

Northern Network News



The Official Newsletter For MSU-Northern

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SAF Helps Northern Students



Liz Foster, Student Assistance Foundation Outreach Manager presented Dr. Trocki a check for \$37,579, MSU-Northern's share of the Access Grant funds for 2010-2011. SAF, a non-profit organization, provides resources and services to Montana students. These funds have already been awarded to incoming freshman or transfer students. Thank you Student Assistance Foundation!

MSU-Northern Searches for New Dean

The Open Forum for Dr. Scott Searcy, has been rescheduled for today Friday, December 3rd, at 3:30 p.m. in the Hensler Auditorium.

Dr. Searcy is from Forest City, IA. Dr. Searcy has over 20 years of experience working in higher education, including Dean, Faculty Chair, Associate Academic Dean, Division Chair, Math Chair, Professor, and Instructor. Dr. Searcy received both his BS and MS Degrees in Mathematics from New Mexico Highlands University and his PhD in Mathematics from Idaho State University. Major accomplishments in his current position as Dean of Assessment and Accreditation include design and development of an online core curriculum. Research interests include Wavelet Analysis: specifically techniques involving the use of wavelets to reduce transmitted noise in audio recordings. Dr. Searcy is also the author of software RANDOM FROG WALK, a program that generates pseudo random directed paths through terrestrial landscapes. The program is useful in determining the validity of GIS modes of animal habitats by

Recycling Facts & Tips

Unplug electronics that are not in use. This sounds like a no brainer but studies show many idle electronics - TVs, VCRs, DVD and CD players, cordless phones, microwaves - use energy even when switched off to keep display clocks lit and memory chips and remote controls working. Nationally, these energy "vampires" use 5 percent of our domestic energy and cost consumers more than \$8 billion annually.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 4

Lights Basketball @
Augustana University

Lights Wrestling @ Battle of
the Rockies Open

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Skylights Basketball @ William
Jessup University

5:00 PM
MSU-N Cowboy Christmas
Dinner/Auction

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Northern Showcase Presents:
Rocky Mountain Ballet

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Montana Actors' Theatre
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comparing actual field data to the pseudo data generated by the software. Scholarly papers include "Morse Code as Data Compression," Iowa MAA sectional meeting, Central College. Dr. Searcy has served as university liaison to regional and national organizations.

Dr. Carol Reifschneider will be interviewed on December 8th
Dr. Reifschneider is from Havre, MT. She has over 18 years of experience working in higher education including Instructor, Teaching Assistant, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Chair. Dr. Reifschneider received her BA in Environmental Studies from the University of Kansas, her MS in Environmental Health Science from the University of Kansas, and her PhD in Environmental Health Science from the University of Kansas. Major accomplishments in her current position as MSUN Chair of EASN include development of new programs as well as improvement of existing ones, faculty evaluations, serving on the Northwest Accreditation team as co-chair, and working with area tribal colleges to complete articulation agreements. Presentations include "Nutrients in WWTP Effluents: Problems and Solutions for the Montana Environmental Training Center, Yellow Bay - Flathead Lake Biological Station. Publications include "Evaluation of Varying Retention Times on Batch Anaerobic Systems," University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. Dr. Reifschneider serves on numerous local and state boards including the MSUN Academic Senate, Lecture Series Committee, and Committee on Continuing Education for Water and Wastewater Operators- Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

Christmas Tree Lighting

On Dec. 6, 2010 at noon, Northern will be holding its annual Christmas tree lighting in front of the Registrar's office on the second floor of Cowan Hall. Refreshments will be served.

Course Evaluations Now Online

In order to streamline the course evaluation process Northern is now doing all faculty/course evaluations online. This will guarantee that all students will remain anonymous and all information will be confidential. Course evaluations will be presented to the faculty member after grades have been submitted so the answers will not affect student grades or records.

Hyperlinks have been sent to all MSUN student e-mail accounts. Access to the evaluation is unique to each student and can only be used once. Students are automatically reminded on a scheduled basis to complete each evaluation. Once a course evaluation is completed, they are no longer reminded for that course. Only students enrolled in the course have access to the online evaluation.

If your MSUN student account is not your primary e-mail account you are responsible to check that account or forward your student account to the account you prefer to use. Here is the link that explains how to forward your email: <http://mail.google.com/support/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=10957>

Dec. 6

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Dec. 7

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
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Dec. 8

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
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Dec. 9

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Lights Wrestling vs. Boise
State University

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
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Dec. 10

Graduation Applications DUE

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
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Dec. 11

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
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Cowboy Christmas Dinner/Auction

This Saturday December 4th the Rodeo Team will be having their annual Cowboy Christmas which is their primary fund raiser of the year. All of the benefits are used toward financing MSU-N Rodeo team travel expenses, practices, and scholarships. It is located at the Havre Eagles Club, 202 1st Street. All activities start at 5:00 p.m. The dinner and auction is \$30/single or \$50/couple. For more information contact Troy Solomon at (406) 390-6886 or troy@itsTriangle.com.

Student Teachers Enjoy Exit Celebration



Many of Northern's education students took part in an Exit Celebration yesterday. This event was designed to let people celebrate with the education students as they shared their portfolios and student teaching experiences and to congratulate them on their accomplishments.

Update from the Board of Regents Meetings

By Dr. Rosalyn Templeton

The Board of Regents (BOR) reviewed and discussed the 2013 Biennium Executive Budget. Northern was recommended for funding of its Biodiesel Research project at a level of \$200,000 FY12 and \$200,000 FY13. Kudos to Dean Kegel and those faculty/staff in the biodiesel area who helped secure this funding.

All Level I items approved by BOR. Regent Hamilton stressed the importance of Dawson Community College's Diesel program working with Northern to promote further education (4 year degrees) for students interested.

Northern's recommendations for three programs were given BOR approval. Therefore, Automotive Technology (Auto Body) program will be placed in moratorium beginning in the Fall of 2010. Design Drafting and Plumbing Technology programs will continue with recommendations for increasing enrollments suggested.

The BOR approved the revision of Policy 940.31 to allow campus flexibility in the setting of tuition rates at 150% for non-resident graduate students who are employed as teaching and research assistants. BOR concerns about lost revenue and opportunities for Montana students were shared. According to Provost Templeton, this could help Northern attract more graduate students, expand its graduate program offerings, and increase its ability to seek grant funds to conduct research.

MSU Bozeman to construct new end zone seating and other improvements to Bobcat Stadium with a total value of up to \$10 million. Community, MSU campus, and President are supportive and project has pulled the community together. Item moved forward for approval. Other MSU renovation projects approved were the Renne Library and the Leon Johnson 6th Floor Lab.

MAT Presents Antigone



Havre's Montana Actors' Theatre will be performing Sophocles' Antigone on December 3 & 4, 9- 11 and 16-18 at 8 p.m. each night- with the lounge opening at 7:30 p.m. The director of this version of Antigone is Casey James Pratt. This extraordinary classic is about a determined girl who longs to have her brother's death honored with a proper burial. The new king, however, has made a decree that no one should bury Antigone's slain kin. The plot expounds on Antigone's circumstances and trials as she tries tirelessly to honor her brother's name. Tickets for the show are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. MSU-Northern students will be admitted for free with their current student IDs.

Tryouts for Fiddler on the Roof

Tryouts for MAT's musical Fiddler on the Roof will begin next week. The storyline centers on a poor Jewish family in Russia with the father-Tevye as the main character. Tevye has big plans for his daughters to marry into rich families, but they fall in love with men that Tevye doesn't approve of. The play has many exciting and delightful musical numbers, as well as a heart-

warming plot. Come try out for the fantastic musical Fiddler on the Roof!

Come prepared to sing a 30-second a cappella solo, preferably from Fiddler, it should demonstrate vocal skill and range. Dress comfortably as you will be asked to dance and read some lines. Everyone who wants to be in the show will need to take part in the Tuesday audition people interested in a principal role will need to attend Tuesday and Saturday. If you are interested in playing in the orchestra please contact Rhonda Minnick at rhondaminnick@yahoo.com. If you are interested in helping to build the set please contact Jim Potter at potterj@msun.edu.

Open Auditions (for everyone)

Tuesday, December 7 at 7 p.m. in the MSU-N "Little Theatre."

Principal Auditions (for those interested in a lead role)

Saturday, December 11 at 10 a.m. in the MSU-N "Little Theatre."

Casting decisions will be made by Monday, December 13th.

The performance dates will be: March 18-19, 24-26, and March 31-April 2

Campus Closed Between Christmas and New Years

Just a reminder, the MSUN Havre campus will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's. All buildings except the Armory Gymnasium will be closed from end of work day on Thursday, December 23 through Sunday, January 2. Regular work schedule will resume on Monday, January 3, 2011.

STEAM BOILER WORKSHOP OFFERED IN GREAT FALLS

Montana State University-Northern Extended University is offering a four-day workshop to prepare people to take the state examination for low-pressure boiler operator's license. The workshop is designed for people without boiler operator's licenses who work in physical plants.

The workshop, "Low Pressure Steam Boilers and Systems" will be offered Thursday through Sunday, December 9 - 12, 2010, 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the O'Haire Motor Inn, 17 7th Street South, Great Falls, MT. Bill Fisher, Certified 3rd Class Boiler Operator and Certified Water Operator from Missoula, is the instructor.

The cost of the workshop is \$200 plus \$75 for the textbook. Participants must pre-register by December 6. Enrollment is limited to the first 20 participants. For further information, please phone MSU-Northern Extended University toll free at 1-800-662-6132, extension 3730 or 406-265-3730.

Piano and Pipes

The Piano and Pipes 2010 Christmas concert will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 5 at the First Lutheran Church (303 6th Ave.) MSU-Northern's Community Choir will be featured, along with many other musical ensembles. There is no admission charged for the concert, but monetary gifts and donations of dry/canned goods will be accepted at the door. Following the concert will be the "Best Cookie Exchange Ever" which will

take place in the gym. All proceeds from the exchange will be given to the Havre Food Bank.

Rocky Mountain Ballet

The Northern Showcase Concert Association is proud to present the Rocky Mountain Ballet Company's Holiday Show on Saturday, December 4, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Havre High School Auditorium. Enjoy mile high kicks in "Winter Wonderland"; the legendary "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers"; cowgirls mesmerize in Montana Bonanza Medley; ballerinas gracefully represent Big Sky Wheat Fields; and everyone will enjoy the "Lumber Number".

Rocky Mountain Ballet has performed throughout Montana, the west, nationally and internationally. In 2008, the company toured to six cities in China presenting their Montana Program. They will be performing with the Moscow Ballet in "Nutcracker" and "Swan Lake" in 2010 and will tour to Russia and Austria in 2011.

Don't miss this once in a lifetime presentation with the Rocky Mountain Ballet Company on December 4, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Havre High School Auditorium. Tickets are on sale in advance at the MSU-Northern Student Union Information Desk. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$15 for students for those who do not have a Northern Showcase Concert Association season pass. MSU-Northern students with a current ID are admitted free of charge.

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Outlook Tip

Changing the company name for several Outlook contacts

Let's say a company you do business with has changed its name and you have several Outlook contacts from this company. Rather than manually update the company name for each contact, you can do the following with your **Contacts** folder open:

1. In 2007: Click **View** then **Current View** and select **By Company**. in 2010: On the **View** tab, select **List** from the **Change View** options.
2. If you don't have any contacts with the new company name, you will need to manually update the company name for one of the contacts that needs to be changed. This will create a new group for that name.
3. Then all you need to do is select the rest of contacts with the old company name and drag-and-drop it on the group with the new company name!

If you have a single contact who has moved from one company to another that is in your list, all you have to do is drag-and-drop them from their old company to their new company.

Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

Recently the seventh ranked Chinook Sugarbeeters won the Class C 8-Man

state football championship with a 74-6 trouncing over the number 1 ranked Wibaux Longhorns. The Sugarbeeters are coached by Northern Alum Matt Molyneaux. Matt's wife, Paula Talbott Molyneaux, is also a Northern Alum and former Skylight Volleyball player. Additionally, Matt is the Chinook High School Principal and Paula is the Athletic Director for the Chinook High School. Congratulations to Matt, Paula and the Chinook Sugarbeeters!