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From the Chancellor

By Dr. James M. Limbaugh
Enrollment up Spring Semester

The official numbers are in and I am pleased to report that this spring MSUN achieved the highest headcount enrollment for a spring semester since spring 2006, as evidenced by the data below.

	February 2012	February 4, 2013	Difference
Headcount	1235	1250	+15
Full-time Equivalent (FTE)	980.72	1010.23	+29.51

I want to thank Tracey Jette (Director of Student Success), Lexy Fisher (Director of Admissions), and all the staff in Admissions, Financial Aid, and the Advising Center for their follow-up efforts to make contact with students who had not yet registered; the staff of the Business Office and the Registrar, in working with students to complete their financial obligations and registrations; and most importantly, the MSU-Northern faculty and staff, who every day strive to create the supportive learning environment that welcomes our students back each semester.

This Week in Review

Northern's Wrestlers Take the Win at UGF



Wednesday night MSU-Northern dominated the mat with a 33 to 16 victory against the University of Great Falls. Going into this match Northern was ranked fourth in the nation and UGF was ranked third. This is the second time this year Northern has defeated UGF. This win puts Northern in a great position going into the regionals and on to the National Championships.

Northern Students to Work on Wind Turbines



This past week, Seth Alcorn, and Lucas Whitney from Jay Reed's Wind Turbine Operations and Maintenance Class conducted a site visit to the two Vestas V15 commercial wind turbines located north of Havre.

MSU-Northern's Sustainable Energy students have been given an opportunity for hands-on experience doing maintenance on two commercial wind turbines. Several programs in the state incorporate turbines into their instruction but don't allow students to work on them because of the manufacturer's warranty conditions. This arrangement, then, gives Northern's wind program a distinct and practical advantage.

OPI Conducts Focus Visit of Graduate Studies



The Office of Public Instruction (OPI), the accrediting body for all of Northern's teacher education programs both initial and advanced, was on Northern's campus this week to conduct a focus visit on our Graduate programs, specifically our assessment systems. A year ago they identified room for development in how we are assessing the effectiveness of our programs. We were given a year to make improvements and this visit will determine if the steps we've taken will be enough to meet OPI standards.

Students Encouraged to Take Part in Survey

Ninety adult learners have been asked to participate in a survey developed by the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning and adopted by the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education to help determine where we need to improve. The survey will look at nine areas: outreach, life and career planning, financing, assessment of learning outcomes, teaching-learning processes, student support systems, technology, strategic partnerships, and transitions. Those who complete the survey will be entered into a drawing for several excellent prizes awarded before spring break. We want to encourage everyone who is sent an invitation to take part in this important survey. The ninety adult learners being surveyed are in two-year associate degree programs and are 25 years of age and older.

Northern's Pride Patrol Strikes Again



Yesterday the Northern pride patrol stopped into the Nursing program's Core Mental Health class to present Assistant Professor of Nursing Brigit Hemmer with the February Faculty Focus. They then proceeded down to the Student Union Building to surprise Linda Osterman with the staff spotlight. Watch our website for these and other feature stories! Congratulations, Brigit and Linda!

"Aces Up" Rocked the SUB



Wednesday night students danced to the Seattle based country/rock band, which delivered hard-hitting, boot-stomping, feel-good country music for Northern's students. Photos courtesy of the Havre Daily News/Lindsey Brown

Annie Delights Audience



Last night marked the premier of Montana Actor's Theatre's production of Annie, a musical based on the popular Harold Gray comic strip "Little Orphan Annie", with music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charnin. The original Broadway production, which opened in 1977, ran for nearly six years and

won the Tony Award for Best Musical. The musical's songs "Tomorrow" and "It's a Hard-Knock Life" are among its most popular musical numbers.

Several students and members of faculty and staff are in the show and the MSU-Northern Community Orchestra provides the live pit orchestra. Annie is in the MSUN/MAT Theatre in Cowan Hall, and is fun for the whole family. Evening shows are on February 8-9, 14-16, 21-23 at 7:30 p.m. Matinees will be February 9, 16, & 23 at 2:00 p.m. Doors and lounge open one half hour before show times. Tickets: Adults \$15, Students/Seniors \$10, Children 12 and under \$7, MSUN students free with current ID

Upcoming Events

Get Some FAFSA Help



Do you need help completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? Well, help is available at MSU-Northern, and it's free!

To receive assistance, come to MSU-Northern's Vande Bogart Library basement on Sunday, February 10, 2013 from 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. Be sure to bring your parent and student FAFSA PIN numbers (www.pin.ed.gov), correct Social Security numbers (student and parent), 2012 federal tax returns (or 2011 tax returns if 2012 returns are not complete), W2s, tribal income, other aid information (TANF, child support, other benefits), and additional asset information (money market funds, other investments). The FAFSA is the key to federal, state and institutional aid. Everyone should apply, so don't wait!

For more information, contact MSU-Northern's Financial Aid Office at 406-265-3787 or finaid@msun.edu.

This event replaces College Goal Sunday.



Hal Stearns to Speak on "Homestead Dreams"

MSU-Northern is proud to host Mr. Hal Stearns on Friday, February the 8th, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hensler Auditorium of the ATC building. Stearns will be speaking on "Homestead Dreams." Last year (2012) marked the 150th anniversary of the passage of one of America's most important pieces of Legislation, The Homestead Act, which has continually had a profound impact on Montana since its inception. Community members, students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to bring family stories and homestead pictures. Also, as part of this event, photographs from the Al Lucke collection of the Vande Bogart Archives will be on display. Please join us for this very entertaining talk. This presentation is open to all and free of charge.

We Love Northern Ball Tickets Available at the Door



There are a ton of great auction items that have been donated for this year's Ball. The event has been moved to the gym so it can accommodate more people so they will have a limited number of tickets available at the door if you have not purchased your ticket.

Come one, come all to Bourbon Street: Havre-style, on February 9, 2013! This year, the We Love Northern Ball will be a Mardi Gras Masquerade, with a Cajun-inspired menu, dancing and entertainment by the Cure for the Common band, and great auction items. The band's music is sure to inspire the evening and can be previewed at www.curetheband.com. Tickets for an unforgettable evening are \$50/person, or you can purchase tables of 8 or 10 for \$400 and \$500 respectively. Call the Foundation at 265-3711 to reserve your tickets today.

Guest Lecture by Terry Brockie

The second guest speaker in the Humanities Montana sponsored series is Terry Brockie, who will speak about A'Aanin (Gros Ventre) name and language, and A'Aanin relations with the Nakoda (Assiniboine) at the Fort Belknap community. The address will be held in Brockmann room 209 on the MSU-Northern campus, today, February 8 from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Everyone is invited!

Legislative Videoconference

Each Tuesday at noon in the second-floor Tele-Conference Room of the Robins School Building you can view a legislative videoconference. Stay connected with what is going on in Helena and learn what developments could affect you and your business. The upcoming videoconferences will be on: February 12, and 26, with the February 19 session held at the Triangle Communications Tele-Conference Room.

2013 Spring Career Fair

This year a collection of great employers will gather for the Spring Career Fair on February 12 from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. If you're nearing graduation or in need of employment, be sure to come check out the booths and get to know potential employers from a variety of organizations. You never know what opportunities await you!

Flowers for Your Valentine's Day Sweetie

A group of adventurous Northern students are raising funds for trips abroad this year. With Valentine's Day quickly approaching, their February fundraiser should appeal to all those hopeless romantics in Havre. The students will be selling roses and carnations in celebration of the lovey-dovey holiday. The prices are: \$3/rose, \$2/carnation, and \$25/dozen roses. You can pick-up your flower order at the SUB Info Desk on Valentine's Day (Feb. 14) from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. You pay upon pick-up. There will also be spare flowers available for last-minute purchase, available on a first-come first-served basis.

Extended University Office to Hold Open House

In celebration of their new office space, the MSUN Extended University staff would like to invite you to an open house on February 14, 2013 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Please join them in Cowan Hall Room 110 to visit the newly remodeled office and meet their new staff member, Justin Mason. Justin joined Extended University on January 9th as the new instructional designer and Desire2Learn technical support. Faculty, staff, students and interested community members are welcome to attend. Cookies, coffee and punch will be provided.

MSU-Northern Little Cheer Camp

Do you have a little one between the ages of 3 and 13 who wants to be a cheerleader? If so, sign her up for MSU-Northern's cheer camp on Saturday, February 16, 2013! The camp will start at 8:00 a.m. and go until 10:00 a.m. The little cheerleaders will perform their newly learned dance and cheer at the half time of the Skylights' game later that night. Participants will need to be in the lobby of the Armory Gymnasium by 6:30 p.m.

If you're interested in enrolling a little cheerleader, pick up information at MSU-Northern in Student Support Services or the Registrar's office. The available camp packages include:

- One Child enrolled for \$25, which includes a full day of camp, a T-shirt, and a priceless performance at half time of the women's game (snacks provided)
- Two Children enrolled for \$40 (package includes all above items for each child)
- \$5 off each additional child

The MSU-N cheerleaders hope to see you there!!

For more information please contact:

MSU-N Cheerleaders
P.O. Box 7751
Havre, MT 59501
Phone (406) 390-5239

MSU-N Chancellor's Lecture Series

The MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture Series presents an intellectually and culturally diverse program that brings the broader MSU-Northern communities face-to-face with notable thinkers, scholars, civic leaders, authors, and artists throughout each academic year. Designed to create campus and community-wide conversation, the 2012-2013 MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture Series will consist of talks on vital topics by distinguished guest speakers. The campus community

and general public are cordially invited to attend all of the lectures, and admission is free. The next speaker will be:



Terry C. Blosser presenting "Finding Lifelines in Wild Places" on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hensler Auditorium.

Our friends and experiences matter most in life and some of the best connections are to be enjoyed through immersion in living, working and playing in wilderness environments. Blosser has taught speech and writing at MSU-Northern for 11 years. During summers, he has immersed himself in the adventurous seasonal employee lifestyles of two major national park wildernesses, amassing a wealth of experiences and friends. Terry will share

some of his unique experiences through visuals, stories, and music. Recorded background music by Blosser will softly play and images of Glacier National Park will flow across the screen as the audience assembles.

Weekly Articles

@ Your Library

By Val Hickman

The Montana State University-Northern archives are located in the library. The University archives include papers of the presidents of Northern from Dr. Vande Bogart to Dr. Brockman (1929-1962); the papers of several Northern professors, including Louis Hagener and Dr. Harrison Lane; minutes and scrapbooks from several student organizations, and copies of the student newspaper and yearbooks. The special collection of books in archives contains rare and out-of-print books.

With over 50,000 images, the photo archive is the most popular collection, including pictures from Northern's past and the history of North-central Montana. Photographs from the homestead era will be on display at Hal Stearn's presentation "Homestead Dreams" on Friday, February 8, at 7:30 in the Hensler Auditorium.

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Excel 2010 Tip

Word 2010

Undo automatic changes you don't want

By default, Word imposes lots of changes on the text you enter in a document. For example, it might convert a Web address to a hyperlink, replace straight apostrophes and quotation marks with their curly counterparts, or turn a pair of hyphens into an em dash. These changes are usually a welcome convenience, but if you want to prevent one of these changes when it happens, reach for the Undo command - **Ctrl Z**. Undo isn't just for reversing something you've done; it also undoes some of the actions Word takes. Don't want that hyperlink? When Word inserts it, hit **Ctrl Z** and remove the hyperlink.

Now, if you want to disable some or all of these types of changes altogether... see next week's tip!

Mission Statement

"MSU Northern, a teaching institution, serves a diverse student population by providing liberal arts, professional and technical education programs ranging from certificates through master's degrees. The university promotes a student centered and culturally enriched environment endorsing lifelong learning, personal growth and responsible citizenship. The university partners with a variety of community and external entities to enhance collaborative learning, provide applied research opportunities, stimulate economic development and expand student learning experiences."