In a previous NNN issue, I emphasized the importance of effective recruitment and retention initiatives to the ongoing success and growth of MSUN. To that end, over the past two weeks we have hosted four separate working luncheons for University faculty and staff to share ideas and thoughts in response to this question: “What does MSUN need to focus on, from your vantage point, to further improve its recruitment and retention of students?” Over fifty members of the MSUN community have attended and contributed to the dialogue, offering recommendations ranging from academic programs and student services to facilities improvements and external relations. The next step in this process is to thematically arrange all the ideas presented, share them with the community, and then prioritize as action items those suggestions that we can immediately implement and/or can consider as a long-term solution.

Recruiting and retaining students is the lifeblood of our university and, as a result, “we're all in this together.” I want to thank each of you who have contributed to this dialogue.
This Week on Campus

Fishing for Agriculture

The MSU-Northern PAS Club helped the Havre Area Chamber of Commerce Agribusiness Committee with the annual Fresno Ice Fishing Derby on Saturday and Sunday. The Agribusiness Committee sponsors the event, which had 86 contestants on the ice. A total of $2,775 was awarded for those catching the largest Walleye, Northern Pike and Perch/Crappies. Approximately $700 was raised from this event, which will help fund scholarships for MSU-Northern agriculture students.

PAS Members in the photo are Ethan Moberg, Randi Sunford, Ashlee Gordon, Katie Stremcha and Hollyn Cardani.

MSU-Northern Basketball Game Helps McDonald's Charities
During last Friday night's basketball games, MSU-Northern Chancellor Dr. James Limbaugh and MSU-Northern Athletic Director Christian Oberquell presented Havre McDonald's franchisee Jeff Ralph and Great Falls McDonald's franchisee Bill Himmelberg with a plaque from the Frontier Conference and Commissioner Kent Paulsen. The award was given to thank McDonald's for being a corporate partner of the Frontier Conference.

Last year McDonald's joined the Frontier Conference as a proud corporate partner. Ralph and Himmelberg were instrumental in working with the other McDonald's franchises across the region to make this partnership between McDonald's and Frontier Conference happen.

One unique facet of this partnership is that each school in the Frontier Conference is helping to support the Ronald McDonald Children's Charities. MSU-Northern donated $368, their share of Friday's 50/50 raffle proceeds to the Ronald McDonald Children's Charities of MT, ID UT and ND.

MSU-Northern also donated $200 to Stacey Gonzalez's cancer fund as part of Coaches vs. Cancer Suits and Sneakers Weekend.

**We Love Northern Ball - Dance Lessons Offered**

The 28th annual We Love Northern Ball is going to be a barn dance this year; so the committee offered free dance lessons to the general public on January the 29th. If you missed out on this opportunity, don't worry. There are two addition free dance lessons coming up before the ball. The next lessons will be held on February the 3rd and February the 11th from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. Pam Wilson will be teaching the Electric Slide, the Honky Tonk Slide, Slap Leather, the Tush Push, the Watermelon Crawl and of course, the Jitterbug. We hope to see you come out to learn these fun dances. Also if you haven't got your tickets for the ball, remember to call 265-3720 today to reserve your place at this exciting fundraising event. Tickets are going fast!!

**Campus Enjoys the Spirit Night**

Last Friday's basketball games marked the second "Spirit Night" of the season. The evening had a beach theme. Students and community members dressed up in their beach attire to help cheer on the Skylight and Lights Basketball teams. The enthusiasm must have helped because both teams won their games. Below is a list of the themes for the next spirit nights. Dress up and join the fun. Remember students and staff get in free to all games with a current campus ID.

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Old BINGO Machine Finds New Service

This past week Denise Brewer and Kino Detrick dug into the SUB attic and found the old BINGO machine that a group of students made over 30 years ago. With a little work and some elbow grease the old BINGO machine is being restored to its original glory. The plan is to use it for one of the activities during the We Love Northern Ball and to use it throughout the school at various campus and student events.

New Display Honors Our History
The library staff went digging through the Northern Archives to find some outstanding photos celebrating Northern's past. Those photos and artifacts have been placed in a display in the entryway of Cowan. Next time you are in Cowan Hall, check out this display.

**Northern Tested Emergency Notification System**

On Monday, Northern conducted its first test of the Emergency Notification System. Northern students and employees may have received a Test Alert message via SMS text on their cell phones. If you did not receive a text message, you should update your contact information in Banner. If you have problems updating your Banner information, employees should contact Human Resources and students should contact the Registrar's office.

All students and employees should have received at least one Test Alert email on your campus or preferred email account. All employees should have received a Test Alert voice message on their campus phones. Everyone with an Active Directory account should have received a Test Alert message on their campus computers when they logged on to the campus network.

Most people should have received several notifications. This is because we are running multiple independent and redundant systems to ensure Alert messages reach everyone.

If you are an alumnus or a community member and you want to receive emergency notifications, sign up through this link:


If you did not receive at least one Test Alert message by any of these methods, please contact our ITS help desk at 265-3765.

**MAT Presents BAREFOOT IN THE PARK - Opens Tonight**
MAT has outdone themselves with their production of BAREFOOT IN THE PARK. The show is packed with some of the best acting and directing in town. Here's the list of characters and the actors portraying each:

Corie Bratter - Mary Kaercher
Paul Bratter - Ty Hedalen
Ethel Banks (Corie's Mother) - Pam Veis
Victor Velasco - Mike Zook
Harry Pepper (Telephone Man) - Shawn Reichle
Delivery Man - Martin Holt

Opposites attract when Corie and Paul Bratter are newlywed. He's a straight-as-an-arrow lawyer and she's a free spirit always looking for the latest kick. For their first home, they live in an apartment on the top floor of a brownstone in New York City. During the course of four days, the pair learns to live as a "couple" while facing the usual daily ups-and-downs. He's too staid, too boring and she just wants him to be a little more spontaneous: running "barefoot in the park" would be a start...

Tickets will be $15 for adults, $10 for students and seniors, and MSUN students get in free with their I.D.s. The play will be showing in the MAT/MSUN Theater on January 31- February 1, February 6-8, February 13-15.

Important Announcements

2014-2015 Scholarship Applications Deadline is January 31st - Today!
Attention all continuing students: Your last day to apply for Northern scholarships is today. Apply online by logging into Banner Web-MyInfo or complete a paper version of the form located on the Financial Aid page of the MSUN website. Last year we awarded almost $154,000 in our continuing student scholarships. We encourage you to apply online to try and stay as "green" as possible. Please contact the Financial Aid Office at 406-265-3787 with any questions. Don't miss this opportunity to earn scholarships for all your achievements!

Important Upcoming Dates This Semester
Presidents' Day - Classes are cancelled; offices will be open: February 17

Plans for MSU-N Veterans to be Honored
The Montana State University-Northern Veterans Committee has been formed this semester to support the success of veteran students who attend MU-N and to establish a "veteran friendly" campus. It is important to honor publicly all students who have served in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, and National Guard. The committee wishes to announce the inauguration of a special section of the Armory Gymnasium that will be set aside for veterans at all home basketball games. Please contact Mr. Pete Everingham for details. His phone number is (406.265.3581), and his e-mail address is (frederick.everingham.edu). Plans are also being made for a special a lounge and rest area for veterans, and as soon as those details are finalized, they will be published here in the Northern Network News.

Upcoming Events

Super Bowl Party - Feb. 2
Northern's hosting a Super Bowl Party in the Food Court February 2 from 2 p.m. until the end of the game. Wear your favorite NFL team attire to receive $1 off the party food. Please sign up at SUB Info Desk by Thursday January the 30th.

Presentations on Harassment and Sexual Assault - Feb. 3, 25
The Residence Life staff has decided to co-sponsor two informative presentations on sexual harassment and sexual assault. Northern's Criminal Justice Assistant Professor Michael DiBrizzi and Ryan Pearson, our
campus Havre PD liaison, have combined their knowledge and experience in order to present this important information to the campus community. Following are the presentations’ information:

Monday, February 3 at 7 p.m. in Morgan Hall Lounge
Sexual Harassment discussion with Michael DiBrizzi

Tuesday, February 25 at 7 p.m. in Morgan Hall Lounge
Sexual Assault discussion with Ryan Pearson, Havre PD Officer

Chi Alpha Hangout Events
Chi Alpha (XA) is a non-denominational Christian group on campus. XA meets every Thursday in the former “Red Room” (now dubbed the "Cocoa Room" for its lovely new carpet) in Morgan Hall at 7 p.m., and everyone is invited. After every meeting, there’s a different activity. Here are the upcoming after-XA-events (generally beginning at 8 p.m.):
February 6: healthy food night with active interactive games like Wii dance games and "ninjas"
February 13: the “Not-So-Newlywed Game” featuring some familiar faces from around the campus

MSUN Spring Career Fair - Feb. 11
There’s great news concerning the upcoming career fair. Over 26 employers have registered, and all degree areas will be represented- even nursing and education this time. The MSUN Spring Career Fair is set for Tuesday, February the 11th and will be held in the SUB Ballroom from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Students, this will be a great chance for you to meet prospective employers. There is no pre-registration for students, but it is very helpful if you already have a profile on CareerExpress. This makes for an easier check-in on the day of the event.

Please contact the Career Center for more information at 265-4198 or stop in 213 Cowan Hall to talk with Jennifer Henderson or Mary Heller.
The 28th annual We Love Northern Ball is “going country” with a prime rib dinner and dancing in the Armory Gymnasium.

Dress up or wear your favorite jeans, boots, and bling.

Friday, February the 7th will be your last day to purchase tickets. So call today at 265-3720 and reserve your place at this exciting fundraising event!

The Ball Committee would like to thank the following sponsors for their support:

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- New Media Broadcasters
- Gallery Lounge
- Havre Rotary Club
- Norman’s Ranch and Sportswear
- AmericInn
- Delta Dental
- Allegiance
- Blue Cross/Blue Shield

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
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CHANCELLOR’S LECTURE SERIES
Spring 2014

EYES OF THE SKY
Steven Januszka
Thursday, February 27

JINGDESHEN: THE PORCELAIN CITY
Ralph Esposito
Tuesday, March 4

THE FIVE HABITS OF CITIZEN LEADERS
Bonnie Sachutello-Sawyer, Ed.D.
Thursday, March 20

ONE MAN, ONE VIOLIN
ONE REMARKABLE CONCERT
Jack Glatzer
Tuesday, April 22

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
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All lectures at 7:30 PM in the Hensler Auditorium, ATC
Everyone is welcome! Free admission.
You may have noticed a new look to the Chancellor's Lecture Series Spring Series Poster. The committee sends a big thank you to McKenna Newton, a Graphic Designer for University Relations at MSU-Northern and MSU-Northern alumni.

Get ready and mark your calendars for an exciting and diverse lecture series! Come and be inspired. Invite students, a friend or neighbor. For more information on these speakers please use the following link: http://msun.edu/news/calendar/events2013/ChancellorSeries.aspx

Save the Date- TekNoXpo
Big Sky Pathways at MSU-Northern invites all interested junior and senior students to the annual TekNoXpo to be held April 24, 2014. Keep your eyes open for upcoming information on registration and details.

Weekly Articles

This week in Athletics
By Laramie Schwenke

The Lights basketball team beat #24 nationally ranked University of Great Falls last Friday night 54-50. The Lights are 5-3 and are tied for first place in the Frontier Conference standings, with an overall record of 17-5. The Lights will play Thursday night at the University of Great Falls and at Lewis & Clark State on Saturday. Tipoff times are set for 7:30 p.m. both nights.

The Skylights basketball team beat the University of Great Falls last weekend 81-71. The Skylights are 6-2 and sit in third place in the Frontier Conference, while their overall record is 16-4. In the latest NAIA National Poll the Skylights stayed ranked at #17 in the nation. Junior forward A’Jha Edwards was named the Frontier Conference Player of the Week for her effort in the win against the Argonauts. The Skylights are on the road this weekend with games against University of Great Falls on Thursday and Lewis & Clark State College on Saturday. Tipoff times are set for 5:30 p.m. both nights.

The Lights wrestling team won two dual meets last weekend. They beat Northwest College 15-5 and Western Wyoming Community College 33-20. Individual results can be found on the MSU-Northern athletics wrestling webpage under the schedule/results tab. The Lights are currently ranked #3 in the nation as a team. The Lights will host Embry-Riddle this Saturday night in the Armory. First match is set for 7:00 p.m.

From the Career Center
By Mary Heller

How to Prepare for the Career Fair - Part 1

The Career Fair is coming! The Career Fair is coming! Are you prepared? Do you know what employers are coming? Do you know how to dress? Do you have a resume prepared? How do you address the employers at their tables; what do you say? Let the Career Center help! We’ve written a few tips for you in this article and advise you to come see us as soon as possible for more information.

* What about CareerExpress?
Many of our students have profiles and resumes uploaded on CareerExpress, but some do not. To help with the ease of attending the fair, we are asking ALL students to create a profile on CareerExpress before the day of the fair! Know that if you are interested in participating in any on-campus interviews, including the ones held during Career Fair, you MUST have a profile on CareerExpress and a resume uploaded on your profile.

* Resumes; what should they look like?
Resumes should be typed in a clear font such as Arial or Times and in a font size of 11 or 12. They should be limited to one page and printed on plain, white or manila-colored paper. Be sure that they reflect
PERFECT grammar, punctuation and spelling! Get your resume to the Career Center ASAP for review and editing as soon as possible so you are prepared!

*Dress for Career Fair day*
Think about first impressions. This is the first time that many employers will ever lay eyes on you, so know that suits are definitely appropriate. "Business casual" is appropriate as well, but remember that does not mean "classroom casual." So don't show up in your sweat pants and fuzzy bunny slippers or in your coveralls smeared with diesel fuel! On the same note, make sure your hair and other personal hygiene are all in order.

Please contact the Career Center for more information at 265-4198 or stop in 213 Cowan Hall to talk with Jennifer Henderson or Mary Heller.

**From Your Learning Success Center**
By Ligia Arango

**Be Strong. Ask for Help. Be in Control.**

It is difficult for us to admit nobody is perfect, including ourselves. We seem to 'should' ourselves all the time by making comparisons to friends or family members. Comparing ourselves to other people puts us out of control, nothing is our fault, if we were just like "so-and-so"... if the instructor would just do this or that...everything would be fine. The only comparison that offers us a real measure of our progress is when we compare with our own performance. So, instead of saying: "I should be like 'so and so'"...or, "I should be as smart as 'so-and-so'," one needs to say: "How was I performing the last time I checked?" and if the answer is: "better than now," it is time to ask for help so that you can get back to the top of your game. Most of the times comparisons are wishful thinking that set unrealistic goals impossible for us to meet. Be real. Recognize that you need help. Be strong, and ask for help. Be in control. Come to the Learning Success Center at the Vande Bogart Library.

**@ Your Library**
By Vicki Gist

**Newspapers**
Are you looking for a print newspaper? In the library you can read newspapers from Havre, Great Falls, Billings, Helena and Missoula. If you are looking for an older article, we usually keep several weeks of each paper. Simply request the issue you want to read at the Circulation Desk. Older articles from the Havre (coverage: 1926-2013) and Great Falls (1987-2013) papers are also available on microfilm.

The Library has several electronic newspapers (databases). These databases can be accessed from off-campus using your NetID username and password. These databases include the Chronicle of Higher Education and the Wall Street Journal (1984-2014). The Chronicle is one of the must-reads for anyone in the field of higher education. The Wall Street Journal is well known in the business field and often read by investors. For databases that will search numerous national and international newspapers, try the Newspaper Source Plus or LexisNexis Academic databases. The Newspaper Source Plus does include selected articles from several Montana papers. You will also find newspaper articles included in many of our other research databases.

For historical articles or genealogical research, try the Historical New York Times (1851-2010) or Historical San Francisco Chronicle (1865-1922). Another rich source of historical Montana papers is the Montana Memory Project (http://cdm103401.cdmhost.com/).

Whether you are looking for an article published today or 100 years ago, we have the newspapers to assist you in your search.

**A Pinch of Salt**
By Kimmi Boyce

**Indoor Indulgence**
I don't know about you, but when the snow hits, I want to hibernate. Oh sure there's the occasional longing to frolic out in the glittering, welcoming, white, cold, but for the most part I'd rather cozy up with a quilt,
cocoa, and a good flick. Whether you rarely watch films or you're a movie maniac and feel that you've seen every new release worth watching, trying some of these older, classic, or highly recommended movies might be enjoyable during these chilly January/February evenings.

Here are some top-rated movies (by genre) from AMC's filmsite:
Action: Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981)
Musical: Top Hat (1935)
Biopic: The Life of Emile Zola (1937)
Period: Pride and Prejudice (1940)
Animated: Pinocchio (1940)
Romance: Casablanca (1942)
Comedy: Monkey Business (1931)
Science Fiction: Forbidden Planet (1956)
Cult: Badlands (1973)
Silent: The Cameraman (1929)
Disaster: Airport (1970)
Spy: The Ipcress File (1965)
Drama: Gone with the Wind (1939)
Fantasy: Jason and the Argonauts (1963)
Thriller: Vertigo (1958)
Gangster: Bonnie and Clyde (1967)
War: Apocalypse Now (1979)
Horror: Poltergeist (1982)
Western: Stagecoach (1939)

If you can't find something to watch from that list, you can view the more complete compilation at:
http://www.filmsite.org/guinness.html

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