From the Chancellor

By Dr. James M. Limbaugh

Last summer the campus saw multiple facilities projects initiated and completed—from street paving to sidewalk replacement to restroom renovations. I would like to continue that effort in summer 2013. The facilities issue that has been brought most often to my attention since my arrival has been the abandoned tennis court adjacent to the Armory Gymnasium. Therefore, I'd appreciate your thoughts as to what you would like to see replace it, pending final confirmation of project cost and fund availability. Ideas mentioned thus far have included

- Tearing out the court and replacing it with lawn,
- Tearing out the court and replacing it with an outdoor seating area (benches, plantings, etc.),
- Resurrecting it as a true tennis court,
- Tearing out the court and replacing it with a covered pavilion of some sort for outdoor activities,
- Tearing out the court and replacing it with a beach volleyball court.

What are your thoughts? Please click on this link to participate in our Tennis Court Survey.
This Week on Campus

Smiley Helps With Fundraiser

As a fundraiser for the Bob Bricker Memorial Fund, Northern's Student Education Association (SEA) sponsored "Torture the Professor." Participants paid $1 per vote for the professor they wanted "tortured." At the Lights' game on Saturday, Dr. Frederick Smiley's name was drawn as the "winner." SEA determined his activity by a roll of the dice, and he was made to wear a wig with his jacket reversed and ride a tricycle down the hall before his classes. Smiley performed his "punishment" with a cheerful attitude, as the fundraiser raised over $400 for a tree to be planted in Bob Bricker's honor.

Blosser Shares the Joys of Wilderness Living
On Tuesday, Northern's own Professor Terry Blosser offered his presentation "Finding Lifelines in Wild Places" as part of MSUN's Chancellor Lecture Series. Since the mid 90's, Blosser has been spending his summers in the wildnesses of Glacier National Park and Alaska. Over the years he has been a park ranger, boat pilot, "Red" bus driver, chauffeur and personal tour guide. His travels have allowed him to meet such people as Harrison Ford, Dustin Hoffman and Orville Redenbacher (the popcorn king). His presentation was years in the making and featured amazing photographs from places most people never get to see. Blosser shared his wisdom of the wild through pictures, stories, and his own arrangements of famous John Denver and Beatles tunes. It was truly a wonderful evening to reflect on life in its most rustic and simplest form. (See lead photo)

Last Weekend to Catch Annie

Have you visited the MSUN/MAT theatre to see Annie yet this month? If you haven't, you definitely should attend this family-friendly, cheery, goofy, heart-warming show. Montana Actor's Theatre's production of Annie has delighted audiences every night it's been shown. The popular Harold Gray comic strip "Little Orphan Annie" inspired the writing of this hit musical, which features music by Charles Strouse with 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. The play is performed in the MSUN/MAT Theatre in Cowan Hall, and is fun for the whole family. The final showings are on February 21-23 at 7:30 p.m. The final
matinee will be held on February 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 I.D.

**Barb Zuck Released New Book**

MSU-N business professor Barbara Zuck has recently released a book of her materials compiled while working as a facilitator for an Operations Improvement Team for Nestlé. She worked closely with research scientists and engineers whose mission was to analyze improvement opportunities at low-performing factories.

Zuck realized the need for a structured training process that would complement the thinking processes of the research scientists and engineers with whom she worked.

Zuck created the acronym ASTAR to describe her method. She wrote the book/guide and started using the ASTAR process with decision-makers. She found that when the ASTAR Training Cycle was followed, trainers, learners, and the organization were likely to experience better results.

**Important Announcements**

**Office Mailboxes Moved to Reprographics**

Northern extends a huge thank you to the Physical Plant, as they moved the mailboxes to the Media Center. Effective immediately, all outgoing and incoming mail will be sorted with Samantha at the Media Center. Any outgoing mail will need to be to the Media Center for processing before 4 p.m. If mail is dropped off after 4 p.m., and the mail has already been taken to the Post Office, it will not be posted and mailed until the following business day. Thank you in advance for helping to make this transition smooth for Samantha & the Media Center.

**Golden "N" Award Nominations Open**

The deadline for Golden "N" nominations will be March the 5th. Only current MSUN students may submit nominations.

Criteria: Nominees, to be considered, must be non-student staff or faculty of MSU-Northern and should demonstrate a commitment to adding positive experiences directly relating to student life and students.

Forms may be picked up and returned to the Student Union Information Desk.

**Upcoming Events**

**Nationals Send-off for Northern Wrestlers**

The Northern Foundation and Alumni are hosting a send-off for our nine wrestlers who are headed to the national competition next week. The spaghetti feed send-off event is free, but we will take up a free will offering to offset travel costs. The send-off will take place on Monday February the 25th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Elks (321 2nd St.).
The wrestlers we'll be sending to the big competition are: Duell Stadel, Aaron Lafarge, Cameron Neiss, Trevor Goss, Mickey Cheff, Ethan Hinebauch, Max Payne, Kody Reed, and Toby Cheff. Come out and support our Lights, and wish them the best at nationals!

**Legislative Videoconference**

For the past few Tuesdays at noon in the second-floor Tele-Conference Room of the Robins School Building community members were given the opportunity to view a legislative videoconference. There is one final viewing scheduled for February 26. Stay connected with what is going on in Helena and learn what developments could affect you and your business.

**John Wort Hannam Duo in Concert Feb 28**

The Northern Showcase Concert Association will present The John Wort Hannam Duo (blue grass music) on February 28, 2013 at 7:30pm in the HHS Auditorium. Hannam is a Canadian folk musician from Fort Macleod, Alberta and was born in Jersey, Channel Islands. He is known for his story telling through music. Central themes in his music include: life in Western Canada and the human experience as seen through the eyes of simple working folk. Hannam was a full-time public school teacher until 2000. He now performs at festivals in Canada, the United States, Great Britain and Australia and appeared at the 2006 Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, D.C. In addition to singing, Hannam plays guitar, tenor guitar and harmonica.

Fiddler Scott Duncan hails from Calgary, Alberta and is an energetic, passionate performer. He enjoys playing all styles including Celtic, blue grass, folk, classical, swing and country. Growing up in the Calgary-style-dual-classical/fiddle world since age 5, and exploring many other genres of music along the way, Scott is still attempting to find an alternative name for the violin/fiddle that does not offend anyone. Until then, referring to his own as a fiddle, he continues to play and write to his heart's content.

Tickets are available at the door for $15 for adults and $10 for students for those who do not have a Season Pass. MSU-Northern students are admitted free of charge.

**Sloppy Joe Dinner for Stacey Gonzales**

Friends and family of Stacey Gonzales are presenting a sloppy joe dinner to raise money for Stacey's current medical costs. The dinner will be held on March 2, 2013 from 4-8 p.m. at the Eagles Club in Havre. There will be live and silent auction items available. The dinner is a free-will offering with a suggested price of $5/person. Stacey has been in Billings receiving treatment for peritoneal cancer and a stroke. Stacey, a single mother of two, continues her employment at MSU-Northern; however, her current status is "leave without pay" as her vacation and sick leave along with the generous donation of sick leave from her co-workers at Northern have been exhausted. She continues to require 24-hour care. For more information on how you can help contact Da Harwood at (406) 399-3545 or Lori Osgood (406) 265-5652.
Hypnotist Sailesh to Perform

The future of live entertainment and comedic hypnosis is here, and his name is Sailesh. On Tuesday, March 5 at 8 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom, "SAILESH" will be performing his hypnosis show, free to campus and community.

Sailesh has spun his unique brand with the art of live entertainment to bring you one wondrous show. Performing 5 to 6 shows every week around the USA, Canada, and Europe, Sailesh is greeted as "The Premiere Hypnotist" by organizations all over the world. He's been dubbed by many, "Sailesh: The World's Best Hypnotist." His live performances have been described as a cross between the best frat party you've ever been to and a live concert. Sailesh's show takes audience members on a fantastical journey using hypnosis, improv, music and interactivity to create a whole lot of laughter and fun.

According to Sailesh, "Strength lies in numbers, the more volunteers that choose to come up on stage and be the stars the merrier the show is!" Sailesh has the uncanny ability to turn the ordinary into extraordinary hilarity. The audience's attention is glued to the stage in anticipation of what might happen next. This high energy, completely interactive show ensures that everyone is a part of the action. Be a part of the Sailesh experience!

Weekly Columns

@ Your Library
By Vicki Gist

The Vande Bogart Library's databases are not just for students' use when writing a paper or speech! Do you have a favorite magazine you enjoy reading but don't subscribe to? Did you see a recipe or an article in the dentist's waiting room that you didn't have time to finish reading? Did you know that you could read the articles from many popular magazines using one of the library's databases? For example, if you like to read "Good Housekeeping," "Sports Illustrated," "Prevention," "Organic Gardening," "Men's Health," or any others, you can read these magazines in the "MasterFILE Premier" database. What's even more convenient? Sign up to have links to each issue's articles emailed to you when the new issue is published.

Enjoy tinkering with a car, pickup, snowmobile, or even a lawn mower? You can find repair and tune-up info in the "ALLData Online," "Auto Repair Reference Center," or "Small Engine Repair Reference Center" databases. You can even print out the info for future reference. If you have any questions about any of these databases, contact the library staff.

Computer Corner
By Marianne Hoppe

Outlook 2010 Tip
Months in To-Do

Many of us schedule events well beyond the current month, but by default the To-Do Bar only displays the current month. To change this to display the current and future months:

1. Click the View tab.
2. In the Layout section click the To-Do Bar drop-down and select Options.
3. In the Show Date Navigator section, enter the number of months (up to 9) to display in the Number Of month rows option box.
4. Click OK.
You also have to option of not displaying the **Date Navigator** at all by entering 0 in the **Number of month rows**.

**A Pinch of Salt**  
By Kimmi Boyce

In this last February installment of "Pinch of Salt," I offer you one more way to keep that New Year's resolution to "learn something new." Many of you have probably heard about the stellar, exponentially-growing website called "Pinterest" where site members (a.k.a. "pinners") create virtual themed corkboards to collect ideas on a variety of topics. Pinterest is one of the best places online to learn something new. While the site is filled with tons of fashion and cute, but somewhat useless pictures, it also offers many do-it-yourself boards as well as recipe boards. These categorized boards hold an overflowing well of knowledge within them.

If you're new to the Pinterest community, here's a little tip to direct you straight to the most enlightening boards: when using the search feature in the top left corner, type "learn something new," "do-it-yourself" (DIY), or "household tips" and click the "Boards" button (instead of the "Pins" or "People" choices). That's how you find all sorts of boards compiled by industrious pinners all over the world.

Here are a couple of interesting websites I found (via Pinterest) where I could learn something new:


Enjoy learning something new!

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"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."