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Lights Take on Rocky in Semifinals



The Lights leave for Billings today to compete in the Frontier Conference Semifinals on Saturday (7:00 p.m.) against Rocky Mountain College. They defeated LC State last night 66 to 59 to an energetic home crowd. Depending on how the games go Northern could be hosting the championship game on Tuesday. Keep up the good work Lights!

### NAIA National Wrestling Tournament - Update

Northern's wrestling team is in Oklahoma City for the 52nd annual NAIA National Wrestling Tournament at the Abe Lemons Arena. They are currently in 11th place ahead of UGF which is in 12th place.

Northern has three wrestlers in the championship hunt, defending national champion Cory Borges at 125, Colt Heger at 133, and Evan Hinebauch at 184. Action continued this morning at 9 a.m. Mountain time.

### SSS Wins Can Sculpture Contest



Northern's Student Support Services won the can sculpture contest with their "Lighthouse" sculpture. The contest was sponsored by the SIFE club. The idea was to collect as many used pop and beer cans as you could and turn them into a sculpture without using any materials that would make the cans unable to be recycled. The winners received Pizza Hut gift cards. The sculptures are in Brockmann Center for people to observe.

Skylights Volleyball Team Gives Blood



Northern's Volleyball team were part of the 61 people to give blood on Wednesday. The blood drive was able to collect 49 pints of blood. Sixteen people who attended were first time donors.

# Gary Lawson - Passed Away

Gary Lawson (Northern's painter for almost 26 years) passed away Monday morning, after a short battle with cancer. Condolences can be sent in care of Ginny Lawson and family to 208 Tiber Driver here on campus. Big "G" will be missed by everyone on campus. There will be Vigil Service at Holland and Bonine Funeral Home on Friday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m. TheFuneral Service will be at St. Jude's Church Saturday, March 7th at 2:00 p.m.

### Legislative Update

Interim Chancellor Rolf Groseth and Chief Fiscal Officer Sue Ost attended the House Appropriations Committee hearing in Helena yesterday (Thursday, March 5). The committee reviewed portions of HB2, the General Appropriations Act, which includes the budget for Higher Education. Commissioner of Higher Education Sheila Stearns answered questions from the committee on various aspects of the budget. The committee will continue working on the budget this week and hope to hold hearings on the bill dealing with the economic stimulus funds next week.

Groseth and Ost were also able to attend "Celebrating Old Places and New Names" in the Capitol Rotunda. As the result of HB 412, passed in 1999, the derogatory term "sqaw" has been removed from the names of 76 Montana geographic sites. This ceremony celebrated the completion of ten years' work in identifying and renaming the sites.

# MSU-Extension Hosts Farm Bill Workshop

Vince Smith, George Haynes and Duane Griffith from the MSU Extension Services were on campus Wednesday to talk about the Farm Bill to over 90 farmers from across the Hi-line. They also gave everyone some free software and demonstrated how to use ACRE and SURE.

### Daylight Savings - Time to Spring Forward

It's that time again! Daylight Saving Time starts on this coming Sunday. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before retiring Saturday night. <a href="http://www.webexhibits.org/daylightsaving/b2.html">http://www.webexhibits.org/daylightsaving/b2.html</a>

### Dallas Brass Coming to Havre

On Monday, March 23, at 7:30 pm, the nationally renowned group The Dallas Brass will be performing in concert at Havre High School. This group is well known among music educators as one of the most entertaining and inspiring musical ensembles of its kind. We are very fortunate to have a group of this caliber perform in Havre. Not only will Dallas Brass perform exclusively, but they will also perform one song with the Havre Middle School band and another with the Havre High School band. The profits from this concert will go toward the Havre High School jazz band's trip to the UNC/Greeley Jazz Festival in Greeley, Colorado. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from Krista Milligan or from any Havre High School band member.

## Trip to Italy Scheduled for 2010



The next fantastic excursion by Brenda Skornogoski is being planned for Tuscany, Italy on May 13, 2010 until May 23, 2010. You can also get the extended package which will go to May 25th and can include Imperial Rome sightseeing (the Colosseum, and the forum) and Vatican City (St Peter's Basilica and the Cistine Chapel).

Anyone can go but most of the people who have gone in the past have been Northern Alumni, faculty, staff, students, or at the very least supporters or friends of someone else who's going. One fun thing about these group travel packages is that you don't have to find a traveling companion or roommate; we'll get a group of congenial people together for you.

You can sign up for our group tour by following this link: http://brendaskornogoski.grouptoursite.com/groups/BRENDASKORNOGOSKI.aspx

### Computer Tips

By Marianne Hoppe

#### Organize your Inbox by converting Outlook 2007 e-mail into tasks

Often you're working on your daily tasks or a special project and you stop to check your e-mail. You know some of your messages need attention, but you just don't have time to work on them now. You could flag each e-mail for follow-up, but you might end up with an Inbox cluttered with flagged e-mails. You could move all messages to a To-do folder, but by the time you get around to going through them, you'll probably have forgotten why you put them there.

Outlook 2007's e-mail to task conversion feature provides a third alternative that not only relieves Inbox clutter but also reminds you to follow up on those e-mails. To demonstrate, let's say you received an e-mail about a webinar that you want to check out next week. Follow these steps to convert that e-mail into a task on your calendar:

1. Drag the message from the Inbox list to the Task button on the right as shown below.



- 2. In the Task pane, enter a day next week as a start date and end date.
- 3. Check the Reminder box and set a time for the reminder if you want to be notified.
- 4. Delete any part of the message that does not pertain to the task.
- 5. Click Save and Close.

Your e-mail is now listed as a task for you to complete at a later date. You can delete the e-mail from the Inbox, if you want.

#### **Tidbits**

By Bill Lanier

Even though the Northern Skylights lost in the conference tournament they did finish second in the conference standings and they extended their consecutive winning seasons to 28 years. The last time a Skylights team had a losing record was in the 1980-81 season. Congratulations on a great year Skylights!

# **Upcoming Events**

Mar. 6

52nd NAIA National Wrestling Tournament Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

#### Mar. 7

52nd NAIA National Wrestling Tournament Frontier Conf. Semifinal Basketball game: Lights @ Rocky 7:00 PM

#### Mar. 9

Advance Registration for Summer 2009 Begins Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM IOC Club Meeting 5:00 PM - 5:15 PM ASMSUN Senate Meeting 5:15 PM - 7:00 PM I/R Coed Volleyball 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

#### Mar. 10

Wall Climbing 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM I/R Coed Volleyball 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM Earthlight Massages 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Mar. 12

Employer Recruiting Visit: Kiewit Bingo Bowling 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM ChiAlpha Meeting 7:00 PM

Mar. 13

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM Guest Lecture: Russell Boham 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

Mar. 14 Library CLOSED

Mar. 15 Library CLOSED

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