comes to Campus

MSU-Northern is hosting their very first TekNoXpo, that's short for Technology-Knowledge-Exposition. Participants will experience a campus tour and hands-on demonstrations from the various programs from Northern's College of Technical Sciences. They will also have an industry supported equipment rodeo where potential students will compete in timed events on skid steers, backhoes and excavator simulators!

This event is designed to expose students to Northern's diesel, automotive, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, drafting, engineering, agriculture, business, and computer programs. All students are welcome and we'll make sure you will have a great time!

It all happens next Wednesday, April 22, 2009.

Raining Jane Delights Audience

The Los Angeles based eclectic rock-fold band Raining Jane gave an outstanding performance in the Student Union Ballroom Monday night. This year they gave an all acoustic performance.

3rd Annual Energy Day event

This year the Energy Day will be held Monday, April 20th in the MSU-Northern SUB. There will be several presentations by some leading experts and a panel discussion on how to take advantage of some of the new energy opportunities. Jim Rowlett will be talking about ground source heating systems and Scott Plenninger from Windterra System Inc. will also be returning to make some presentations on how wind can be used to generate electricity.

Northern's Energy Use and Conservation Committee has been working with the Focus the Nation organization, Campus Chillout organization, the National Wildlife Federation, and the National Teach-In organization to develop informative resources and activities for this event and to develop an awareness on campus and encourage student involvement in energy issues. This year students have been actively involved in contacting their legislative representative to encourage them to be more supportive of Alternate energy issues.

Cheryl Ulmer, Great Falls Field Director from Senator Jon Testor's office will be presenting a letter from Senator Jon Testor with an update on what they are doing at the federal level to develop renewable energy for Montana. Also the Hill County Commissioners Mike Wendland and Kathy Bessette will also be on hand to be a part of the panel discussion.

The schedule of activities is as follows:

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM Energy Issues Teach-In (on campus - participating classes)
3:30 - 4:30 Poster Presentations and Video/Webcast Viewing OPEN TO PUBLIC
Bio Diesel Research poster presentation and Remote Controlled Biodiesel Vehicle demonstration, Hill County Recycling Committee, MSU-N Student Senate, Community Services class, and Math Science Club information tables
4:30 - 5:30 Energy Conservation Open Discussion Forum with State/Local Officials
"Seizing the Opportunities in the new Energy Economy - Together"
6:00 - 7:00 Presentations - SUB
6:00 - 6:20 Ground Source Heat Systems Presentation by Jim Rowlett
6:20 - 6:40 Wind Energy Presentation/Demo by Scott Plenninger (Windterra)
6:40 - 7:00 Solar Thermal Water Heating by Lorren Schlotfeldt

Anyone interested in presenting information or demonstrating energy products can contact Spike at 265-4123.

**CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT WEEK ACTIVITIES**

Monday, April 20th at 5pm there will be a JELLO DIVE at the SUB! Come on down to the SUB and take a dive in a water trough full of Jello!!! Competitions and prizes will be awarded.

Tuesday, April 21st thru Thursday, April 23rd the Student Senate Elections will be held online. Don't forget to vote for your favorite candidate.

Tuesday, April 21st at 1pm - Campus Cleanup - meet in the SUB Lobby
Since 1932, Northern has set aside a day for active participation in general campus clean-up. This day is devoted to developing a sense of pride among the college community by improving the appearance of our campus. Classes may be canceled from 1-4pm so that all students may take part in this activity. A BBQ for participants will be held at 4:30pm in the SUB.

Tuesday, April 21st at 3pm - Pick up your sign up sheets in the SUB for the 8th Annual Tucker Montgomery Memorial Folf Tournament, an 18-hole Folf Tournament to be held on April 23rd at 3pm (right after Campus Cleanup). Meet in the SUB Lobby for the rules and start up locations. After the tourney, join us in the SUB for a BBQ.

Tuesday, April 21st at 4:30pm - BBQ - SUB Dining Hall

Wednesday, April 22nd at Noon - Country Theme Lunch/Music

Thursday, April 23rd at 5:30pm - Intramural/Recreation Spring Sprint - race begins at the S-Curve Parking Lot

The ASMSUN Intramural/Recreation committee is sponsoring a Spring (fun run) on the campus of MSU-Northern. If you are interested in signing up-get your registration form at the SUB Information Desk. There will be a 1mi and 3mi walk/run. Food and refreshments will be served after the run and prizes will be awarded.

**Student Health Service - Open House**
The Student Health Service has moved to the SUB so there will be an Open House on Thursday April 23rd from 3:30-5 p.m. to show the new facility. Refreshments will be served.

**Graduation Brunch Tickets**
Graduation Brunch Tickets are at the SUB Information Desk. Brunch is held in the SUB Cafeteria immediately following the Commencement ceremony on May 9th. Graduates get 2 complementary brunch tickets. Additional tickets can be purchased for $7.00.

**Computer Tips**
By Marianne Hoppe

**Quick Search with IE7**

You can use Internet Explorer 7’s search tool with Google, Yahoo, eBay, Wikipedia, and many others. To do this:

1. At the right of the search box's magnifying glass in the upper right corner of the Internet Explorer screen, click the down arrow (this is the "Search Options" arrow).
2. Click Find More Providers, and then choose the one(s) you want. Or if what you want isn't
listed, you can add your own by following the instructions on the right side of the screen in the yellow box.

When the time comes to actually conduct a search, click the Search Options arrow again and select the engine you want from the pull-down list.

**Upcoming Events**

**April 17**
Employer Recruiting Visit: Wyoming Machinery 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM  
Guest Lecture: Wesley Old Coyote 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM  
Spring Thaw 5:00 PM - Midnight  
Montana Actors Theatre presents "Run For Your Wife" 8:00 PM

**April 18**
Lights/Skylights 2nd Annual Rummage Sale 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Final Spring Lights Football Scrimmage 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Miller Analogies Test (MAT) 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
Montana Actors Theatre presents "Run For Your Wife" 8:00 PM

**April 20**
Campus Improvement Week  
Skylights Golf @ Westminster College Invitational  
Guest Lecture: Caleb Shields 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM  
3rd Annual Energy Day Event 3:30 PM - 7:00 PM  
IOC Club Meeting 5:00 PM - 5:15 PM  
Jello Dive 5:00 PM  
ASMSUN Senate Meeting 5:15 PM - 7:00 PM  
I/R Coed Softball 6:00 PM

**April 21**
Skylights Golf @ Westminster College Invitational  
Campus Improvement Week (Multi-Day Event)  
Student Senate Elections  
Campus Improvement Day 1:00 AM - 4:00 AM  
The Tucker Montgomery Memorial Folf Tournament 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM  
Mandatory Orient. Mtg. for Summer Coop. Ed. Students 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
I/R Coed Softball 6:00 PM  
Wall Climbing 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**April 22**
High School Students: You're invited to TekNoXpo!  
Campus Improvement Week (Multi-Day Event) All Day  
Student Senate Elections

**April 23**
Campus Improvement Week  
Student Senate Elections  
Mandatory Orient. Mtg. for Summer Coop. Ed. Students 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
Intramural/Recrea. 5:30 PM  
ChiAlpha Meeting 7:00 PM  
Montana Actors Theatre presents "Run For Your Wife" 8:00 PM

**April 24**
Teacher Recruitment Interviews 2009 (MSU-Billings)  
Cheerleading Tryouts (practice/meeting) 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Montana Actors Theatre presents "Run For Your Wife" 8:00 PM

**April 25**
Cheerleading Tryouts 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Intramural/Recreation Coed Softball Tourney 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Montana Actors Theatre presents "Run For Your Wife" 8:00 PM