

The Official Newsletter For MSU-Northern

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#### **Homecoming Court**



The 2009 Homecoming court was named last week during half-time of the football game against Western. The King and Queen are Jhevon McMillan and Liz Richards representing SEA. The Prince and Princess are Edwin Monguh and Kaylie Cochrell representing the Nursing Club and the Dutch and Duchess are Kyle Little and Alyssa Manion representing Residence Life.

# Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Take Saturday night off from cooking; take your family out for a Spaghetti Dinner! The medical fundraiser and silent auction for Wanda McKinney, a member of our Northern family who has been battling cancer for over three years, will be held THIS Saturday, 9/26/09, 4-7PM, at the Havre Vets Club.

The cost for the dinner is your free-will donation; checks should be made payable to "Thrivent," who will be matching funds raised. What a great way to get out of the kitchen, enjoy the company of friends and family, as well as helping one of our own. Energy Saving Tip #5 One great way to save energy is to make sure you do not use the handicapped (electric) doors unless you have to. This is particularly helpful if avoided in the winter time!

**Upcoming Events** 

Sept. 25 Biodiesel Workshop: Process

Engineering

MSU-Northern Rodeo @ Miles City Community College

Board of Regents meeting (Billings)

Powderpuff Football Rosters Due

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Skylights Volleyball vs. Carroll College - HHS

# Sept. 26

Biodiesel Workshop: Process Engineering

MSU-Northern Rodeo @ Miles City Community College

Lights Football @ Eastern Oregon University

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Skylights Volleyball vs. Rocky Mountain College - MSUN

> Sept. 28 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Powderpuff Football

**Sept. 29** 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Student Senate Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

# New Wind Generators Going Up



The first of three wind power generators has been installed on the hill by the N. The electrical power inverter and auxiliary net-metering equipment are located in the Automotive Diagnostic Building. The wind power generator is an ARE 110 made by Abundant Renewable Energy Inc. The wind power generator is a 2.5 KW system that will produce approximately 340 KW hours of energy a month; which is about enough to power a normal home for the month.

### American Indian Heritage Day Celebration



This week Northern celebrated American Indian Heritage Day by having a pipe ceremony, with a drum group from Ft. Belknap Reservation, in the courtyard by the clock tower. This day has been recognized in Montana since 1997.

# Fort Belknap Dedication



Fort Belknap College on 9/23 dedicated a new Library/Technology building

Powderpuff Football

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Wall Climbing

8:00 PM Comedian Daniel Kinno



followed by a community feed. Dedication started with a prayer, was accompanied by a drum group and included recognition of a number of people involved with getting the building built, especially FBC President Carol Falcon-Chandler and her family and several elders. Vicki Gist, Carol Jestrab and Jaakko Puisto participated from MSU-Northern.

### Volleyball Games Moved

Northern's Volleyball team will be playing at home this weekend. Friday night's game has been moved to the High School to make room for the Police Protective Association's annual concert Billy Joe Royal and Bobby Vee. The Volleyball game on Saturday has been moved to 2:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. and it will be in the Armory Gym.

# **Football Value Cards**

The 2009-2010 Football Value Cards are in. The cost is only \$10. That's right, for 10 bucks you get free pizza, discounted oil changes and more. You can show your Northern pride more economically by receiving a 10% discount on purchases of logo apparel at our own bookstore. Except for the small cost for printing the cards, all proceeds go to Northern's athletic programs. Cards are available at the Athletic department (3761) or from Byron Ophus (4193).

#### New Biodiesel Processor In Use



Northern's Biodiesel Testing Center has the new Biodiesel Pilot Plant finally installed at our campus; we have already made our first batch of biodiesel. Participants of the Biodiesel Workshop are "brewing" canola oil into biodiesel.

The pilot plant produces 50 gallons of biodiesel per batch and was acquired by the Center through grants and support from MT Dept. of Ag GTA, NorthWestern Energy, Opportunity Link and WIRED.

You are all welcome to stop by and have a look of our pilot plant which is housed at the Auto Diagnostic Building (next to ATC). We'll also be happy to discuss possible incorporation of the Center's activities into your classes.

The Center would like to thank Tom Welch and Mike Miller who were part

of the Evaluation Committee for the processor as well as, Spike Magelssen, Lorren Schlotfeldt and Dan Ulmen for their help during the installation.

### Board of Regents Report

By: Joe Callahan



The Montana Board of Regents met in Billings September 23-25th. The board received a number of reports including the new Regents Workgroup on reinventing and reforming the MUS. At its August 3, 2009 annual planning session, the Board of Regents designated a subcommittee of regents to serve as a workgroup to address topics related to reinventing and reforming the Montana University System. This new workgroup is expected to provide project oversight and ensure internal and external feedback in order to facilitate progress on major initiatives between Board meetings. The workgroup will provide regental guidance for the newly formed Leadership Council and will return to the full Board with specific recommendations that will influence the University System's strategic directions.

In addition to reports the Regents reviewed the draft documents related to "mission" from MSU and UM. A considerable portion of the meeting was devoted to a special presentation by the President of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS), Mr. Dennis Jones. NCHEMS data for Montana and the entire nation was very comprehensively presented to the board in a detailed report. Montana needs to increase the number of students going to college as well as graduation rates according to Mr. Jones. The 2-year effort, know as Making Opportunities Affordable (MOA) was detailed for the board including status of a proposal to the Lumina Foundation by the MUS for funding.

The board had a presentation of the Long Range Building Program (LRBP) which includes projects for the entire MUS. The current list has two projects for MSUN: an Auto Building and renovation of Hagener Science Center. Each campus will have a visit by the LRBP and MSUN had a visit a couple of weeks ago. MSU Billings presented information on how campuses will deal with the H1N1 virus. Some cases have been reported on some campuses in the MUS but not in epidemic numbers so far.

A considerable portion of time was spent on review of FY 10 campus budgets which account for over 1.2 billion for the year for the entire MUS. MSUN Chancellor Frank Trocki presented the FY 10 budget to the board along with a report on Northern's enrollment statistics including the increase in FTE and headcount over Fall 2008. All of the campuses in the MUS have reported enrollment increases to date, with a range from a 40 % increase at FVCC to 2-3 % on some campuses; MSUN reported a preliminary increase of just over 4% to date. Final enrollments are not finalized yet.

# MSU-Northern Hosts Open House in Lewistown

Chancellor Frank Trocki and key administrators from MSU-Northern will be in Lewistown, Monday, September 28 for an open house at Northern's Lewistown campus at 773 Airport Road. Everyone is invited to attend the open house from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. This is a great opportunity for people to meet Northern's new Chancellor and give him some ideas on how Northern can better meet the educational needs of Lewistown and the surrounding communities. One of Northern's recruiters will also be on hand if anyone has questions or wants information about enrolling at Northern.

### **Dinner Murder Mystery**

The Montana Actors' Theatre will be presenting a murder mystery event entitled "Death by Chocolate". This fundraiser will be on Saturday, October 17th in the MSU-Northern SUB Ballroom. Cocktails will begin at 6:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres as well as a variety of delectable chocolates. As the activities get underway, the murder mystery will unfold. Guest seated in "teams" of eight, will work together in a "clue" like game in an attempt to discover the who, what, where, and why of the murder. For tickets or more information please call 945-0272 or go to <u>www.mtactors.com</u>

# COMEDY HITS THE STAGE AT NORTHERN

Born and raised in Russia, Daniel Kinno lends an unusual and hilarious perspective to everyday events ranging from dating to college life. At only 27, Daniel has worked with such accomplished comedians as Dane Cook, Anthony Clark, Chris Tucker and Jerry Seinfeld to name a few. Daniel has been seen regularly on Comedy Central, MTV, GSN & the WB. He appeared on the hit show Boys Behaving Badly and starred in a national ESPN commercial. You can see Daniel on the MSU-Northern stage, September 29th in the SUB Ballroom at 8pm.

# Wii COMPETITIONS BEGIN

Every Wednesday at 6pm this semester, beginning September 23rd, the ASMSUN Program Council committee will be hosting a Wii Competition in the SUB Fireside lounge. The Associated Students of MSU-Northern have purchased a 55" flat panel television for the students use in the Fireside Lounge. Wii games will vary from week to week but include bowling, tennis, boxing, swordplay, wakeboarding, archery, Frisbee golf, basketball, power cruising, cycling, golf, table tennis, canoeing and even American Idol. Don't miss out on the fun! Prizes will be awarded each week.

#### **Bus Fundraiser**

There will be a Golf Tournament held at the Beaver Creek Golf Course on Saturday, September 26 at 9:00 a.m. All profits from this event will go to help pay for Northern's new athletic bus. This event promises to be fun and will support a very worthwhile cause. Please call and register at the Pro Shop - 265-4201.

If you are unable to support the bus fund through the tournament, donations can be made through our Foundation office - be sure to clearly designate your contribution to the MSUN Bus Fund. You can pick up a pledge card from the Foundation and can also do a donation through payroll deductions. If you need any further info, please call the Foundation Office at 265-3711.

# **Rumor Buster**

You may have heard rumors last week of a student-athlete being diagnosed with "Swine Flu". That

rumor was just a rumor, the student-athlete tested negative for "Swine Flu". We have had a total of five students isolated and tested for HINI and thus far the tests have come back negative and the students have been allowed to return to class. Please remember to keep washing your hands and using hand sanitizers to protect yourself.

#### **Computer Corner**

#### Word Tip: Six Word borders you can apply as you type

#### By Marianne Hoppe

By typing three dashes and pressing the return, Word will insert a solid line that extends from the left margin to the right margin. If you prefer a thicker line, use three underscore (\_) characters instead of hyphen. Using an equal sign (=) will produce a double line. The tilde character (~) will produce a wavy line, while an asterisk (\*) will produce a dotted line. Finally, typing the number sign (#) three times produces a thick line with a thin line above and below.

# **Tidbits**

By: Bill Lanier

This weekend the Northern football team travels to Eastern Oregon University for a conference football game. Did you know that Eastern Oregon's Athletic Director, Rob Cashell, is a Northern Alumnus? Rob graduated from Northern with a master's degree in 1994.

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